

Manor Park Community Association Board Meeting
November 23, 2017
Terry Fox Centre, 1805 Gaspé Avenue, Ottawa, ON

AGM MINUTES
approved 29 May 2019

Attendees: Adam, Debra Sharpe, Sebastien, Elizabeth, Natalie, Don, Sandi, Laurent Touchant, RRCC
Absent: Martha, John, Pat,
Minutes: Debra
Guests: Tobi Nussbaum, Mona Fortier, Natalie Des Rosiers

Call to order / commencement of meeting: 7:10 pm Chair: Sebastien

1. Introduction and approval of Agenda
MOTION: to approve agenda
MOVED: Natalie, 2nd Sandy
Motion carried.
2. Approval of November 2016 AGM meeting minutes
MOTION: to approve amended minutes
MOVED: Natalie, 2nd Adam
Motion carried.

Tobi Presentation

Salvation Army Application – passed the motion. Tobi felt zoning bylaw should be amended. Land use planning arguments were not good. Also had concerns on social service model. Laurent is presenting of the Vanier community association and gave a great presentation. Ward boundaries are a bit irrelevant – vanier is our neighbour and he felt a good coming together of neighbours and motivation.

Positive news – Community Hub joint application by _____ - school board. Benefit to MP too.

City Budget Dec 13 – lots of discussion on funding. Focus on 4 areas – pedest, social service and housing, renewal energy

Hosting public panel on subjects of interest – next Wed Walkable road to healthy cities, Teresa Tam coming to Beechwood... Designing Healthy living... Royal Oak next Wednesday 6pm

Mature Neighbourhood overlay – voting on motion tonight

Brittany Traffic calming – lots of work going on right now, more pedestrian friendly. Crossing on Brittany will be big improvement

Exciting year to MP – new tennis court, community gardens and reno to the Comm centre MPCC... lots of community spirit.

Office participated on safety walk

Also looking at Wateridge and developments.

3. President's Report – Sebastien

Very busy year and active on a number of fronts. Street Mural was good example of what we can achieve as a community.

Street mural was well participated by families and had about 100 children. Tobi's office paid for the paint and also helped out. RRCC helped out with refreshments. Will require upkeep next year and would be good to investigate other areas and bring in mpcc and other orgs that can build on something together

Traffic and transportation – implementation of additional traffic initiatives. Speed tables on Sandridge were to be installed but community did not want them because of issue of vibration. Instead survey was implemented and his office will come up with possible traffic calming measures for Sandridge.

Environmental assessment for downtown tunnel – not confirmed if federal govt will kick in...2.5-3M dollars for the assessment. John Forsey has met with Mona F office to discuss the situation. File to watch next year – if the tunnel option is not favored there is an option that Kettle Island may come back.

Trucks on Hemlock –still an issue. Install of flexiposts on Hemlock. Also a reduction in width of lanes on Beechwood. Still trucks on Beechwood even after narrowing of lanes and repaving of the street. Letter to Chief Bordeleau – no complaints by residents to Police. We will therefore encourage residents to report trucks when seen to police. Trucks using Hemlock are illegal...needs to be enforced. Need to work with city and police and reporting.

Our area has lots of construction. Continue to work with the City.

Wateridge – Don Lishman is working with the group on new developments...community group of stakeholders who will engage with the City when there are developments like this one. Good thing. Keep an eye on this portfolio. This group is invited to comment on any new proposals by the City. Working group of neighbouring communities.

Safety in MP East – and Walkabout

Held Nov 16 and had 12 participants. Joint initiative with Wise Ottawa financed by The city of Ottawa. They take notes on everything. They write a report on findings and give to City. When funds are available issues can be addressed. What they found was very interesting. Including walking on the street, no sidewalks on London Terrace. The Park is pitch dark and Meadow Park has children's structure in pitch dark. Camellia does not have any lighting at all. Natalie commented that Agorwal owns the street. Community Police Office commented as well. Blasdell wooden bridge is falling apart but it is NCC lands. NCC needs to invest that this area is maintained properly. Access should remain to access the bike path. Also floods in spring. Seb will ask for a copy of the report and circulate

Dispensary – not the right location of a marijuana store – too close to school and playgrounds. Residential eyesore. Sent a letter to Chief Bordeleau highlighting these points. Asked Police to pay attention to the smaller dispensaries. Attempts to close but has reopened. Difficult case but we continue to work again on this case. As of today the shop has closed– sign was taken down. Angie Tedesco commented that it is illegal.

Outreach and Partnership – a very important initiative.

New website launched. Old content and new content. Hub for the community.

Community garden – RRCCR, MPCC and MPCA and Manor Park Estates who financed 4k which paid for the material. Garden will be functional – 4 beds and community..MPCC and MP School. Collaborative effort.

Strategy initiative – met with numerous people and key stake holders over months including neighbor associations to gain input from residents. Grass root input from people. Important for residents to have a say. MPCA will now have a plan to move forward. Angie asked if we consulted with MP East. Seb said the exercise is to think of MP as one community. Goal is to reach out to all areas.

Mature neighbourhood overlay – approve the Mature neighbourhood over all to all areas of MP currently in R1 zone. Includes new additions but does not apply to renovations which do not affect the outlay to the house. Requires developers to do streetscape criteria. Sample of 21 houses and determine what are the dominant characters of these houses – 4 character groups for parking and driveway, front yard and 2 groups for orientation. Advantages is that it gives degree of protection to MP and clarifies rules for developers. Reduces potential of conflict. Determined it would be good for MP. May be difficult to apply to some parts of MP so we will look at R1 zoning. MP Estates will be excluded as they are not R1 (single family lots). Also applies to Lindenlea and Overbrook

Census

Review of Census findings (insert info from slide)

Get Sebastien's info on boundaries – east and west

MP is an established neighbourhood – senior population and living alone...50% are 1 person household.

Number of children in MP east live in low income household...huge issue to be addressed.

Nov 29 education and levels of employment will be released. Martha and Seb will write article for Chronicle

Fundraising and membership will be a very important issue. Seb will work with Natalie on this and Outreach with other organizations on communication and will keep working on the tunnel.

How can we develop our potential – greenspaces are so close to us. We need to have conversation with NCC if we want to enhance our greenspaces.

Seb thanked the Board for its contributions....handed out chocolates

4. Presentation of Strategic Objectives, Mission, Vision for MPCA – Elizabeth

8:00 pm Strategy presentation Elizabeth - get copy of slides

Elizabeth discussed what we need to do to move forward – what are the patterns and how can we create public value. Took a formal approach – what are our values and drives our decisions as an organization. Mission, Vision and Action plan.

What is a strategy – game plan to move forward.

Discussed strategy framework...

Key principles – align with constitutional objectives. Legal guidance. What are the needs, interest and challenges of our community?

Need to reach beyond our borders...part of larger community. Identified common concerns and how we can work collectively forward.

Used two opportunities – Mayfair and Rock the Block...write on the board what they love and what should change. Use public occasions to gather information.

Discussed overview of meetings with key stakeholders and our internal retreat to move forward with objectives. Quite insular. Fall retreat

Briefly discussed outcome of research and concerns for hungry families and child issues with stress, activities to bring kids together. Youth issue is key. Higher crime rates. Low graduation rate for high schools. High unemployment rates.

Issue with affordable housing – not enough.

Big interest in environment in MP. Lots of issues in MP which are different. Need to strengthen local business

Francophone – not recognized by City that MP is a high Francophone community.

Inclusion and Voice – build capacity in communities so that communities have a voice.

Good – work with community associations, RRCRC and Hub development. Encourage people in MP to be starting partnership

Core Values

1. Inclusivity and respect – reach out more across the community and need advice on how to do this
2. Voice
3. Capacity building and community engagement- leadership...empowering others to make change...adaptive leadership style. Take responsibility and work with us. Find funding in MP
4. Collaboration – join with others to achieve shared goals – show up and support
5. Sustainability and development – need and honour sense of place; initiatives of residents to protect assets - green assets. Steven close, head of scouts in this area. Not many kids even see the green space

Vision

Be engaged, caring and sustainable community

Voice...partner with organizations

Insert slide on strategic and function objectives

Insert Strategic Initiative

Discussed issue of only having one police officer – people have stopped reporting crime

Cardinal Glen want to work with us on the Marsh, pond...need people in the community to be able to take on.

Elderly and youth equal concerns

Establish East end community association – common resources and expenses

New ways to attract membership – Natalie will be heading up this initiative.

Limited resources for volunteers due to age demographics

5. Presentation of MPCA Finances – Adam

not taken in money over past couple of years – we have had expenses on website dev, insurance and hall rental fees. Need to work on fundraising.

Motion to approve financial statements

Nat moved

Sandi 2nd approved

6. Voting

a) Motion to approve the mature neighbourhood overlay

MOTION: to approve Mature Neighbourhood overlay

MOVED: all in favor

Motion carried.

b) Election of 2017-2018 Board

MOTION: to approve new 2017-2018 Board (President, Elizabeth McCallister; VP Adam Robb; Secretary Debra Sharpe; Treasurer Pat Dunphy; Past President Sebastien LaRochelle-Cote)

MOVED: carried Deb, Sandi

Briefly discussed process on coming to a few meetings and see. What we are looking for are folks who are passionate about key objectives...align membership with key objectives

Thank you to Sebastien

Move end of business – Adam, 2nd Natalie

7. Presentations from elected representatives

Natalie Des Rosiers- Very pleased with results. Clear MP identity. Well known identity in parliament. She acknowledged the strategy work done – objectives.

Offer individual services in her office... her office can be a translator between budget and objectives. Funding source for seniors to stay in home and increased services. Anti racism strategy – youth groups can get funding for activities; come to her office to see how they can help. Also want to know the groups exist – she can raise profile of activities at Queens Park. Gives opportunity for members to know what is going on. Securing funding. She is dealing with cannabis legislation next week to protect young people...careful strategy. Operated by LCBO...outsourced. Design to be public health informed is the vision. Evidenced based decision making. She is pleased about community hub very important for community. Move forward with community hub and be creative and find opportunities to make it work. Good advocacy on the Hub

Questions – asked if there will be rules where dispensaries will be held. The city will apply for how many dispensaries. Will not be a private market for the small places. They will not be able to sell pot outside of LCBO. Will either be online or LCBO dispensary. Was a conscious choice to have LCBO distribution model. Having a legal source of supply which is supplied competitive will undercut the smaller illegal suppliers to shut them down. LCBO framework for cannabis stores

Asked for the community to be comfortable in raising concerns / complain; acknowledged Angie Tedesco raised questions. Member of audience commented that he is aware of store but has not caused any problem. LCBO model will have 3 stores for Ottawa. Natalie said just started the process...three pillars of the policy are smoke free Ontario, eliminate black marketing, and overall safety – don't drive high. More outlets will be open in future. Prudent approach is warranted. Will also have health awareness campaigns.

Laurent – RRC housing

City hall – concerns on safety – 25 new police officers will be hired in Ottawa and go to Protected Services committee at city hall

Centre undergoing restructuring – increase of teams, more resources in community development. Brief overview of programs – empower Youth and leadership; daycare

Fundraise back to school – backpacks

Market Mobile – money goes back into the social enterprise

Food bank – open 2 x per week. Increase of users. 14k users. 5000 families...30% of users are kids. Central Food bank allocates money to neighbourhood food banks.

Investing in community gardens to help school.

Hub – 33 organizations partnered with RRCRC....160k sq ft. Also looking at Service Ontario in hub.

Socio economic hub eastern Ontario – incubator – youth NFP...Shopify can be part of the pitch. Get youth involved in developing business skills. Hope to build innovation in neighbourhood

She can also help with printing and work with community associations

Lumiere Festival was very good. – Lanterns built by community

Working closely with Syrian refugees this past year. Working with support to Carson school who has 100 refugees

Next year decentralizing services...looking for space in MP

Wants to see community association work together – create a platform for common issues

Mona Fortier:

Commented that she is here to work with us and answer questions....

9:20 closing