

OLRA Meeting Notes (Final)

Tuesday September 3, 2013 7:30 PM

Trudy Murray's condo, The Granary

Attendance (10 Directors) QUORUM

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

Regrets: Lisa

Meeting call to order – Boyd

Minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve: Chris

Seconded: Laura

Motion approved

Treasurer's report

Last year financial statements were approved and signed by Boyd

Bank balance of Aug 31, 2013 is \$4,337

G.I.C was renewed for another year

Membership

Total # members in database dating back to 1999 = 320

Total # members up to date = 146 (last year =154)

Recent (May 2013) expirees = 56 (compared to 42 this time last year)

55 of the 146 memberships are paid until 2015

Proposed Fall membership campaign

Include members listing in Fall newsletter and encourage members to invite friends/neighbours in the catchment area to join

With distribution of newsletter, include personal letter to recent expirees

Fall Newsletter

Lisa is coordinating the Fall newsletter. No specific update was available as Lisa was not in attendance but a discussion was had on proposed schedule lead by Caroline.

Action Follow Up Item:* **Lisa to send out proposed schedule to Board members

Action Follow Up Item:* **Board directors should bring ideas for the newsletter to the next board meeting in early October

Materials and content should be in to Lisa by October 11, 2013

Delivery planned for before October 31, 2013

Main focus of the newsletter should be on membership

Use the newsletter to announce the proposed member survey

Communications and website

Laura is heading up the website management with technical support from Dale.

Action Follow Up Item:* **Laura requested all board directors who have bios that require updating or pictures (headshots) required for the website to submit updated information to her by September 17, 2013

Action Follow Up Item:* **Laura to review ideas and make recommendations for the website with the board at our October meeting.

Action Follow Up Item:* **Laura was to check to see if we have weblinks to our councilors and to Oakville Green on our website.

It was agreed that we should try and keep the website content simple and easy to maintain.

Parks and Greenspace

Garden Party recap. Expenses \$4,356

Revenues \$3,245

This met our targeted budget for the event.

Our Garden Party event remains open for suggestions. Pierre recommended perhaps we move the event to early Fall to capture cottagers that are normally away in June. Whether we continue to have a garden tour is up for discussion as each year it is a struggle to get members to offer up their homes to participate.

Marcia suggested perhaps we look at selling advertising space on the back of the tickets next year.

Action Follow Up Item:* **Boyd is to get pictures he has that were taken at the event on a CD to Laura.

Kelsey attended a meeting of Oakville Green in May on a joint committee of residents Assoc. on updating the tree bylaw for Oakville.

Significant concern over the D&D lands tree removal. Similar concerns have been expressed about the large property on Lakeshore now being developed.

Goal is to have a tree loss plan versus just preservation of existing tree canopy

Private tree bylaw permits up to 5 trees a year to be cut down

Suggestion to reduce the diameter specification from 76 cm to 50 cm before a permit is required.

Action Follow Up Item:* **Kelsey will send out the minutes of the meeting and recommendations to all board directors for their input and agreement to support Oakville Green on this initiative. We will develop a motion to support this at the next meeting in October

Chris had a question on permit costs for pools. Seems they have risen significantly.

Action Follow Up Item:* **Chris will investigate further and see if he can get fact based information for us to review.

Transportation

Chris will lead this portfolio. Nothing to report at this time. The midtown project will impact transportation routes in and out of old Oakville so will be an important file to watch. Neil passed research and a meeting summary he attended over the summer on this project to Chris.

Planning

Action Follow Up Item:* **Boyd to suggest new waste containers on Lakeshore at the upcoming mayor's meeting

Boyd provided an update that Lindbrook private school plans had been approved by the town based on a land lease. Boyd was deemed instrumental on this change to SCLS and was praised by the board for his follow up.

Boyd provided an update on the INZONE planning meeting that he and Neil attended with Town planning staff. INZONE is a Town project looking at rezoning for a number of areas in Oakville including our catchment area. A number of concerns were expressed to planning staff by Boyd and with input from resident Jane Hawkrigg.

- 1) Measurement of roof heights
- 2) No height restrictions on Centennial Square
- 3) Height restriction on house between First and Allan on Lakeshore South was very high

Action Follow Up Item:* **Boyd to follow up on status of feedback

Condominiums being planned on corner of Navy and Randall will need a variance?

Owner of 180 William St. (neighbor to Chris) has come to Town Heritage Committee in advance of applying for a permit to demolish to understand what the chances would be of getting the permit. After a board discussion it was

decided that there did not seem to be a lot of concern with removing the house as it has little heritage value, is not constructed well and that the most important decision would come when we saw what was proposed as a replacement building.

Bob mentioned a decision on the house behind him is due in a couple of weeks based on whether it gets a heritage designation or not.

Other issues

Next meeting, 7:30 PM, Oct 1, 2013, location TBD.

Pierre may be able to host but tentative based on his travel schedule

November meeting, November 5th at Bob's house on Lakeshore

Motion to adjourn: Pierre

Seconded: Trudy

Motion approved