

Hunt Club Community Association

MONTHLY MEETING, 2 MAY 2022

Present:

1. Peter Brimacombe, President
2. Peter Foulger, Vice President
3. Audrey Bélanger Baur, Treasurer-Secretary
4. Lynette Joseph-Sankey, Director
5. Matt Page, Director
6. Brian Wade, Past President
7. John Sankey
8. Barbara Shea
9. Cathy Bourguignon
10. Dave Coyle
11. Dora Joseph
12. Ijeoma Udechukwu
13. Norman and Patricia McLeod
14. Andrew Sutton, City of Ottawa (Assistant to the City Councillor)
15. Piero Narducci
16. Riley Brockington, City Councillor
17. Tania Mushka
18. Patrick Morton
19. Larry Swain
20. Joanne MacEwan
21. Kitty Dubue and Jason Dube
22. Zane Oueja
23. Sabrine Barakat
24. Dora Joseph

Regrets: James Mihauchuk, Dominic Lozada, Laura Clark, Christine Johnson, France Picard, Waciira Muya.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Peter welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: To accept the [agenda](#) for this meeting.

Moved by Peter B., seconded by Audrey, carried by vote (approved unanimously).

3. Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes: 4 April 2022

Motion: To accept the minutes of the monthly 4 April 2022 meeting.

Moved by Peter Brimacombe, seconded by Audrey, carried by vote (approved unanimously).

4. Election of new directors

Peter Brimacombe turns the floor to Brian Wade, Past President, who has overseen running the by-election.

Almost half of our registered members eligible to vote in this election did cast their vote. Only 33 out of about 75 members submitted their votes and all five candidates were elected to the five director positions open during the by-election. Congratulations to Sabrina (23), Zane (26), Patrick (24), John (23), Waciira (25). All candidates received over 70% of the votes, which is more than the 2/3 the bylaws require for a candidate to be elected.

Each candidate took turns to speak briefly:

- Sabrina: Pleased to serve on the Board again and glad that there are exciting initiatives going on.
- Zane: Thank you for participating in the election and for electing me to the Board, part of the association for a year, and looking forward to working with everyone on the Board and helping the community.
- Patrick: Excited to get involved, participate in the community, and meet residents of our neighbourhood.
- John: Hopes to focus on initiatives to amend R1 zoning. Help our community be heard effectively.

5. Treasurer's Report

View the Treasurer's Report [here](#).

The last Treasurer's Report was presented in February 2022. Since then, the HCCA has received donations through new memberships, for the Get Growing initiative, and renewal plot payments for the community garden. The Board also spent \$205 to print 3,000 flyers to inform residents about the Housing Affordability Task Force report. Since then, the Board recognizes that it was too ambitious as 3,000 flyers could not be distributed in less than two weeks. The Board sincerely apologized and as a demonstration of good faith and stewardship of the HCCA's funds, advertisements seeking applications for the Board of Directors by-election were paid for by members directly (Barbara Shea, Christine Johnson, and Audrey Bélanger Baur). A total of 95 posters were put up throughout the neighbourhood and a social media campaign was launched.

6. Housing Crisis presentation

The Housing Crisis in Hunt Club presentation can be found [here](#), and with footnotes [here](#).

Feedback received by members:

- Peter B. – Recommends a special meeting during which solutions can be explored. This is a topic of great interest to him. The date is to be determined.
- Piero – Cannot commend enough Audrey and Patrick on this solid, well researched, and impressive presentation. This presentation generates a strong argument which requires more than letter-writing campaigns. We need immediate actionable items, e.g. challenging zoning and who we can speak about that at City Hall. Interested in more ideas and actionable solutions in the short term. Kudos for an excellent analysis, please share the presentation.
- Tania – Echoes Piero’s comments on the excellent work and research. The presentation emphasizes and solidifies the crisis and asks “What are the next steps now that we are armed with this information?”. It’s important to recognize that wanting a single family detached home is a value, not a requirement, and this should be separated from housing supply that is affordable (accessible) to people of varying income levels. Single family zoning (R1) is not good, but rezoning everything may not be a good solution. Solutions include the blind bidding process with respect to real estate (government change), easy money aspect is also a big-ticket item... Tania asks what actions can be taken where the community itself has influence over the issues brought up during the presentation: “What are the next steps?”
- Sabrina – Wants to echo that this very good work, very well researched, very comprehensive and quite alarming and scary. “What are our next steps?” This is an urgent situation, and the urgency is increasing. “I left the city I grew up in because I couldn’t afford to buy a house. I was fortunate to land in Hunt Club, but I do not want to see this happen to my children, they’ve grown up here and we don’t want them to be unable to grow up roots in their home city.” Please share the presentation and note that Zane is in second year of urban planning in university.
- Ijeoma – Echoes Piero’s comments and adds that we need to prepare and plan strategically on how we will confront the housing crisis as a community and hold our different levels of government accountable. “It is obvious that everyone is on board with what has been presented. Where do we go from here?”
- Riley – Responds to Tania explaining that Bill 109 has passed and that a summary will be share with the association. Riley’s suggestion is to get a map of Hunt Club and to designate areas where infill would be acceptable to the community as to where R1 zoning could be amended.
- Additional comments from the chat
 - Barb – “Well thought out and insightful presentation Audrey and Patrick. Thank you.”

7. City Councillor's Report – Riley Brockington

Councillor Brockington's report can be found [online](#).

8. Provincial Election, all-candidate meeting

The Ottawa South Provincial Candidate's Debate will take place on Thursday, May 19th from 7pm to 9pm at Ellwood Hall, Jim Durrel Arena (1265 Walkley Road). Doors open at 6:30pm, first come, first seated. The event will also be live streamed for individuals unable to attend in person.

9. Get Growing

The Board received a written update on Get Growing Hunt Club (GGHC (year 3). Barb Shea spoke to the upcoming Get Growing event, to be held May 21st at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre (or Ashgrove Community Housing for those who live in that community). There will be over 230 'seed kits' containing one live vegetable seedling and one package of vegetable seeds in each of the seed kits. Registration for the kits opened in late April and will be promoted via social media, posters on community mailboxes and direct email. Planning is going as scheduled and the Get Growing Hunt Club volunteers expect this will be another successful event.

10. Butterflyway Project

Piero updated on the results of last year's Butterflyway Project initiative in Hunt Club: 6 community pollinator gardens and multiple private gardens. This year's objective is one of maintaining the 6 community gardens we have planted. Various volunteers have raised their collective hands to help, but we're always looking for more. The map of community pollinator gardens should be available on the HCCA website. A Butterflyway project update and call for volunteers provided in Riley's monthly newsletter.

11. Paul Landry Park Cleanup

The cleanup at Landry Park took place on May 1st and was a great success. Thank you to all the volunteers that participated.