



Minutes

NECA Board Meeting – 15 February 2022

7:30 pm

Virtual meeting via ZOOM

Board members present:

Samantha McAleese, Christina Leadlay, Cindy Parkanyi, Katherine Hall, Ari Abonyi, Karen Squires, Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Ray Boomgaardt, Ted Bennett, Sean Flynn, Gail McEachern

Absent: Heather Matthews, Jason Tavoularis

Guests: Rawlson King, Peter Petrie

1. Welcome

- Councillor King spoke first (see next item).
- Approval of agenda.
 - Christina added the NEN budget.
- Approval of January minutes.
 - Edit: "Some environment such as LDD moth and park maintenance."
 - **Samantha made the edit and sent revised January 2022 minutes to Cindy.**

2. Councillor's Report (Rawlson King)

- Provided a debrief on the ongoing occupation in Ottawa - responded to some concerns/questions and some insights on next steps for OPSB, including hiring a new Chief.
- Looking at ways to provide community support to people in the ward, especially those in Overbrook who are closer to the staging site (baseball stadium on Coventry) and who are experiencing distress as a result.

3. Report on Homelessness and Housing Advocacy

- Ari received an email from Kaite, the Ottawa Alliance to End Homelessness ED, detailing their election advocacy plan.
 - Putting affordable housing on the front-burner in the election
 - Stop the loss of affordable housing, inclusionary zoning and new permanent affordable units, and new regulations for landlords around maintenance
 - Motion to support - Ari will draft and circulate via email.
- **MOTION: "I move that in Ottawa's upcoming election, NECA endorses the Housing Advocacy Campaign For Affordable Housing by Alliance to End Homelessness."**
- **After distributing via email, Ari's motion passed with a majority of NECA board members voting in favour**

4. Committee and working group updates

New Edinburgh News (Christina Leadlay): Christina sent the NEN budget. Pandemic affected advertising revenue - recalibrating some specifications to give people different options. Printing costs have gone down, honorariums haven't changed.

Beechwood Development (Ari Abonyi): No report. Looking at the 'to-do' list for the secondary plan.

Friends of the Park (Karen Squires and Katherine Hall): Updates re: park in an article in latest NEN. Will update more on supplies for dealing with LDD moth issue as more info comes from the city (supplies like burlap for the trees might be provided). Icebreaking will begin on February 26th - a reminder to residents to not go on the ice while this work is taking place. Proposal for a new "installation" in the park near the tennis court (there was a sculpture there before that was vandalized and the base is still there). Park clean up: suggestion to do it on Earth Day (April 22) still need to talk logistics and what might be provided to help (garbage bags, gloves, etc.).

Karen will liaise with the city on the protocol for park clean-up and budget. Peter Petrie will also pass the question onto Stephanie at the city to see if these funds can be provided through the councillor's office.

Communications (Cindy Parkanyi): No report or meeting this month. Still looking for support with comms.

Environment and Climate Change (no chair):

Heritage and Development (Gail McEachern): 255 MacKay - NECA's Heritage & Development committee turned down the latest proposal - as did the City's heritage planners. 117 Stanley - pre-consultation phase, applicant and architect are coming back with changes after concerns were shared.

Traffic & Safety (Jason Tavoularis): Sent report to NECA Board and visual for proposed 'Stanley revamp' but was not present to discuss. Shifted item to next meeting for questions/discussion.

5. Community group updates

CCC (Sean Flynn): Ice rinks are up and being well maintained! Bike rodeo, spring plant sale, and marathon cheering station - hopeful for in-person events!

NECTAR (Sean Flynn): Still figuring out next steps - not much to report.

Community Collective (Cindy Parkanyi): No meeting this month. Cindy reached out to Rockcliffe Park for an all-candidates meeting for provincial election - looking for assistance from NECA to help organize (Sarah offered to support). FCA meeting tomorrow - presentation re: the People's Official Plan.

6. Other Business:

- Janet Uren wasn't present to speak to New Ed Street Fest, Cindy will follow up.

7. Adjournment

- The next NECA meeting will be on 15 March 2022 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.