

Meeting Minutes ▾ Feb 6, 2023

Hunt Club Community Association - Members ▾ Meeting

Present:

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| 1. Audrey Bélanger Baur, President | 11. Andrei Grushman |
| 2. Patrick Morton, Secretary | 12. Cathy Bourignon |
| 3. Piero Narducci, Director | 13. Ijeoma Udechukwu |
| 4. Zane Oueja, Director | 14. Susan McCarthy |
| 5. France Picard | 15. Matt Page |
| 6. Marilyn Koch | 16. Dave Coyle (President, RPCA) |
| 7. Barb Shea | 17. Marianne Ariganello (OSEAN) |
| 8. Mamata Dutta | 18. Andrew Sutton (City of Ottawa) |
| 9. Norman and Patricia McLeod | 19. Councillor Riley Brockington |
| 10. Tania Mushka | |
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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of the Agenda

a. Moment of silence.

A moment of silence was held for those who lost their lives in Turkey and Syria due to the recent Earthquake.

Motion: *To accept the agenda for this meeting.*

Moved by Audrey, Seconded by Patrick, Carried unanimously.

3. Information and Updates

a. Minutes: Jan 9, 2023

[January 9 Minutes](#)

Motion: To approve the January Meeting Minutes for this meeting.
Moved by Audrey, Seconded by Patrick, Carried unanimously.

b. President's Report (Audrey)

- i. Board transition update:
Some challenges due to a new Ontario government process with a Company Key. This is sent by mail but the mail often gets mixed up at the Community Centre, and we can't formally update the Board with the province, which Desjardins needs to transition the banking. Audrey will send required forms by tracked mail and temporarily use her home address. This will cost \$15.
- ii. FCA meeting update:
Audrey attends monthly meetings of the FCA (Federation of Citizens' Associations). Heard a presentation on Community Support Services (CSS)- big challenge for them is keeping up with expenses and inflation. ASked for support with budget consultations. Also a presentation from Hydro Ottawa, who just released a new policy document for planning power needs. There was also information on best practices for reaching out to local businesses, which will be referred to finance committee.
- iii. Insurance renewal:
Have a meeting planned with Andrew Sutton to explore options for covering insurance costs. We need to make a strong case for our value to the community, as the city will likely only fund on a case-by-case basis. Insurance renewal is also due this month.

Note: Motions were made to the transition issues and insurance costs effect but we did not have a quorum of directors so the Board would later have to conduct an e-vote, to be recorded in the minutes of the next member's meeting.

c. Environmental Committee Update

- i. Eco-Action Ottawa (OSEAN) Presentation from Marianne
Link to [presentation](#).

Piero: Has attended OSEAN meetings and is looking forward to working with OSEAN on more initiatives.

4. Councillor's Report (Councillor Riley Brockington)

Councillor Brockington's report is [here](#). Key points or items not in the report are noted here but not the full content of the presentation.

- Thanks to OSEAN, the number of projects they put on every year and events they attend is amazing.

Questions:

- France: Regarding the Hunt Club Woods, that was handed to the federal level, is there any update, especially with the number of fallen trees.
- Riley: No update yet, we haven't heard back from MP McGuinty's office but we are trying to get an update.
- Norman: What's the status on the developments on the sites at Ridgewood Avenue and the former Bayview school
- Riley: Developer has gone through public consultations over 2.5 years, changed their application significantly with community input, will likely go to planning committee this spring. Canoe Bay went into receivership, it is not going forward, they are trying to sell the property through a court-ordered process. If the new owner wants to do anything different than what's already approved they would have an extensive process to go through.
- Tania: Why was the settlement with RTG made confidential?
- Riley: This was a very complex agreement. Riley is satisfied with the outcome.
- Tania: What is the new St. Mary's proposal (the Dev Apps Site isn't properly updated yet).
- Riley: They're not rezoning the whole property, just a parcel that wasn't covered by the original catch-all zoning.

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5. Discussion Items

a. City Budget ([Consultation Feb. 7](#))

Audrey: Does Riley have any advice for how the HCCA can prepare for the budget consultation.

Riley: Recommend a shortlist of service gaps (e.g. library).

Barb: Please keep the library needs of the community front and centre.

Cathy: Road infrastructure has been worsening. Parks need revitalization as well.

Tania: Budget is very limited due to 2.5%, but what options are there for services for homelessness?

Riley: City is a key leader on these programs. Non-profit orgs receive some city and do great work. City is trying to draw financial resources from upper levels of government- housing is a priority for this council term.

Ijeoma: How can we get more permanent shelters or at least for the winter (note the recent cold snap).

Riley: The goal is to not have families living in a crowded hotel or shelter. The goal is to get people into permanent housing.

Audrey: We should consider that narrower roads would be more financially sustainable.

6. Committee Items

We will go through updates and hold on voting for later.

a. Governance

- i. Project proposals and project charters - update
We received feedback that the charter was too onerous for volunteer members- the Board and Committee will fill out the Charter once they receive a project proposal.
- ii. Approval of the HCCA's Purpose, Objectives, Values, and Direction Statement - skipped for this month.

b. Finance & Fundraising

- i. No update.

c. Communications, Outreach, and Events

- i. March newsletter deadline
Susan: We received some articles, but deadline is a hard Feb. 20.
- ii. StoryTime for Toddlers- Funding has been provided and the program will be running again at the Community Centre next fall.

d. Community Safety and Transportation

- i. No update.

e. Affordable Housing and City Planning

- i. Affordable housing requests:
Patrick: We frequently get emails from people who mistake us for community housing. We prepared a form response to inform them of potential options for them.

f. City Services and Municipal Financial Equity

- i. Canada Post at McCarthy - Update
Audrey: The postal outlet at McCarthy has reopened, but service was downgraded- the scale was removed so sending a package is not an option anymore. The meeting with the Post Office representative was not very productive. Canada Post unilaterally reduced the service. Our next step is to ask the MP's office to pressure Canada Post. Losing this service contradicts the 15-minute community concept.

Riley: We can also reach out directly to Canada Post and escalate. The representative suggested escalating to the Ombudsman which seemed excessively confrontational.

g. Environment

i. Overview of projects (Piero):

- Biggest project is Get Growing. Moving forward very quickly. We have about 200 kits we will purchase soon. 20% will go to Community Housing. We also have 160 packages donated. We are considering piloting 10-20 salad bowl containers. May 20 will be the delivery date.
- Looking into eco-internships with OSEAN- volunteers to help with our projects.
- More exciting programs to come, including park adoptions, pollinator patches.

7. Adjournment of Meeting

a. Next meeting: Mar 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM.