

WWCA Agenda, October 13, 2009
37 Helena, 7:30

Regrets: None

In attendance: Ken Duff, Peter Duschenes, Vivian Knapp, David Haskins, Jason Thomson, Bill Mohrmann-Watson, Rick Van Loon, Katie Paris, Peter Bleyer

1) Approval of minutes from September 15 meeting

- Discussion of who "Cathy" who attended the last meeting is. Vivian has the info at her house and will forward it to Jason. (Note from Vivian: her name is Cathy Wing cpwing@sympatico.ca , 30 Kenora Street, Ottawa, ON, K1Y 3K8)

2) Committee Reports/Membership

- **Planning (Richard, Katie, Ken)**
 - No report at this time.
- **Events (Jason)**
 - Jason gave a report on the progress he has made in organizing the town hall event on transportation slated for this Fall.
 - Campbell Robertson and Christine Leadman have been approached as potential speakers for the event. Campbell Robertson will either be available himself or will send someone else from the City Centre Coalition. Christine Leadman is available but this will need to be confirmed.
 - Peter D. is to find out the name of the council staff person who attends CCC meetings. (Note: He is Pierre Johnson, pierre.johnson@ottawa.ca , 613 580-2424 ext. 28149)
 - Bill said that Annie Hillis had suggested Randy Kemp who is an expert on traffic and a board member of the BIA but since the townhall is on transport not traffic we will keep that name as a possibility for a later forum.
 - The structure of the townhall was discussed but no firm conclusions were reached..
 - Katie suggested that it's important to find someone who is a good presenter.
 - Can we find someone to present who has an inspirational point of view re transit? Someone who can cite examples of good public transit in other cities.
 - Ken to ask Steve Pomeroy for suggestions. (Note: Ken contacted Steve immediately after the meeting. Steve has many contacts and will get back to Ken shortly.)
 - Peter D. to ask Ralph for suggestions (Note: Ralph's suggestions were forwarded to Jason.)
 - We will try to solidify date, speakers by next week.
 - St Georges school is available. (\$30/hour to a max of \$100)
 - David tried to find out about GCTC but wasn't able to speak to Kevin. They have a show opening on Nov. 3rd so lobby area is unlikely.
 - Collected Works is too small
 - Thyme and again is a possibility but cost is unclear.
 - Consensus is that St Georges is the best bet. (Note: November 5th : St Georges has since been confirmed)
 - Newswest deadline for article is tomorrow. Jason will submit something.

- Ken suggested that we don't need to name names in the article: "Experts from the city and community groups" would suffice.
- Jason will also contact Wellington Oracle, Vicky Smallman re the possibility of announcing the townhall on their blogs.
- Dave to contact Bob Daley about doing another postcard.

Traffic management (Rick)

- Rick has contacts at City Hall who could guide us through the city's guidelines regarding traffic. How is excess traffic defined? Etc.
- We will try to find a co-sponsor for this townhall. Elmdale School Council is a possibility as co-sponsor but haven't been talked to directly. Churchill is a possibility for a speaker as they've launched traffic safety initiatives.
- Bill suggested that the BIA would also be interested in this as traffic affects business.
- Peter B. mentioned that someone on his street contacted him about the city's new policy to allow streets to petition for a lower speed limit.
- Katie suggested we could involve the NCC since they control Island Park.
 - **Transportation (Vivian)**
- Vivian reported on recent transportation committee meeting which focused on the transportation plan for Lansdowne Park. They also spoke about the cycling plan and many other issues which aren't of any interest to us.
 - **Liaison with BIA (Bill)**
- Bill spoke to Annie about joining forces for a town hall. She is interested.
 - **Liaison with City Hall (Richard)**
- Nothing to report
 - **Liaison with city-wide issues (e.g. FCA, transport, Lansdowne) (Katie)**
- Katie will go to next FCA meeting. She didn't go to the last one which was too far away in Stittsville.
- She attended Lansdowne Park meeting at Tom Brown arena. Supporters of the plan represented about 10% of those who spoke.
- She doesn't see that there is a place for the WWCA in the process unless we have a strong united view.

3) Focus for coming year

- Not discussed.

4) Issues

- Not discussed

5) Other business/updates

- **Hintonburg CA General Meeting, Sept 30**

- Jason reported on their meeting and how active and engaged they are.

- **Community meeting on Arts, Oct 7 (Bill)**

- Bill went to meeting of BIA and HCA about art. They are looking at locations to put a statue that is currently being relocated by the city. A 14' phoenix near Amica and the Rogers building. Our area is being considered because of combining the move with road reconstruction. Possible sites: Near Grace Manor. Also small park where Wellington turns into Somerset.

- **Trees (Vivian)**

- i. Reported on what she found out about the city's tree-planting initiative.
- ii. Put forward the question of how do we involve the community in coming up with ideas for where trees could be planted.
- iii. She will put an article in the paper about this. Paper could put a side bar in the paper telling people which community association to contact.
- iv. Jason thanked Vivian for taking the initiative on this. Others commended her on the article.

- **Upcoming Events**

- Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa-Carleton, Oct 19, Gloucester

- Community Forum on Environmental Sustainability, Nov 14, Churchill Centre

- **Question of name to be put on next agenda.**
- **Membership drive to be put on agenda for next meeting.**
- **Katie mentioned a group called Sustainable Ottawa West that is trying to get an agenda together to initiate actions on creating more sustainable neighborhoods in Ottawa west.** (Note: Katie followed up with this note: "Sustainable Ottawa West. It defines itself as: "A network in the west end of Ottawa discovering ways to live in an environmentally sustainable, socially just and spiritually fulfilling way."
<http://sustainableottawawest.ning.com/> Their next get-together is a full-day event at Connaught School, Nov. 7)

6) **Next meeting of the WWCA: November 17th.**

7) **Meeting adjourned:** Rick motioned, Dave 2nd