

Meeting Minutes ▾ Apr 3, 2023

Hunt Club Community Association - Members ▾ Meeting

Present

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| 1. Audrey Bélanger Baur, President | 13. Norman and Patricia McLeod |
| 2. Mary Nduati, Vice President | 14. Tania Mushka |
| 3. Brian Wade, Treasurer | 15. Andrei Grushman |
| 4. Peter Brimacombe, Past President | 16. Cathy Bourguignon |
| 5. Piero Narducci, Director | 17. Eleonore Benesch |
| 6. Peter Foulger, Director | 18. Christine Johnson |
| 7. Carl Fannin, Director | 19. Nira Dookeran |
| 8. Sabine Barakat, Director | 20. Susan McCarthy |
| 9. France Picard | 21. Matt Page |
| 10. John Reid | 22. Dave Coyle (President, RPCA) |
| 11. Marilyn Koch | 23. Andrew Sutton (City of Ottawa) |
| 12. Barb Shea | 24. Councillor Riley Brockington |

Regrets: Patrick Morton, Secretary

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of the Agenda

a. Note on procedure

- i. Audrey encouraged members to write questions and comments in the chat and to summarize their thoughts in the chat when speaking, in order to help streamline the meeting.

Motion: To accept the agenda for this meeting.

Moved by Audrey, Seconded by Peter F, Carried unanimously.

3. Information and Updates

a. Minutes: Mar 6, 2023

[March 6 Minutes](#)

Motion: To approve the March 6 Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Audrey, Seconded by Piero, Carried unanimously.

b. President's Report (Audrey)

- i. Board transition
- ii. Communications, Outreach, and Events Chair restructuring- Patrick is no longer able to chair. Please reach out to Audrey if you are interested in chairing, Audrey is chairing in the interim.
- iii. New Committee responsibility - information bits (social media, blog, etc.)- the Communicaitons committee can't draft all the social media / website content on their own- other committees should submit content of the communications committee.
- iv. Environment Committee motions:

Motion: That the HCCA Board agree to a collaboration with the Riverside Park Community Association on garden related events of mutual interest.

Moved by Piero, Seconded by Peter B, Carried unanimously.

Motion: That the HCCA Board approve revisions to the GGHC Project Charter and request for an additional \$50.00 in funding for website hosting (for approval)

Moved by Piero, Seconded by Audrey, Carried unanimously.

- v. Garage Sale (June 3rd) - call for volunteers, this is something else Patrick has to take a step back from. Linda King who used to run it is helping with knowledge transition. The funds raised will be going to a local shelter for women leaving abusive situations. Message us at info@hunt-club.ca if you would be available between now and June 3.
- vi. Governance Committee - Code of Conduct (for approval)
Questions:
What is the training for Directors:
Audrey: The text only requires Directors to take training if it is provided. We hope to prepare that for next year.
What if I want to talk to my neighbours / argue publicly against a position the Board has taken?
Audrey: That is still your right, the only requirement is that as a Director you don't misrepresent the position of the Board.

Motion: *That the HCCA Board approve the Board of Directors [Code of Conduct](#).*

Moved by Audrey, Seconded by Sabine, Carried unanimously.

vii. City Services Committee - Library services project (for approval)

Questions:

Is the “mini boutique” term something the OPL uses?

Christine: It’s our own term, which we will be using when meeting with OPL tomorrow.

Is this a category of service?

Christine: It’s a creative idea- used to be called alternative services, now called mobile services.

Riley: There’s a commitment for the library to reach out to our community- the library doesn’t have a lot of service models, this is a proposal to take to them.

What is the cost?

Audrey: We are asking for a \$30 000 grant for 1 year or \$90 000 for three years.

Who will be deciding what books to provide? Will the community be consulted?

Christine: Initially thought of community consultation, but that doesn’t typically happen in libraries, that would be left to the librarians.

Motion:

WHEREAS the Hunt Club Community Association (“HCCA”) supports literacy and fostering connections between neighbours;

AND WHEREAS the HCCA has sanctioned the City Services Committee to advocate for improved library services for our residents.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The HCCA supports in principle the [attached Proposal](#) for a Mini Boutique Library at the Hunt Club – Riverside Park Community Centre and endorses the in-progress grant application for enhanced library services due by 13 April 2023.

Moved by Audrey, Seconded by Piero, Carried unanimously.

4. Councillor's Report (Councillor Riley Brockington) 0:28:15

Verbal report this month.

- Spring is pothole season- call 311 to report.
- Streets that were left off of road repaving last year will be prioritized this year. Could see construction on McCarthy this spring after spring truck restrictions are lifted.
- If you have lawn damage from snow clearing raise them to Riley's office- city public works will take care of it.
- Construction debris has been piled up at McCarthy just north of Paul Anka- it's unsecured and causing damage. Riley is following up.
- Riley is also following up on unfinished work from the derecho- stump removal, tree replanting. Normally the city plants 100 000, this year there will be an additional 7500 due to the derecho. Remaining stumps on private property- as long as the city is aware it is in the queue.
- Clean up the Capital ongoing from Apr 15 - May 31. HCCA has planned a cleanup for [Paul Landry Park](#).
- The City will host an in-person information session on coyote management as a response to the heightened human-coyote interactions in 2022. Part of the city's response is additional education on coyotes in areas where they are common. IMPORTANT NOT TO FEED coyotes.
- OPL will be conducting community consultations in communities including ours.
- Upcoming events:
 - Community breakfast in Carlington Apr 8- Alexander Community Centre.
 - Earth Day this year is in Carlington, Apr 22.
 - Sax Appeal - Jazz matinee Apr 29 at the Alexander Community Centre.
 - Mother's Day High Tea Sat. May 13 at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre - please RSVP.
- Riley's Office has received feedback from HCCA on the traffic calming proposals.
- Audrey has agreed to co-write a letter with Riley to Canada Post on the service reduction.

Questions:

Piero: Will there be public information available to help make people aware of the developments on the coyotes in advance of the consultation.

Riley: Will be done for sure, focusing on confirming a date and driving a good turnout. Difference between consultation on strategy vs. public education. Will be focusing on education after the session.

Audrey: Suggest an info booth for the city at the Fall Festival.

Tanya: Is there any change on the BMW woods file?

Riley: David McGuinty agreed to take on this file to try and effect a land swap. Update is that there's no update. Intent is to protect the trees long term, but in the short term the BMW proposal has been withdrawn.

John: Does Riley endorse the HCCA's library proposal?

Riley: Not ready to endorse it as he wants to go through the consultations first.

Agrees with floating the idea to OPL.

5. Discussion Items

- a. The [NCC plan](#) to close Gatineau Park Parkway to cars

Peter F: Road closures were very restrictive in 2022- only on Wed afternoons, Sat and Sun after 1:00 PM. Peter had raised these concerns with David McGuinty, but was directed to the NCC. Peter is wondering if the city is engaged on it. The plan for 2023 isn't released yet but seems to be likely to be similar to last year. The article points to a petition.

Audrey: Agree with accessibility issues- if it's closed to cars there should be sufficient alternatives.

Riley: Not aware of any city discussions.

Peter F: Suggest that we write to MP and NCC.

Question: Are the shuttles run for profit? Peter F: Don't believe so.

Audrey: Please send feedback to Peter F, and we can determine next steps.

- b. [Ottawa grant](#): Property tax refund proposed for new airport hotel (\$13M over 10 years)

Peter F: The City has a program to support new growth in particular areas (Community Improvement Program) by providing tax breaks. This came up last year with some controversy with a Porsche dealership in Vanier. There is a proposal for the "ALT Hotel" near the airport. Doesn't see how a luxury hotel is worth the program investment. Mayor Sutcliffe is opposed as well.

Bryan: Agrees with opposing the grant, is shocked we're considering putting money into luxury hotels. These grants should be earmarked for small businesses.

Sabrina: What if the hotel was willing to put a library (...or coffeeshop, community centre)?

Audre: Outrageous that with cutbacks and difficulties that we would be subsidizing something like this. Is there a good avenue to express our feedback?

Riley: The meeting is tomorrow so this is the best avenue. Public feedback has been unanimously opposed. Riley is on the committee and will speak on the issue. More details- the city has a similar program, brownfield grant for development on sites that are contaminated. These sites are often vacant for a long time, paying little in property tax. These grants both remediate environmentally damaged land and increase revenue. CIP is similar- property is currently empty and awkward, with lower revenue. Hotel was planned pre-COVID, but this is the only company still proposing to build. The rationale for this program is to offer an inducement to develop property in a defined area for economic improvement, where the airport is an example. The opposition is due to the proposed use- luxury hotel (or porsche dealership in Vanier).

The grant is not a direct payment, it's a discount over many years in future property taxes. Once it's paid the city will get full revenue. Riley believes that we can let the market dictate what gets built. If the hotel walks away the property will be empty for a few years but another company will probably come along and pay for the construction.

Riley supports these grants in neighborhoods that struggle to bring in businesses that would help build 15 minute neighbourhoods. Riley will not be supporting this proposal as there are better uses of tax dollars.

Audrey: Thank you Riley. Seems like everyone present is in agreement.

6. Committee Items

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

a. Environment (Piero)

- i. For information: Partnership with Ecology Ottawa: We have signed the MOU. We will be expanding the pollinator gardens in Paul Landry Park. There will be an event to mark this, possibly with the mayor in attendance.
- ii. For information: Partnership with CAFES (Community Associations For Environmental Sustainability) to host a Climate Resiliency Workshop: CAFES is looking to hold workshops to make community members aware of climate change and how they can be resilient. We will be partnering with RPCA and Alta Vista CA to put this on. It will be held in person and virtually- more information to come.
- iii. For information: Participation at the Seedy Saturday event. We will be creating this event for next year in coordination with Alta Vista CA.
- iv. Community Garden: Christine is putting up an ad looking for volunteers to take initiative to build a new community garden.

b. City Services

- i. Canada Post update: Canada Post was not very responsive. Mary is collecting resident stories and feedback to submit to argue for the need for this essential services. Please write to vp@hunt-club.ca if you have any experiences and feedback in support of our letter.
Question: Would it be more effective to send individual letters?
Audrey: We decided it would be most effective to combine perspectives into one very strong letter, so please share any feedback.
- ii. Library Services

c. Affordable Housing and City Planning

- i. Position Letter on St. Mary's (Andrei): The position paper is [here](#) and was submitted to the city and developer. It is in a sense an interim position

paper, as we posed a lot of questions to the city and the applicant to educate us on some aspects and to clarify some aspect, such as where transportation upgrades are likely to occur, more clarity from the applicant on whether they would include affordable housing and local retail, and their proposal to cost-share the multi-use pathway. The general sense is that this a more positive project compared to the previous proposal but there are still some challenges. The developer is reviewing our paper now.

- ii. Tudor Hall (Andrei): Some similarities, but the project is moving faster and further along. Though it has apparently been recently placed on hold. The main issue is that the applicant is requesting a very significant reduction in required parking spaces. They are also looking to increase the permitted density on the parcel. The numbers are 0.7 parking spots per unit rather than 1.2, and 5.0 rather than 1.0 Floor Space Index (density). The other issue is the height transition to the surrounding neighborhood, which the developer. For now the paper is in progress and we're looking to get more informed on the background.

Tanya: Should we pose questions directly to Riley's office. One issue is whether the route 90 near Tudor Hall counts as a transit hub.

Riley: Submit questions to the city planner on the file and cc Riley's office so that he can help push if they're slow getting back.

d. Community Safety and Transportation

- i. Position letter on traffic calming measures in Hunt Club: We submitted feedback on potential traffic calming. We want to see some measures that would improve quality of life in the neighborhood.
- ii. Transportation Master Plan update: The TMP update has been released with a list of active infrastructure projects to be prioritized. Hunt Club is not connected to these projects. We are preparing feedback with a suggested route through the neighborhood from Hunt Club / Riverside to Chaill / Plante.

Peter F: What would this mean along the proposed route?

Audrey: We're not sure, that would be up to the city. We are just suggesting a route for upgrades. IT some areas this could mean losing some parking. For example on Paul Anka where parking is being removed we're suggesting replacing it with a bike lane. These need to work for everybody.

Tanya: There might be an opportunity to connect with what Taggart is proposing.

e. Communications, Outreach, and Events

- i. Hybrid Meetings: Patrick is planning on a hybrid meeting hopefully next month or in June.

f. Finance & Fundraising

- i. Treasurer's report (Brian): Finally have access to the bank account. Have been able to go through and reconcile last year's spending. Have set up a spreadsheet to track program spending and bank reconciliation. Brian is not an accountant but is confident that this system would be acceptable. We track major established programs such as Get Growing and the Fall Festival, and we can track other programs as they become regular. Brian is cleaning up any mixups with square payments for different purposes (membership, community garden).
- ii. Ads and Sponsorship: Finance and COmmunications will be working together to set up advertising on the website and the newsletter.

g. Governance

7. Adjournment of Meeting - 8:57 PM

- a. Next meeting: May 1, 2023 at 7:00 PM.