

**Convent Glen Orleans Wood Community Association
Meeting Minutes for Feb 1, 2016**

Meeting was opened at 7:00pm

- 1. Introduction of Board** to the 4 community members who also attended.
- 2. Approval of agenda** : approved as amended, by consensus
- 3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** Moved Karen D, seconded by Ebenezer to approve minutes. Carried.
- 4. Habitat for Humanity Community Consultation report** - Lisa

Consultation was held Jan 25. There were less people in attendance than at our association meeting that introduced the project. Biggest objection is traffic. Some questions about the order that the buildings go up. It was reported by Habitat that it will go up in three phases over 3 years, starting with the ones in the back. There will be one parking spot per unit plus two extra. The intention is to do the work during school hours so the work site is not active after school when children may be outside in the area. They are starting with the back ones to provide a natural sound barrier for existing houses. Habitat is aware that minimal remediation was done to the property so more may be necessary.

5. Rink Management report Mark

5.1 Actions over the past 2 months: Rink was lovely until yesterday's warm weather. Feb 6 is a city advertised hockey tournament and encouraging all communities to have games that day. Convent Glen school has booked the rink for Feb 11.

5.2 Equipment purchases to be made before next season: We need to sell the snow blower we have and buy a more powerful one. It needs to be able to throw the snow over the boards. Mark will look into buying from the motor cycle shop on Youville, who is a distributor of snowblowers. Mark heard that Worry Free does a west end rink for free when there is a big snowstorm so Mark will look into the possibility that they may consider doing ours as well

6. Federal PreBudget Consultation: Karen D.

The association was invited to attend an information session held by our MP. Bob Monette and our MPP were also there, plus numerous diverse groups represented. There are three pots of money earmarked for specific things, but groups pointed out the interconnectedness of each area.

Themes: Affordable housing

Arts and culture

Orleans uniqueness as a bilingual community

Job creation

Transit, LRT, widening 174

Andrew Lesley was very specific that he wanted to know each groups top 10 wish list and the costing of those. He plans to have another consultation.

Comment from Jean (community member) – remembers when government departments were sent all over the country and now maybe its time to bring some of that back to Ottawa, and specifically Orleans

7. Communications team report

7.1 Logo – waiting for the final version, hoping to have it for today, but Mark will see if he can get it by next meeting.

7.2 Request from somebody that the newsletter come out on a schedule, Miranda would also like to see a new subject line for each newsletter, and keep it short and bilingual.

Community member suggested that we need to do more to advertise our meetings better. We are already sending out about 2 email notices per month. Community members expressed concern that notices are only posted on Facebook although Miranda did send out an email on Sunday that some people say they did not see. We will look into the possibility to set up a separate list for those who want meeting notifications and include agendas ahead of time.

8. Neighbourhood Watch: Lindsay

Actions over the past 2 months – Voyageur Drive: Still working on completing surveying of 500 homes and compiling data. Lindsay has reached out to the other NW captains on St. Terese and Fortune Dr. Update to come in April.

Comment from Jean – saw that somebody had tried to get into his car one day. He tried to make a report on line but could not find a spot to make the report. Another community member who used to work for the police shared that ideally the police would prefer we call (rather than an online report) for something suspicious just in case they chose to send an officer to investigate. There was some discussion of other incidents we've heard about in the neighbourhood. Louis Caron was concerned that it's taking too long to get NW going for all of Voyageur and side streets and proposes that Lindsay ask Pete (police) to drop the inner streets (where they don't have 50% of the homes covered yet) and do just Voyageur (where 66% have agreed). We will address this question again in April depending on if it has reached 50% yet.

9. Tree planting Miranda

Tree Ottawa and I have asked city if this Beauclaire Park is suitable for a community plant (likely fall 2016) Question about the kinds of trees used, answer is that they use 5 different kinds of trees to diversify.

10 Taffy Lane hot chocolate event report - it went well but next time Lisa would change some things: next time she would give a time span when they would be there and include some kind of signage advertising the community association. Lisa would be happy to do it again with those changes. Suggested that we create some kind of sandwich board with our logo (when it's available) to make us more recognizable.

11. Next Meetings Miranda

- a. Monday, March 7th
- b. Monday, April 4th

12. New Business

12.1 Speed limits changes near elementary schools on Jeanne d'Arc – the order has gone into the city to make school zones consistent, signs should be up soon.

12.2 Ottawa2017 – there is a group from Orleans already set up to plan events, Miranda has already sent in some ideas by email. Also added input to St. Joseph Business Association.

12.3 Spring garage sale – Queenswood has a day chosen. Karen C to look into doing ours on same day.

12.4 Spring / summer event Lisa suggested a garden tour like Blackburn hamlet has. It's very popular in Blackburn. Lisa would be willing to champion this, recruit gardens and print maps. Consensus to send Lisa to look into this and report back at a later meeting. June / July date?

12.5 Dog park : a witness says the incident reported on the Facebook page was grossly exaggerated. That the dog in question was a puppy and the child was knocked over but not injured or upset.

Miranda has spoken to Bob Monette who says the city is currently reviewing how they manage dog parks in general. Bob is working on more signage in next months.

There is a suggestion to report to bylaw when dog owners ignore the rules but there is difficulty reporting because we can't get bad dog owners names or addresses.

12.6 Mr. Bradshaw has a project that he's taken on. He has a license to sell bicycle rickshaws to seniors homes. He is looking for volunteers to take seniors for bike rides. The bikes have seat belts for the seniors. He has some leads on funding. Bob is on board with this. Mr. Bradshaw would like to see 10 of these "Trishas" or bikes with one wheel in back and two in front with seat in front for passengers in place by 2017. The chapters are called Cycling at Any Age. He is asking us to advertise this project and the need for volunteers as soon as he gets his first bike. He is also hoping we could consider funding part of it (\$8000 for one bike). He would like to buy bikes that would belong to the seniors homes and would like to start with Breuyeur. Marie France Lalond MPP is also in support of this project. An update is planned for April.

Reminders:

Upcoming meeting:

- Traffic study for Jeanne d'Arc / Fortune Drive is to happen this spring. Not clear yet whether this will be a public meeting or just community group representatives invited to attend. Miranda will update when she has more information.

Mark/Lindsay motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm.