

WWCA Meeting September 23rd, 2008

In attendance: David Haskins, Peter Duschenes, Christopher Duschenes, Jason Thomson, Ralph Wiesbrock, Peter Bleyer

- 1) **Approval of minutes from August 26th meeting:** Passed: Moved by Ralph, Seconded by David.
- 2) **Letter to City re: How CDP will be implemented (Jason):** The WWCA will send a letter to the City and to Christine Leadman, and will copy the HCA (which has already sent a letter expressing the same sentiment), stating that the WWCA believes that, in order to have any weight, the CDP needs to be designated as a secondary plan. We must be persistent to follow up with Christine Leadman. We should mention that it is a great opportunity at this time to ensure that this is part of the plan.
 - a) Action: Jason to reword letter and send draft to WWCA and once approved Jason to send letter to Christine Leadman, CC. Nancy Sheppers, Tavvi, & Jeff Leiper
- 3) **Parking Strategy and Transportation Master Plan** (Do we want to be active in these processes and if so, who can keep an eye on them?) → The WWCA is unsure as to what this Master Plan actually covers. The Master Strategy likely includes buses, cars, light rail, parking metres etc. Does the WWCA has a position on the Master Plan on the Light Rail? Peter responded to a letter from Heather Flynn a resident on Byron and Granville concerning light rail saying that the WWCA would be concerned if Byron was selected for light rail, but that it is an unlikely option.
 - Actions:
 - 1) Jason will keep an eye on the Parking Strategy and bring a summary to the WWCA for a position from the WWCA.
 - 2) Peter to write to Heather Flynn to let her know that we will keep an eye on it.
- 4) **All-Candidates Meeting (Jason):**
 - a) What questions will the association ask? The following are ideas/sample questions:
 - Municipal infrastructure dollars: What are you going to do reduce the load on the municipal infrastructure? What are your strategies for sustainable infrastructure? OR With intensification of the city core with the additional population, where do you stand on municipal infrastructure and what is your definition of sustainable infrastructure?
 - Where do you stand on the NCC and the development of the greenbelt?
 - What is your position on the role that cities will play in the future?

Action: Jason to draft 3 questions and share with other community associations to ensure that there is no duplication of questions.

- 5) **Intensification Evening:** Amy Faulkner (City of Ottawa staff) to present Urban Design package. Johnathan Westeinde (Windmill Developments). Windmill has a triple bottom line focus (thus they provide a community benefit when building). Richard Kilstrom from the City will come to the event to answer questions if required. Each speaker will be given 15 minutes each to present their positions.

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The following are sample questions to ask to stimulate discussion:

- What constitutes friendly or good intensification? Are there examples of success of intensification? What are examples of bad intensification, what should we look out for?
- What is the impact of intensification on the community?
- What benefits are there to existing businesses?
 - i. Examples: Parking, traffic, pedestrian safety,

Action: Ralph to provide an Introduction for the evening to introduce the speakers.

6) **Green Home Evening:**

- a) Do we have enough speakers?
 - i. Energy Audit speaker that has won awards has agreed to come
 - ii. Atel Air: agreed to come to explain their energy saving products (air source & ground source heat pumps).
 - iii. Mike McGarren (Solar) – Mike's response said that it was too difficult in our neighbourhood, and thus it was not worth for him to come as it wasn't a true possibility in our neighbourhood.
- b) Title: Peter B. to come forth with a title

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- 7) **Posters for both evenings:** Peter B. knows someone who can make professional colour posters.

Actions:

- Peter D. to send Collected Works Logo to Christopher D.
- David to send Christopher the existing Town Hall brochure.

- 8) **Changes to the City Budget Process (Peter D.):** The City will form City Staff task forces for each department that will look at the budget first to condense it into something that is more manageable for City Councillors. There will essentially be no impact on the public. Due to WWCA resource constraints we will not provide any input at this time.

- 9) **Urban Design Guidelines for High Profile Buildings (Ralph):** A public Open House is scheduled in Festival Plaza Room of City Hall on Sept 24th, 2008 from 6 to 9 pm.

Action: Peter B. & Peter D. to attend.

10) Finances & Membership Drive: (5 memberships came in the mail since our last meeting). Hopefully the WWCA will be able get more memberships by way of the Town Halls and All Candidates meeting. The suggestion is that at these meetings someone talks about the fact that in order to make these evenings happen we encourage community members to buy a membership with their community association. Please join the WWCA for only \$5.

11) Next steps in NPI process: Christopher has not received an overall summary from Rachel Soocher of what is happening next in the process. Nancy Jackson sent a short summary and stated that there would be more to come by the end of October.

- Action: Christopher to respond to Nancy Jackson for an update.

12) Intensification – Policy Document

- a. Policy Document (Christopher) → Christopher put together an overall table of contents for a future document based upon past issues that the WWCA has been faced with. This is a document that the WWCA could reference whenever these specific questions and items were brought forth. The idea is that for each category there would be a policy objective (Why?), a policy statement (what?) and the particular application (when we will invoke it).
- b. Official Plan (email from Christine Leadman): Peter D to look over documents and forward them to Christopher if they relate to intensification.

The following is the Table of contents proposed by Christopher:

West Wellington Community Association
Policy Manual
September 2008

1. Mission and Mandate
2. Area of Focus
 - a. Intro and rationale
 - b. When do we get involved in an issue and why?
 - c. Partnerships
 - i. With BIA
 - ii. With other Community Associations
 - iii. With individual and groups of residents
3. WWCA Governance Structure
4. Position on key issues
 - a. Intensification

- b. Minor variances
 - i. Commercial
 - 1. Front/Back
 - 2. Side
 - ii. Residential
 - 1. Front/Back
 - 2. Side
- c. Cash-in-lieu of parking
- d. Use of public space/rights of ways/encroachments
 - i. Lanes
 - ii. Patios
 - iii. Side street public space
- e. Parking and parking meters
- f. Public transit
- g. Pedestrian friendliness
- h. Public Art
- i. Community involvement in decision-making
- j. City-wide issues
 - i. LRT
 - ii. Landsdown Park
 - iii. Green Belt

13) **PODS – Friend or Foe?** The WWCA agreed that if residents have an issue they can call by-law concerning these items on their particular streets.

14) A **development application** has been received on Iona for a wind turbine variance that needs a reduced set back and it needs an accessory structure height of 10 meters.

Action: Christopher & Ralph to review application and provide comments to city.

15) **Harvest Festival Fundraising for the Rosemount Library** – Jennifer Johnson staff from the Rosemount Library – Jennifer remarked that it would be good to earmark the funds from the WWCA for either books, puzzles or a fund to help under privileged kids pay off their fines to get their library cards back. She suggested that the WWCA give the funds during the 90th Anniversary Celebration. The board agreed to this suggestion.

16) **Next Meeting:** November 12th, 2008 Fisher (Room #17 in basement) – 250 Holland Ave at 7 pm