

West Wellington Community Association Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2008

1) Attendees:

Rob Bowman, Fern Doctoroff, Stephan Hammonds, John Sutton, Ann Marie Laurin, Dave Haskins, Peter Duschenes

2) Review and approval of Minutes from January Meeting

- Cathy to send to Rob for review

3) Discussion on 1433 Wellington Street West

- Fern Doctoroff expressed concern about plans for development because it is in her backyard-specifically concerned about the size and type of development.
- Neither the WWCA nor the Island Park Community Association was contacted about this development
- Those that attended the December 17th meeting regarding the development felt it was presented as a done deal
- Community put forward a request for adjournment and was accepted
- Ms. Doctoroff would like a structure that fits better in the space and doesn't negatively affect the people who live around it. Rob explained that the developers have the right to build up to 6 stories.
- Ms. Doctoroff stated that increased traffic as a result of this development and there is no guest parking planned for the development. The planner suggested they talk to the City but no solution offered.
- Rob recommended the community ask for a traffic projection and a shadow study to determine what the impact would be
- When asked what Ms. Doctoroff would like from the WWCA she stated she would like the association to make a case not to approve the variances until the traffic projection is done.
- Rob stated that if Island Park is preparing a letter on the issue we will co-sign or we can send our own letter of support. If Island Park Community Association will take the lead to write the letter then WWCA will support it. Rob will ask Christopher to get in contact with Island Park Community Association to coordinate efforts

4)FCA Update

- John Sutton and Anne Marie Laurin will raise the urban school issues as future agenda item at FCA
- Next meeting is February 20, 20008

5) Laneway between Gilchrist and Western Avenue

- John attended meeting last night
- City wanted to open up laneway-they need to reclaim land
- It was stated there won't be through traffic but business will be able to load and unload
- This is a city decision and will not go to committee
- John to send email to Max Ross, City of Ottawa, to give our support to the decision.

6) Update on Parking Meters

- Peter D will try to clarify how the parking meter issue will affect our community- there is different views that need to be sorted out.

7) NPI

- At the most recent open house-they showed the street scape, samples of chairs and street lights
- Western to Holland reconstruction will start in early spring
- Next meeting, February 13. 2008

8) Update on 32 Granville Street

- After email discussion with the Board members, an email response response was sent to neighbour near 32 Granville to advise that WWCA is not intending to submit a comment on the proposed plans for 32 Granville and will only get involved should the owner decide to apply for a demolition permit in which case we will assist the neighbours along with City staff in obtaining heritage status for the home. We take this position because we are a small team of volunteers and are focusing on the commercial strip with the road reconstruction, Neighbourhood plan and community design plan processes in addition to responding to other development applications. Also, WWCA was presented with the proposed design and underground link to the property and see it as a decent compromise as it saves the house and is consistent with the City's efforts to intensify the urban core.

9) AGM

- Date set for WWCA AGM on May 15th

10) Urban Schools Issues

- Anne Marie Laurin met with Nicolas Olmstead of HCA and Jennifer Mackenzie and talked about an urban school committee and how it might work. Agreement to go ahead and look for common solutions. Rob suggested we talk to FCA and see if any other community associations would like to join.