

WVCA Minutes, November 15, 2010
Fisher Park, 7:30

Present:

Board Members - Jason Thomson, Susan Kennedy, Peter Bleyer, Duff McLeod, David Haskins

Others: Averie MacDonald

1) Approval of minutes from October meeting

James completed the October minutes and Jason circulated by email. There were no revisions so they can now be posted.

2) November 23 Intensification Forum (Katie)

Speakers are in place for the Forum: Selma Hassan and Trevor Illingsworth, on Selma's planning study documenting the impact of intensification on established Ottawa neighbourhoods, and Katie on the big picture and ecological impact of intensification and the Ottawa situation (following from her Newswest article). Katie is looking into obtaining a projector.

3) Recap, Traffic Forum (Jason, Peter, Susan)

Some 25 people attended the Nov 9 Traffic Forum (follow-up to April Forum) at Elmdale School. Richard Van Loon organised and moderated the event. The main speakers were Greg Kent (A/Manager Traffic Engineering & Technical Services) and Kerry-Lynn Moher (Traffic Operational Studies Officer) from the City, Arto Keklikian (Senior Planner Transportation) and Mathieu Brisson (Land Manager) from the NCC, and Victoria Gibb-Carsley representing the School Travel Planning initiative at Elmdale. Jamie Stuckless (School Travel Planning Ottawa), Katherine Hobbs (Councillor-elect) and Paula Marinigh (Principal, Elmdale School) also attended and said a few words each. Excellent minutes were taken at the meeting by Natalie Bolton - these will be circulated by Rick once received [done on November 22].

4) Convent (114 Wellington) development status/update (Jason, Susan)

The Planning Committee meeting is tomorrow, November 16, at which discussion on the issue will pick up from where it was adjourned in September following the passing of the Section 37 motion. [After 3 days of meeting on the topic, the Planning Committee and subsequently full Council approved re-zoning the land around the convent for development by Ashcroft, but also approved a motion to buy back a piece of land from the developer to preserve park space. This puts a hold on the development until March 31 while the City determines how, and how much, it will pay for the land. A cash-in-lieu fund of \$1.3 million is available to the Kitchissippi Ward to buy the land, but the land is expected to cost more than that. The planning committee also voted in favour of a motion not to allow a cut through the Byron linear park no matter what happens with the community buy-back proposal.]

5) Other Business

Averie MacDonald is covering the neighbourhood for her multimedia journalism class at Carleton University. She has created a blog on the West Wellington area, entitled "The

Wellington Word”: <http://westwellingtonword.wordpress.com/>. [David has added the link to our website.]

David noted that David Howard has made an email request to make a short presentation at our Dec 13 meeting. [Jason subsequently had an email exchange with him; it is in regards to a large lot on Ross Avenue that he plans on building a duplex on.]

[Several days after the meeting, Randy Kemp emailed Jason and requested to make a presentation at our next meeting on the newly-created Cycling Committee of the Wellington West BIA.]

6) Next meeting: Dec 13, 7:30, Fisher Park