

OLRA Board Meeting September 9, 2014 Minutes - FINAL

Trudy Murray's @ 7:30 pm

Attendance:

Trudy Murray, Caroline Glasbey, George Niblock, Marcia Todd, Pierre Gagnon, Chris Coderre, Amanda Holden, Boyd Waites, Bob Laughlin (quorum)

Regrets:

Lisa Ebel, Clemens VanZeyl

Approval from Lisa Ebel's minutes from June meeting:

Motion to approve – Pierre

Seconded – Marcia

Treasurer's Report: Trudy Murray

Balance of savings account is \$5,735.60. Membership to date: \$3,145.00. (Caroline gave Trudy \$120 at meeting for 3 more memberships.)

GIC has been reinvested for another 100 days @ 1.1% (due November 21).

Membership: Caroline Glasbey

We have 162 members currently.

36 memberships expired on May 1, 2014 – these past members will be targeted specifically.

Next membership campaign will be via the newsletter.

Communications: Caroline Glasbey/Amanda Holden

NEWSLETTER: Discussion regarding fall newsletter. Caroline will send out schedule and content topics to board members. She will have a meeting with Amanda and Lisa to go over all details and to pass on her former responsibility as editor/designer.

Board decided that it would be preferable to have a colour front and back (additional cost = \$120), and perhaps even full colour (further to the meeting, Caroline was informed by Barkley that this would be an additional \$480). To be decided.

Timing: all material needs to be completed and submitted to Amanda by mid-October.

Topics to include

- Information about heritage/historical plaques
- Parks and Greenspace
- Heritage issues
- Canada Post update
- Downtown plan
- Membership
- Transportation
- Events – Town and fundraising (Caroline will send email out to residents requesting details of such events)
- Other

WEBSITE: Amanda has updated the website. She will add events/notices as they are distributed via email with links to specific topics.

Caroline will send Amanda PDFs of previous newsletters.

Amanda will contact Dale Egan and Laura VanZeyl re. Google contact information.

KEITH BIRD: Discussion regarding Keith Bird's retirement. Marcia volunteered to write a "thank you" note from the OLRA – to be published in the newsletter and to be sent to Keith.

All Candidates' Meeting: JCRA is organizing the meeting this year and is looking for volunteers from the OLRA. Boyd will email board members with information and details of what the JCRA is looking for in terms of assistance.

Greenspace: Bob Laughlin

Town staff have developed recommendations for changes to the current tree by-law, which were to have been submitted to Council in June. Staff's presentation to an invited group of participants from residents associations drew mixed responses, causing staff to delay the submission of their report to Council. Subsequent to this, the four Ward 3 RAs met to try to reach a consensus. TCRA proposed that the staff's report be thrown out and to "start from scratch." Some consensus was reached and a letter to staff was drafted. Another meeting is scheduled for September, when, hopefully, the 4 RAs can agree mutually on an acceptable response to staff's proposal.

It was remarked that there has been some illegal removal of trees on the Esplanade – on Town land. The Town's by-law staff, prompted by support from Dave Gittings, are following up to try to ascertain who was responsible.

Planning and Heritage: Boyd Waites

74/76 Trafalgar – Neighbour withdrew her appeal. Boyd contacted Denise Baker but then withdrew the board's request for representation in consideration of the neighbour's withdrawal.

180 William – There was discussion surrounding the sale of the land (versus the original building plan) and whether a future plan should not be able to apply for variances, unless the plan represented the approved variances as per the previously approved building. Chris Coderre is drafting a letter to the Town on behalf of the OLRA, in support of the immediate neighbours, expressing the board's concerns regarding the matter.

Downtown Plan: Boyd Waites

Boyd will be updating details on the plan in the upcoming newsletter.

Community Mail Boxes:

Despite the OLRA board's requests/suggestions to Canada Post, Canada Post has not made any changes regarding locations. Boyd will send out a communiqué to OLRA residents, informing them of the appeal options that are available to them.

Next Meetings

Tuesday October 14, 2014, 7:30pm at Caroline's.

Next scheduled meetings:

Tuesday, November 11 – Pierre's

Tuesday, December 9 – O'Finn's

Tuesday, January 13

Tuesday, February 10

Tuesday, March 10

Tuesday, April 14

May – AGM

June – tbd

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to approve – Boyd; seconded – Trudy