

## **West Wellington Community Association**

### **Meeting Minutes for**

**Tuesday, 9 May 2006**

Location: Fisher Park Community Centre in Fisher Park School

250 Holland Avenue

8 pm

- The members reviewed and accepted the minutes of the WWCA's AGM 12 April 2006. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and was carried by a majority.
- An informal discussion was undertaken by representatives from Creative Neighbourhoods, a non-profit Ottawa-based group of Planning and Design professionals, social planners, business people, artists and community activists. Michel Frojmovic of Creative Neighborhoods provided an overview of what its organization does and indicated its commitment to working with community associations such as WWCA. Michel indicated that one aspect of Creative Neighbourhoods is to act as a facilitator to bring community and business associations together and see it as their vision to one day have adequately resourced and democratically elected place-based organizations capable of working as equal partners with city government and developers and beautiful land functional public spaces that express the unique character of Ottawa. He also discussed the Wellington Street Works initiative and the successful open house at Cube Gallery bringing together many individuals, community and business organizations who have a stake in the Wellington Street West area.
- The members discussed the assignment of the roles and responsibilities of newly-elected board members and canvassed for possible additional volunteers. The members agreed that the members would assume the following responsibilities:
  - Rob Bowman President
  - Christopher Duschenes Vice president and Chair of the WWCA Planning committee/WWCA's principal WWCA contact for the city CDP discussions
  - Ralph Weisbrook Member of WWCA Planning Committee/Alternate contact for the city CDP discussions
  - Francois Matte, Treasurer
  - Peter Bleyer, Liaison with the Wellington Village Business Association
- Chris provided an update on the meeting held by the City that he attended as WWCA's representative on 18 April 2006 with city planners, community associations, and business associations.

- Rob reported that Dave Haskins had met with the original person in charge of the WWCA website and that he was in the process of getting the capability to update it and relaunch it. Subsequent meetings with the members re. the launch of the website to follow in future meetings.
- It was agreed that due to time constraints, items 3, 6 and 7 from the agenda of the meeting would be postponed until the next meeting. Those items were:
  - a roundtable discussion re. review of preamble, boundaries, and objectives of WWCA
  - setting our priorities concerning the Community Development Plan (CDP- how will WWCA be actively involved.
  - discussion of possible ways to re-establish our mandate/legitimacy including:
    - Restarting the website (update from Dave Haskins on web discussion)
    - Reconnect with community newspapers: free publicity
    - Update our email list and build it further by setting up an info table at Westfest (June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>)
    - Host an all candidates meeting September 2006 (possibly with other community associations)
    - A permanent post office box to receive city and other mailings
    - A more consistent meeting schedule
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- The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 24 May at 8 pm same location.  
Meeting adjourned at 930pm.

## **Appendix 1: Preamble, and objectives of WWCA<sup>1</sup>**

### **1. Preamble**

We, the people in the West Wellington area wish to promote, by democratic cooperation, the provision of a healthy physical and economic environment, the maintenance of personal safety and security, and the improvement of the quality of life of all members of the community. We have determined that an association of all the members of the community will accomplish these goals.

### **2. Name**

This Association shall be known by the name of the West Wellington Community Association, and is referred to hereinafter as the “Association”.

### **3. Boundaries**

The boundaries of the Association are Island Park Ave. to the west, Holland Ave. to the east, and Scott St. to the north and the Queensway to the south.

### **4. Objectives**

- 4.1 To act as a community spokesperson in promoting and protecting the interests of the community with respect to all aspects of the planning and future development of Wellington West.
- 4.2 To communicate local news and events of interest to community residents.
- 4.3 To promote and encourage social/recreational activities in the community.
- 4.4 To organize public participation in community issues.
- 4.5 To support programs which provide for the safety of community residents.
- 4.6 To co—operate with other community groups in the area and in the city.
- 4.7 To make representation to governments

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from West Wellington Community Association Constitution, adopted November 04, 2003