

**Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa Carleton
Board Meeting Richmond Room, Ottawa City Hall June 7, 2007
Draft Minutes**

Present: Amy Kempster (Greenspace Alliance/Champlain Park CA); Metin Akgun (Stittsville Village Assoc.); John Sutton (West Wellington CA); Lorne Cutler (Hampton Iona CA); Michael Kostiuk (Carlington CA); Christian Pupp (Old Ottawa East CA); Don Stewart (Westboro Beach CA); Joey Erjavec (Osgood Village CA); J.H. Taylor (Rockcliffe Park Residents' Association); Chris Ellis (Community Council of Overbrook); Bob Brocklebank (Glebe Community Assoc.); Stephen Haines (Ottawa South CA); Agnes Warda (Glens CA); Archie Campbell (Dalhousie CA); Alayne McGregor (Civic Hospital NA); Craig MacAulay (Lynwood Village CA); Linda Hoad (Hintonburg CA)

1. Agenda - approved with the addition of 3k) Election Expenses and 4c) Working Group on Development outside Villages, 4d) Liability insurance for volunteers, 4e) Planning Primer, 4f) Committee volunteers, 4g) School closure, 4h) Intensification

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting - Correction to item 6b): change Traffic to Transportation Working Group and note that John Blatherwick agreed to Chair the group. M/S Lorne Cutler/Don Stewart that the minutes be approved as amended. CARRIED

3. Business arising from the minutes

a) Transportation Working Group

- Discussion of membership: John B and Stephen H. will visit CAs, especially suburban in order to generate interest and membership
- Moving Ottawa report will need to be reviewed
- Alayne McGregor noted that this report will come to Committees June 20

b) Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods

- Archie & Amy attended the AGM of FUN in May, both were re-elected to the Board of Directors and William Phillips agreed to stay on as President
- speaker at the AGM was a member of the working group on Electoral Reform
- FUN has endorsed the proposed Electoral Reform and Archie suggested that FCA consider endorsing it after discussion in the fall
- Don Stewart suggested that the FCA not endorse this - it is a provincial issue. Linda Hoad suggested that an educational role might be more appropriate.

M/S Amy K/ Stephen H that FCA set up a working group to plan a public meeting and/or education strategy. CARRIED

Bob Brocklebank, Don Stewart; Chris Ellis, Stephen Haines & Archie Campbell volunteered.

c) Manotick Development Proposal/Urban boundary change

- Agnes Warda reported that a meeting is being planned to discuss the Minto subdivision proposal

d) Public consultation on Interprovincial Crossings - no report

e) Property Tax Reform - Don Stewart reported that the group has met and will shortly send out the report

f) FCA Website

- input needed to the 'e-zine', not necessarily CA views, can be controversial views
- discussion of how to use the Smart Capital site for open discussion

g) Carp Landfill

- appeal of Certificate of Approval re air quality was successful, eventually resulted in a Provincial order with serious consequences
- gas-to-energy project is on hold
- informal mediation has started, may be succeeded by formal mediation under the auspices of the Tribunal
- Council has instructed staff to look at ICI waste, a provincial responsibility, but reduction/recycling not enforced - very slow implementation process

h) Comprehensive Zoning By-law

- Greenspace Alliance will appeal exception 310 which applies to NCC land along the rivers (re holding provision in the current by-law)
- Metin A. reported that SVA will make a presentation - opposed to reduction in parking spaces
- Glebe CA is concerned about definitions, converted dwellings backyard development
- Rockcliffe Village is not making a oral presentation but will submit a written comment concerning problems with zoning maps, especially the 01 zones

i) Environmental issues

- Stephen needs an up-to-date list of CA contacts with an interest in the environment
- OSCA is planning to raise funds to buy a piece of land for the purpose of saving a tree; noted that Ottawa Hydro decapitated a number of trees without notice
- John Sutton noted that they were notified by Hydro and that a good job was done
- Glebe has applied for an Environmental Grant to do a tree inventory, volunteers would be trained by a prof from Toronto

j) Pesticide ban

- Glebe interested in other CAs which have taken a stand on this issue

k) Election expenses

- Craig McCauley noted concerns with the existing rules e.g. Mayor Chiarelli received money from 5 related companies - admitted a mistake and gave the money back. He checked Rick Chiarelli's expense report and found a similar situation. R. Chiarelli admitted it and apologized to Chief Electoral Office.

4. New Business

g - order of discussion modified) School closure process - Workshop on Provincial Guidelines
- Chris Ellis reported that process includes value to community; review committee should include community reps as well as school reps

a) Planning Committee - no report

b) Monitoring Council meetings on Strategic Plan

M/S Linda H/Don S that FCA write to the Mayor concerning the proposed schedule for reporting to the community

c) Working Group on Development outside Villages

- Working Group will prepare its own recommendations as long as they conform to the Provincial Policy Statements

d) Liability for volunteers

- Bob B. noted that there is a Volunteer Protection Act 2002 in Nova Scotia & that Glebe CA is pursuing legislation with the Province of Ontario

- Glebe CA has discovered Director's Insurance for \$500 through Volunteer Canada:

<http://www.volunteer.ca/volcan/eng/content/board/program.php>

- Chris E mentioned that school councils have a province-wide insurance program for \$150

e) Planning Primer

- June 16 session filled up & a second session has been planned

f) Committee volunteers

Membership - Lorne Cutler, Don Stewart

- Lorne wants to look at value for membership, marketing package to attract new members

Communication - more volunteers needed

h) Intensification

- Christian Pupp described a good experience with the CofA - Design Guidelines for Urban Infill worked well!

Lorne suggested that the Executive meet during the summer to discuss strategic initiatives.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm