

OLRA Meeting Notes

Thursday November 14, 2013 7:30 PM

Bob Laughlin's house

Attendance (10 Directors) QUORUM

Marcia, Laura, Chris, Bob, Caroline, Boyd, Neil, Kelsey, Trudy, Lisa

Regrets: Pierre

Meeting call to order – Boyd

Minutes from last meeting (thanks to Chris for taking on the temporary role of Secretary for this meeting)

Motion to approve: Laura

Seconded: Marcia

Motion carried

Treasurer's report – Trudy Miller

Bank balance of November 14, 2013 is \$4,090.60

G.I.C was renewed for 100 days @ 1.1%. Will auto renew in January through April 2014

Membership – Caroline Glasby

Total # members up to date = 161 (last year =174)

Some slippage from same point last year

Communications and website – Laura Van Zeyl

\$100 first payment for Nathan who is working on our website upgrade is due. Check was drafted, signed and given to Lisa. Nathan's invoice was emailed to Trudy.

Laura provided the directors with a brief overview of the work done to date and the general direction with the website content. Everyone was pleased and indicted we should proceed.

Action Follow Up Item:* **Boyd to provide Laura with 2013 garden party pictures for the website

Action Follow Up Item:* **Laura to have Nathan credit Kelsey Mason for the photographic content.

Action Follow Up Item:* **Laura to see if we can provide website analytics on number of hits, frequency etc. through the website provider.

As emails are distributed they should go up on the website

Encourage members to add OLRA website to their "favourites"

Promote the new website when it's up and running. Number of ideas were discussed on how to increase the website exposure once we have finished the upgrade now in progress.

Parks and Greenspace – Kelsey Mason and Bob Laughlin

Oakville Green recommendations for changes to the tree bylaw have been approved by the resident associations.

Action Follow Up Item:* **Bob to write up a short letter of recommendation for Boyd's signature providing OLRA's approval

New washroom designs for Navy St. Park have been shared with 3 options. Consensus of the board was option 1 was preferred. The actual work is subject to the Town's capital budget being approved.

Trudy mentioned all the rose bushes on the Town property in front of the Granary by the creek had been removed.

Action Follow Up Item:* **Boyd to follow up with the Town at the upcoming Mayor's meeting.

Transportation – Chris Coderre

Nothing new to report at this time. The midtown project has a meeting coming up but Chris did not receive any responses to his request for a time, date and location back from the Town.

Chris requested to sit in on the upcoming “visioning” meeting for the streetscape and cultural hub committee on the 26th

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Action Follow Up Item:* **Boyd to provide input at the upcoming mayor’s meeting on lack of response to Chris’ request for next meeting date and location regarding the midtown project

Planning and Heritage – Boyd Waites

BIA involvement

A discussion among the directors concluded OLRA should have a stronger relationship with the BIA given all the projects going on and the obvious mutual benefit of the two groups.

Action Follow Up Item:* **Any Directors with contacts on the BIA to reach out and see if we can establish a stronger relationship

Boyd provided an update on the INZONE planning project.

Boyd, Neil and Pierre attended a Town council meeting and it was presented that the zoning for First and Second St. required further research and consultation by the Town staff before a recommendation would be made to Council.

A First and Second St. residents meeting with the Town staff has been organized by the Board and is planned at Town Hall on December 11, 2014 so everyone impacted (primarily the residents on the East side of Second St.) can provide their feedback and get a more detailed summary of exactly what is being proposed by

staff. The biggest change would be the percentage allowed lot coverage should the East side of Second St. be folded into the same zoning as the West side and First St.

74 - 76 Trafalgar St.

OLRA has had previous involvement with the developer and this site. A new design has been presented to the neighbor and Boyd requested input from the board. Most directors thought the design was not appropriate for the neighbourhood but because the house is outside the heritage area we don't have a lot of control other than moral suasion.

It was decided we would wait to see what variances may be involved to allow the developer to proceed and we would reach out and contact the developer to request a meeting to discuss our concerns.

Action Follow Up Item:* **Boyd to request the meeting with the developer. Joe Sarnecki, past Board Chair, has agreed to help us with these discussions given his history with the file and this location

Downtown streetscape project and Downtown Cultural Hub Project

Two more projects are currently underway in the downtown core and impact our local residents. Unfortunately the residents associations had not been brought into the loop on these until after the Town staff had spent 18 months working on them. Boyd is sitting on the visioning committee and Chris has requested to join in as well.

Boyd believes these two projects will be the big issues for the Board in 2014.

The initial steps with these projects are the re-development of Centennial Square and the re-paving/repair of Lakeshore Rd.

Other issues

Member Survey – Neil Lester

Board agreed to move ahead with the member survey and not wait for new website content to be up and running. We should have some initial results from the survey for the next meeting.

**Action Follow Up Item:* Neil to send the link etc. to Caroline

Next meeting, 7:30 PM, December 4, 2013, at O’Finn’s Irish Temper.

Motion to adjourn: Boyd

Seconded: Trudy

Motion carried