

## WWCA Meeting Minutes August 26, 2008.

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

- 1) **Approval of June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – Minutes:** David Haskins motions, Peter Bleyer seconds approval of meeting minutes.
- 2) **Update on 32 Granville:** Approved. Peter Duschenes. went to the meeting of the OMB. Peter left at around 2 hours and he would have had to attend a full day meeting in order to be able to raise our concerns. Mr. Grady, the immediate neighbour, was objecting to the development of 32 Granville. Peter sent a fax to the OMB with WWCA's points of compromise between intensification and in keeping with the character of the current home. We did not endorse nor oppose the developer. WWCA believes that whatever development occurs it should go along with appropriate by-laws concerning minor variances. The WWCA received a formal thank you note from Mr. Grady.
  - **Action:** WWCA needs to write a policy document concerning the WWCA's position regarding intensification and communicate to residents and the city for example: What the WWCA considers acceptable variances? Christopher Duschenes to start an email communication of ideas that could feed the discussions for the upcoming town hall discussion that would thereby help feed a formal WWCA policy document.
- 3) **Report on BIA social on August 19<sup>th</sup>:** This event was attended by Jason Thomson, David Haskins, Peter Duschenes from the WWCA. Many people attended from both the Hintonburg Community Association and the Business Improvement Associations. It was a good event to meet members of the community and to discuss our community. Rumour has it that *a repertory theatre* is going to move into the 'Mostly Danish' shop in item 3. Also, Heaven's to Betsy moving near Rosemount.
- 4) **Harvest Fest (Sept 13<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 3 pm):** This event will include music, hip hop, members of the arts, etc. The event will take place in Hintonburg due to road construction the horse drawn carriage ride will stop at Holland. The WWCA is to have a booth with a flyer and information + volunteers for event itself. Volunteers would arrive around 10:30 am. WWCA agreed that we would promote 2 town hall topics at Harvest Fest.
  - **Action:** Peter Duschenes is to verify if the event is until 3 or to 5 pm and also where the WWCA booth will be located and see if we have a plug for a coffee machine & cookies or if Bridgehead is already sponsoring event.

## 5) Workshops/Town Halls to be held in the fall:

**A) Urban Intensification** has been selected as the first topic of discussion. Perhaps we could have someone come to talk about best practices of intensification and highlight different existing city intensification by-laws. An example of best practice could be the GCTC development. Perhaps take look at photos of development in our area that raises questions...What's good? What's bad? Main streets & residential intensification.

- **Date of Intensification Town Hall:** October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008.
- **Title of event: Urban Intensification: Friend or Foe?**
  - a. Christine to book: Fisher Park small gym – October 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:45 pm to 9:30 pm.
  - b. Ralph Wiesbrock to find someone to come as a speaker for event, an architect, a city planner or a developer.
  - c. David Haskins to write up a hand out/ poster for Harvest Fest
  - d. Christopher Duschenes and Peter Bleyer to develop a preliminary set of questions for the town hall.
  - e. Peter Duschenes to ask Annie Hillis if the BIA wants to partner with WWCA on this event.
  - f. Peter Duschenes and/or Chris Duschenes to contact Colleen Westeinde to see if someone from Windmill Developments (Jonathan Westeinde) or Quantum Environmental (Jeff Westeinde) would be a member of our panel at the town hall meeting.

### **B) WWCA Green Community / Green Homes – What you can do?**

The following are ideas for the event:

- Someone from healthy homes
- Someone from Geo Thermal – Jeff
- Linda Chapman – architect
- Bill Kemp ?
- **Action:** Peter Bleyer to brainstorm the title of this town hall.

### **C) Perhaps a BIA info session on keeping businesses in WWCA**

- 6) **Changes in the City Budget process (Peter Duschenes)** – The city is trying to change the process in council so that they can discuss issues in closed chambers. There would be a task force to decide to focus on the key issues to be discussed. The fear is that this will not allow the public to be informed and fear of lack of transparency. A formal meeting to discuss this was held on August 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Action:** Peter Duschenes to contact Christine Leadman's office to try to get more information.
- 7) **79 Armstrong (Peter & Christopher)** – Developer is looking to have the side yard set back for the development of a small home on a small lot.

- **Action:** Christopher Duschenes to see if it is in our area and if not, we will transfer it to Hintonburg Community Association. Update: This is not within the WWCA boundaries.
- 8) **Development in Greenbelt** – The city is proposing to begin developing the Greenbelt. The thought is that they are considering development in strips that go through the greenbelt. They are also considering existing buildings and rural land, agriculture would go down by 2/3. Ecologically sensitive lands would not be developed. The board agreed that we should provide a position on that to City. A response must be sent by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 9) **Jeff Leiper letter** – to the City of Ottawa (Deputy City Manager for Planning – Nancy Schepers) asking if the NPI and CDP will be considered with regards to the official plan. Will it be a Secondary plan included in the Official Plan? WWCA Board agreed that the WWCA expects that this should be included as a secondary plan to the Official Plan. We will send a letter to Christine Leadman and Taavi Siitam and the second letter would be to follow up with Nancy Schepers.
- a. **Action:** Jason Thomson to write draft letters and to discuss with Christopher Duschenes.
- 10) **FCA representation** – Peter Duschenes to contact John Sutton to see if he could still attend on behalf of the WWCA. Also to find out if a schedule has been set with locations and dates.
- 11) **Membership:** David Haskins has received all the information from John Sutton. David to begin sending email notifications to everyone about meetings. David to draft a letter concerning membership expiry as well as including what we've done in the past year.
- 12) **Other Topics – Traffic light moving from Smirle to Caroline** and the rumour is now that it is being moved to Harmer and Wellington. The rumours as of late July were that the light would be moved to Harmer.
- Action:** Peter Bleyer to try to follow up with city to find out if this is true and if this is what has been decided.
- Useful development websites:**
- Projects for public spaces (NYC): <http://www.pps.org/>
  - City of Ottawa – Examples of Infills (Urban intensification): [http://www.ottawa.ca/city\\_services/statistics/counts/intensification/index\\_en.html](http://www.ottawa.ca/city_services/statistics/counts/intensification/index_en.html)
- 13) **Next Meeting:** September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 – Fisher Park (Room 14 in basement) – 250 Holland Ave at 7 pm.