

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

Regrets :

Anya Dunning, Tom Pugsley, Clemens van Zeyl,

Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Boyd approved the minutes, Chris seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Cash Balance as at July 31st \$7,710.67

No transactions in August

Membership, Newsletter, Web Site, etc.

Membership:

418 entries in the database. 255 emails, of that 128 paid members. The remainder is either expired or we have no contact details for them. We send emails to all 255 emails we have. We could send out a renewal notice to 75 who have expired in the last 18 months.

Action item for Amanda to send an e-mail containing request for membership and payment methods.

Communications:

If board members want to update their pictures and text please send to Amanda. Anya needs a picture.

Website & Newsletter:

There have been recent updates to both

E-Mail:

Trying to send out around once a month. General sense is that these communications are all good.

Councillor's Meeting with other RA's

Janet from JCRA wants the Mayor to get a master plan together for streetscape, creek side, Parking etc. People seem to be confused because there is multiple

consultations happening and it doesn't seem connected. However one already existed, so there's some question of whether we need another plan as it may cause delay. Perhaps all that is needed is a current summary of the state of work.

The Mayor has agreed to a meeting to discuss with Janet. We would not want to see anything that might add any delay but would be happy for clarification.

Greenspace

Multi-use path:

This idea seems to have subsided.

Meeting with Chris Marks and local RA's on Sept 28th regarding the private tree by-law, which has been updated.

The Saw Whet decision is still pending. Presentations from the public are yet to be heard.

Glen Abbey development has been delayed by the town pending consultations.

Planning & Heritage

Cultural Hub & Streetscape:

Process following selection of a theme isn't clear. Once category is chosen then they will narrow down to a choice of two items. The existing lighting may continue to be used depending on which selection gets made.

We have had 13 emails in the OLRA mailbox relating to the furniture, all of which asked for traditional. The original request by the city had a low number of responses. We have heard from members a variety of positions including support for both Classic and Traditional styles.

It was pointed out that it is only the lights on Lakeshore that are going to be replaced which may mean a disjointed experience if there is a different selection. Also the re-use of existing hardware would reduce costs. These are valid considerations.

We received a presentation from some neighbours who have serious concerns about the choice of furniture and would like the traditional style chosen. They met with the local councilors and had the decision altered against the contemporary style. They would like the OLRA to support their position and endorse the traditional style and to communicate with our members to have them do likewise.

Marcia proposed a motion that the OLRA board supports the position of the representation made to us this evening and that we thereafter communicate to our members and councilors including the traditional option of furniture.

The board voted 5-3 against, so the motion was not carried.

A second motion was proposed by Amanda to prepare a communication to the OLRA membership via our contact channels.

OLRA is pleased that the awareness and communication on this important issue has increased as a result of our May AGM meeting and subsequent communications. Our position as a board is:

- We strongly urge our members to vote as individuals. The voting ends 23rd September.
- This is a critical issue in which the OLRA will remain engaged and will update our members.
- We do not support contemporary.
- We appreciate and acknowledge the representation by a group of residents who have rallied around the traditional design and we will share that communication.

The board voted unanimously in favour of the motion.

Amanda took an action item to reach back out to the representation this evening to get appropriate messaging from them.

474 Lakeshore:

The developer went to COA with 5 adjustments. He was granted three, but refused two included the front yard setback. He has appealed to the OMB again.

Meeting Schedule

October 11th, Trudy's House

November 8th, Bob's House

Those being all the matters, the meeting was clo