

WVCA Meeting – December 13, 2011 – Fisher Park School

Present: Katie Paris (KP); Susan Kennedy (SK); Catherine James-McGuinty (CJM); Richard Van Loon (RVL); Duff McLeod (DM); and Vivian Knapp (VK)

1. KP reported that the Community Design Plan Forum will take place on Thursday, January 19 at St George's Church. All the invitees have confirmed their attendance (Councillors Hobbs and Hume, MPP Naqvi, Taavi Siitam and Richard Kilstrom from City Planning). The Mayor may attend. SK offered to help with logistics. RVL offered to be the moderator in order to allow KP to concentrate on opening and closing remarks and on posing questions to the speakers. KP, CJM and DM will meet before January to prepare a program for the event (Who is the target audience? What do we want them to take away? Is there an optimal speaking order? How can we structure the program to prevent the event from becoming an ugly airing of grievances over specific developments? Do we ask the Mayor to Speak)? If RVL is going to moderate, he would like to attend the planning meetings.
2. KP reported about a pre-meeting with other community associations before the first meeting – on January 18 – of the ward council proposed by Councillor Hobbs. The associations have discussed five priorities: regular meetings; the implementation of section 37 in the ward; the role of CDPs and secondary plans in rezoning decisions; the infill zoning changes; and how the cash-in-lieu fund will be managed in the ward.
3. KP reported on a City meeting respecting the proposed guidelines for implementing 37 in Ottawa. The guidelines appear to raise more questions than they answer? For example, how was the area of the city covered by the proposed guidelines chosen? How are the amounts to be paid determined? If the amounts are too low, what leverage does the City have?
4. KP reported that the proposed changes to the infill zoning rules for mature neighbourhoods will not likely have an effect on Wellington Village as the majority of lots here are too wide to fall under the proposal. WVCA could ask to be included but, without a very good reason to do so, it may not be worth the effort.
5. KP reported that Collected Works is happy to let the WVCA meet at their store on the third Tuesday of every month. KP will see if another day in January would be possible in order to avoid three community association related-meetings in one week.
6. The proposed development at 99 Parkdale was noted.