

OLRA April 12th 2016 – Draft

Present : Bob Laughlin, Amanda Holden, Chris Coderre, Boyd Waites, Simon Palmer, George Niblock, Marcia Todd

Regrets :

Anya Dunning, Tom Pugsley, Clemens van Zeyl, Trudy Murray

Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

There were no amendments, Bob moved they be accepted, Amanda seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Trudy was absent.

The invoices associated with the OMB activity need to be paid (approx. \$8k) from not renewing the GIC. Account signatories have been corrected, membership fees paid in and negotiated fees for hosting of the web site. PageCloud invoice has also been paid and will be renewed annually. It was suggested that we explore multi-year payments with them.

The question was asked whether the account balance needs to be built up again following recent spend, but the general sense was that it would increment over time and we are in decent shape for our immediate needs.

AGM

The Oakville Club is booked for Tuesday May 31st from 6-10PM with coffee and cookies for 50 people.

Mayor and councilors have been invited, Mayor declined because of travel. Need to follow up with an agenda. Meeting structure was suggested at previous meeting. Need to finalize in the next meeting, which is suggested for May 10th at which time we will discuss panel questions.

Panel constitution was discussed, as were potential questions, perhaps including someone from business development.

Amanda will provide a PowerPoint presentation. Simon will provide a seat package containing similar content to previous years, e.g. Minutes, Financial statement, Board members with Bios

Garden Party

It was decided that we would re-institute a Garden Party event, probably without a Garden Tour. George volunteered to lead and the committee agreed it would be a good value added addition to membership. Readiness for AGM would be advantageous for invitations.

Membership, Newsletter, Web Site, etc.

Membership:

No updates

Communications:

New web site is up and works on web and mobile. Very easy to manage and contains all newsletters etc.

Newsletter:

Needs to be at the printer on May 5th.

Update on downtown core:

- The Downtown Oakville Growth Area Review – George.
- An update on the streetscape plan – Boyd
- The proposal for a multi-use trail along Lakeshore from Morrison to Allen – Bob

Greenspace – Bob has provided a draft

474 Lakeshore – George will provide a draft this week, but it's pending any decision

Memberships – already done

AGM agenda – Amanda has a placeholder

Membership and call for board members has been started

OLRA History and Values – Tom has written a substantial piece which may also become the seed of the wiki page.

E-Mail:

Amanda circulated a note about the April email communication and sought input from the group. It was decided that the multi-use trail should be included.

Greenspace

Multi-use path:

Boyd put forward a motion that Bob draft comments from OLRA to be reviewed and submitted to the town, Simon seconded.

Planning & Heritage

Cultural Hub & Streetscape:

This has given rise to the Downtown Oakville Growth Area Review, which is intended to deal with building heights in the downtown core. George attended the meeting on March 31st and provided an update on the discussion. There was general consensus at the meeting that the height of buildings should increase. There was some discussion on the relative merits of that.

474 Lakeshore:

OMB hearing was kept to a single day

Ward 3 Resident's Associations

Four LRAs, including ours, are working with the town associated with planning and COA processes and decisions. Town staff will no longer be making formal recommendations to CoA, instead they will provide the planning rationale. LRAs have agreed that the CoA should be upholding the latest zoning by-laws and have provided that feedback. A further follow-up meeting is planned.

Meeting Schedule

May 10th – Simon to host (74 Second Street) pending possible travel

Those being all the matters, the meeting was closed.