

**Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa-Carleton
Draft Minutes - Board Meeting of October 24 2007
Host: Westboro Beach Community Association**

Attendees: Archie Campbell Chair (Dalhousie CA), Bob Grainger (Westboro Beach CA), Don Stewart (Westboro Beach CA), Mari Wellman (Westboro Beach CA), Amy Kempster (Champlain Park CA & Greenspace Alliance), Tom Rodda (Manor Park CA), David Blaine (Centretown Citizens' CA), Annie Hall (Copeland ParkCA), Andy Doraty (Copeland ParkCA), Peter Runia (City View CA), Bruce Bergen (McKellar Park CA), John Blatherwick (Woodpark CA), Gemma Kerr (New Edinburgh Ca), Metin Akgun (Stittsville Village Assn), Christian Pupp (Old Ottawa East CA), Linda Hoad (Hintoburg CA), Michael Kostiuk (Carlington CA), Agnes Warda (Glens CA), Stephen Haines (Old Ottawa South CA), June Creelman (Glebe CA), Jane Brammer (Rothwell Heights P.O.A), Joey Erjavec (Osgoode Village CA),

Regrets: Bob Brocklebank (Glebe CA)

Introduction to Westboro Beach Community Association

Historically, Westboro Beach was in a strategic location for the lumber industry that it served. After logs were delivered via the Ottawa River the workers would walk back to Ottawa, which necessitated thirst-quenching stops along the way home. There was also a healthy farm industry, particularly with the production of withes, made from willow trees. The location of this meeting is the second city hall erected in 1896. Westboro Beach became part of the suburbs beginning in 1909/1910 and grew until after World War II. Community culture centred on the dancehall during the 30's and 40's until expropriated by the Federal District Commission, the forerunner of the NCC. In 1998 Westboro Beach CA was formed after splitting from Westboro CA.

On January 9, 2006 Westboro Beach Community Association launched a 250 page book Early Days in Westboro Beach - Reflections and Images by Bob Grainger that transports readers via voyageur canoes, railway cars and suburban streetcars on a journey of inner city exploration and reflection.

Introduction of meeting attendees

Adoption of the Agenda

Approval of the September 27, 2007 minutes

Business arising from the minutes

a) Membership outreach report

There have been more than 50 confirmations of active groups. Another message will be sent out to try and confirm the more than 30 others. Will ask each community association for a primary and secondary contact (therefore a maximum of two email addresses for each CA).

New Membership Campaign - outlying areas are a problem and there will be an attempt to set up an electronic motion & voting system.

Motion:

Whereas the influence and credibility of the FCA is based on its representation of a diverse and numerous group of associations from across the city,

Whereas some small or geographically distant associations have interest in FCA activity but encounter difficulty in fielding representatives to attend FCA meetings,

Be it resolved that

A committee be formed to consider appropriate means, such as electronic communication of FCA activity, to respond to the interest of small and geographically distant associations, and that,

The committee present a report to the next FCA meeting in November.

Motion carried

There was some discussion centred on whether this could be achieved by the November meeting..

b) Transportation working group (John Blatherwick)

Hope to line up six associations with broad geographic representation. Two from the urban area (Old Ottawa South and Action Sandy Hill - yes), suburban, and rural (hoping for Manotick or Osgoode). Need to determine mandate before the end of the year. There was a question asked about the FCA position on urban sprawl. Archie identified it as 'don't build it if there is no infrastructure'.

c) Carp landfill issue (Metin Akgun)

Nothing new. Disappointed with the draft city master waste management plan. Some discussion about why this issue is on the agenda. The consensus was that not all relevant information is reported in the media or reported in a timely way.

d) Comprehensive zoning bylaw (Linda Hoad)

last meeting was not well attended. City will produce a final draft mid November with all the 'words'. There will be one final public meeting and suspects last minute changes. Hopes that there will be paper copies available including in libraries. Some discussion about traditional main streets, parking new transit stations, greenspace outside of urban areas, quantitative reference to intensification taken out, reduced requirement for parking spaces at townhomes, and shopping centre designation is gone (lowered to 2000 square feet). Linda thanks planning committee.

e) FCA property tax reform paper (Don Stewart)

Will report after the next meeting.

f) FCA website (Stephen Haines)

Would like to enlarge website. Contact Stephen for comments or to circulate an important point. Volunteers can contact Stephen as well.

g) September 30 debate on MMP

Meeting not well attended and most of those who turned out already had a position, which did not change. It was noted that the location was not ideal and that the cost was \$350.

h) Environment issues (Stephen Haines)

19 people are interested in participating. Amy Kempster asked to join the committee.

i) Lansdowne redevelopment (June Creelman)

Preliminary results of Glebe CA on-line survey, with 1408 responses, shows that a large percentage of responses favour redevelopment and a public process. 45% of responses were from outside Glebe and Ottawa South. Survey will be on-line for at least two more weeks.

j) Official plan review

RE: development outside villages in rural areas.

Comment: Because of the limitation of no building within one km of villages, this is urban sprawl at its worst.

There is a forum on rural area development on November 3, 2007. (8:30 - 3:30, includes breakfast and lunch.

New Business

a) NCC Board Meeting (Don Stewart)

Was good to see everyone at the same table and was a positive meeting that shows that the NCC is on the right track.

b) Forestry (Agnes Warda)

Reported that there are rural concerns about forestry policies.

c) Site-Plans (Linda Hoad)

Discussed the two categories for site-plans, 1 with public consultation and the other without.

Also discussed was the \$8000 fee which pays for a sign, circulation, and planner report which is not very useful.

General discussion around different aspects of site plan circulations and approvals.

John Blatherwick will work on FCA letter about the process.

d) Imagine Ottawa (Amy Kempster)

Discussed 20/20 workshop which included official plan, transportation master plan, environment, etc

It is noted that FCA should have a table at the next workshop.

e) Laurentian High School Development (Baseline at Clyde) (Copeland Park CA)

Discussed the possibility of a big box store (Walmart?) and how this is the wrong location. A community centre or retirement home would be more appropriate. This item will be added to the FCA agenda.

f) Glebe Farmers' Market (June Creelman)

Would like FCA support for a three year extension.

FCA will support with a letter.

g) Voting Process in Community Associations (Christian Pupp)

Discussion about who votes at meetings and what to do with contentions issues. A variety of responses about what is allowed and what isn't as well as exceptions. No real consensus around process.