

WWCA Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2010

Fisher Park, Room 115, 7:30

Attendance

Board Members: Ken Duff, James Gilbert, David Haskins, Susan Kennedy, Vivian Knapp, Bill Mohrmann-Watson, Katie Paris, Jason Thomson, Rick Van Loon
Community: Katherine Hobbs

Prior Regrets: Peter Duschenes

- 1) **Approval of minutes from February 8 meeting** – approved by Susan, seconded by Bill.
- 2) **Convent (114 Wellington) development status (Rick/Jason)**

Ashcroft Homes will present their proposed plans for the Soeurs de la Visitation convent site on Wednesday, March 10, from 7pm to 9pm at St George's Church (Piccadilly Ave).

WWCA, along with the Hampton-Iona, Island Park, and Westboro CAs, contributed to an article on "Next steps regarding redevelopment of Sisters of Visitation (Convent) Site," which appeared in the most recent issue of Newswest.

It was suggested that the effect of the development proposal on Wellington St could be the angle of a potential WWCA submission to the city.

3) Update on April 15 traffic townhall (Rick)

Rick circulated text on "WWCA and Elmdale School Council to Sponsor Meeting to Consider Traffic in our Community and Around the School," for inclusion in the upcoming WWCA newsletter. He also reported that the school council (Natalie Bolton is the contact) is supportive, and that Councillor Christine Leadman, the City Manager of Traffic Engineering (Greg Kent) and community resident Wallace Beaton (coordinator of a new Ottawa project called School Travel Planning with the primary goal of increasing the number of children/parents choosing active transportation vs. driving for the daily journey to school) have agreed to speak at the townhall. The cost of renting the school gym is \$50.

It was noted that it would be useful to have an NCC rep in attendance.

4) WWCA Newsletter – review of draft (Susan)

Susan circulated a draft of the newsletter content, which was very favourably received. Several of the items require updating or shortening.

David will check with Bob Daley re. an appropriate number of copies, and Susan will look into costs at the print shop on Wellington.

5) Faraday project – report on neighbourhood meeting (Bill)

Bill attended the recent public open house on the Cave Creek Collector sanitary sewer project which will start in August of this year at Byron and Harmer, then work its way down Harmer to Faraday and down Faraday to where it intersects with Clarendon. In 2011 the work will continue from Clarendon and Faraday down to Geneva, along Geneva to the end then a bit on Edina and Island Park Crescent, across some NCC land to Merivale between Island Park Drive and Carling [http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/construction/projects/cave_creek/index_en.html].

James volunteered to write the City and the Councillor in regards to the limited notice which was provided to local residents (and none to WWCA) about the public open house.

6) Café Mio (1375 Wellington) development status (Jason)

In late February, WWCA submitted a letter to the Committee of Adjustment for its March 2 meeting regarding the application to the City for the development of a 4-storey addition on the

east side of the existing 2-storey Café Mio building at 1375 Wellington Avenue. The WWCA letter supported the concept of intensification, but expressed concerns regarding the requested reduction in the required parking aisle width, and in regards to the requested reduction in the required landscape buffer to zero. WWCA strongly feels that a variance to completely ignore greenspace requirements cannot be considered to be minor.

The Committee of Adjustment will look at revised plans for the site at its March 16 meeting, prior to the meeting to review the proposed site plan itself on March 26.

- 7) **May 19 AGM/Association name:** At the Dec 8 meeting, it was suggested that we put a proposed name change on the agenda. The two suggestions for a new name are Wellington Village CA and WOHO (West Of Holland Avenue) CA. The aim is to relaunch with the new name at the AGM.

8) Other Committee Reports

- **Transportation (Ken) - Byron Avenue: Vibration testing, Route 16 and Area Traffic Management Study**

The city is still working to put together the preliminary information needed for the study. The first meeting is likely to be in late March or in April.

- **- Parkdale on-ramp changes (James)**

James will write the province to inquire about the long-term plan for the Queensway.

- **Liaison with city-wide issues – Motion of support for cycling underpass at Somerset Street**

WWCA will send correspondence expressing support for a cycling underpass at Somerset just west of Preston.

- **Neighbourhood Planning Initiative update next steps:**

- Use the Hintonburg/Mechanicsville Neighbourhood Plan as the first point of reference for all future City-owned work planned there
- Develop an action plan that includes a recommended budget and timelines for implementing the City recommendations from the Hintonburg/Mechanicsville plan
- Review the proposed Implementation Recommendations the CTF identified in the plan

9) **Katherine Hobbs** introduced her campaign for city councillor.

10) **47 Java (Ken)**

Current development of the site left 2 walls of the existing house standing to “renovate and add to” rather than build anew. [The current foundation layout conforms to the previous property line setback requirements but not with current requirements. If the project was new construction they would have had to apply for a variance to encroach on current setback requirements. Most applications to encroach on setbacks in this area are turned down.]

Discussion led to a proposal for the development of a WWCA information package on rights and responsibilities of landowners and developers.

11) **Other business/Upcoming Events**

- March 9: Ottawa Neighbourhood Study Community Forum, 8:30am-1:00pm, Britannia Park
- March 9: Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa-Carleton, 7:15pm, Dovercourt Recreation Centre
- March 10: Community Meeting regarding 114 Richmond Road (Convent property), 7-9 pm, St. George's Church- Community Development Plan: late March: finalize CDP; late April - final Public Open House; end of May - CDP document review by Planning and Environment Committee; mid-June - Council adoption