

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

Regrets: Clemens van Zeyl, Anya Dunning, Simon Palmer, Trudy Murray, Tom Pugsley,

The meeting was called to order. Amanda acted as interim Secretary to take minutes.

Last Month's Minutes

- Last month's minutes were reviewed. It was suggested that we should simplify minutes as they are published externally. Published minutes should be a summary of the decisions that are made and actions/motions passed.
- Amanda motioned that last month's meeting minutes be approved, seconded by George, and all agreed.

Treasury

- George paid Amanda for the PageCloud Service (\$99).
- George will follow up with Dale to see if the outstanding invoice for Hosting and Web URL is future year or past. We need the Web URL service but not the hosting service (as PageCloud includes hosting).
- Boyd presented an outstanding invoice for \$3,898.50 for legal fees for the OMB appeal for 474 Lakeshore Road.
- Boyd presented an outstanding invoice for a planning consultant for \$4,593.99 for services regarding 474 Lakeshore Road.
- Bob proposed a motion and Marcia seconded the motion to pay the above invoices based on the motion passed at the last minute.

Membership & Communications

- Boyd gave a cheque from Pierre Gagnon for 2 years; Amanda to update Membership.
- Amanda sent an e-mail update in February and will prepare one for March.
- Website updates are done and Amanda is following up with Dale to cut over the URL to the new site.
- Next Newsletter:

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April 4	All information to Amanda – DEADLINE!

April 6 - 26	Amanda – layout/design work
Apr 27-May 3	FINAL EDITS
May 5	Final copy to Barkley (Amanda) and pick up (Tom)
May 6	Distribution to delivery volunteers (Tom)
May 9	Distribution to residents

- Articles to be Written:
 - Update on Downtown - Boyd and Clemens
 - Green space - Bob
 - Update on 474 Lakeshore - George
 - Current events & membership (who's expired Membership) - Amanda
 - AGM notice and agenda - Amanda
 - Call for Membership - Amanda
 - Call for new Board Members - Amanda
 - OLRA History & Value - Tom

Planning & Heritage

Committee of Adjustment

- JCRA, OLRA, CMGRA, TCRA are four key residents' associations with common interests and are considering grouping together to represent the Ward and voice common concerns.
- This group of RA's has concerns with the Committee of Adjustment (COA) processes and JCRA have drafted a paper for review and discussion.
- Boyd asked that the group review the letter and provide input for discussion at a planned meeting with the town on March 30th (Bob, George and Boyd invited to attend representing the OLRA Planning Sub-Committee).
- Boyd will collect input and draft an OLRA letter (recommending it be concise).

474 Lakeshore Road

- Defending argument stated that the proposed change met the standards and compared to similar situations south of Lakeshore.
- Opposing argument (OLRA) stated that the change impacts Lakeshore road and those streetscapes and also there is no precedence for a flag shape lot on Lakeshore and the reduced frontage.
- The analysis of the Defense and Opposing arguments focused on comparisons of different areas within the neighborhood (along Lakeshore road vs south of Lakeshore road)
- In the interest of time, both parties presented closing arguments via email.
- We are still waiting to hear back OMB regarding a decision.

- ORLA support was important and thanks to Anya for collecting and presenting neighbors letters.

Other Discussions

- George shared a copy of some original OLRA documents, which outline the origination of the OLRA, and Boyd commented on other archives and material we have regarding OLRA.
- The Board discussed options to communicate this history and the impact that the OLRA has had on shaping the culture and history of Oakville.
- The Board discussed the Town plans for the Cultural Hub and options to grow the use of the area adjacent to the river (behind current Community Centre)
 - The board agreed that a Public/Private partnership is attractive to create development, options and funding and to better leverage this space.

AGM

- Simon confirmed (via prior email) that the Oakville Club has been reserved for May 31st. Prior minutes discussed possible topics.
- Boyd will send a note to the Mayor and Councilors to reserve the time and plan to attend.
- We will ask Simon to organize the AGM including:
 - Booking venue (done)
 - Coordinate the agenda and presentation material
 - Coordinate speakers (with Boyd)
- Draft Agenda:
 - From Boyd: Report on OLRA activities through the year including:
 - i. Our engagement in the 474 Lakeshore situation as well as our concerns regarding COA process
 - ii. OLRA high level concerns regarding Downtown Streetscape and Cultural Hub (including concerns regarding elongated timelines)
 - iii. Outline of our opinion for Public/Private partnership in the area behind the current Community Centre facing 16 Mile Creek
 - Downtown Streetscape & Cultural Hub - Q&A session with Mayor, 2 Counsellors, Jane Clohery from the Town and Boyd.
 - Agreed to use same process as last year and have questions submitted in writing and reviewed by facilitator
 - Chris agreed to be the facilitator
- Plan to use time at our April 12th meeting to review draft material (Boyd to prepare) and plan for "seed" questions for Q&A.

Next Meeting

- April 12th - at the Pub
- May - sub committee and meetings tbd to prepare for AGM in detail
- May 31st - AGM

Close

- There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned