



Minutes

NECA Board Meeting – 17 May 2022

7:30 pm

Virtual meeting via ZOOM

Board members present:

Cindy Parkanyi, Samantha McAleese, Christina Leadlay, Ari Abonyi, Karen Squires, Ray Boomgaardt, Ted Bennett, Jason Tavoularis, Gail McEachern, Katherine Hall

Absent: Sean Flynn, Heather Matthews, Sarah Anson-Cartwright

Guests: Rawlson King, Peter Petrie, Peter Stockdale, Danielle, Martin Normandeau

1. Welcome (Cindy)

- Welcomed guests.
- Approval of agenda.
 - Motion by Cindy, seconded by Christina
 - Agenda approved
- Approval of April minutes.
 - Motion by Karen, seconded by Christina
 - Minutes approved

2. Councillor's Report (Rawlson King)

- Boulevard gardens: The councillor's office worked on a motion with councillor Dudas' office (Innes Ward) and it passed both at committee and council. The city will undertake a review of landscaping projects in boulevards and provide recommendations - report to come in 2023.
- City program for managing spongy moths is rolling out in various neighbourhoods, including in New Edinburgh. Katherine and Karen have burlap and other supplies that can be distributed. Students can get volunteer hours for taking care of trees.
- Traffic calming: The councillor's office is still examining different options around Stanley and Crichton.
- Ongoing work around main streets and ensuring retail spaces in new developments along Beechwood and other main streets across the City.

3. Review of initial mural design for Fieldhouse (Dr. Peter Stockdale, Kichi Sibi Trails and Paul Johanis, Greenspace Alliance)

- Gave an update on trails and activities for Chief Pinesi day, including an overview of the trails and sketches of the murals.
- Greenspace Alliance has addressed the issue of insurance for the mural.

4. Committee and working group updates

New Edinburgh News (Christina Leadlay): Still looking for content for the June edition. Business Briefs section will include a patio map.

Beechwood Development (Ari Abonyi): BIA and BVA wrote a letter opposing the new Claridge development on Beechwood, but the development was approved at Planning Committee. Ari to circulate the letter to NECA and for potential publication in NEN.

Friends of the Park (Karen Squires and Katherine Hall): Park clean up was a success! About 35 people showed up. Starting to get burlap on the trees in the area (spongy moths) - but still need more people to volunteer to help with the trees in the park. Talking to the councillor's office about more garbage bins in the park and the new fence around the splash pad.

Communications (Cindy Parkanyi): No report. Still looking for support on this committee.

Environment and Climate Change (no chair): No report.

Heritage and Development (Gail McEachern): No report.

Traffic & Safety (Jason Tavoularis): Update from Gail: Reconfiguration of Stanley avenue, between the Minto bridges and Sussex - sidewalk widening (for accessibility purposes) and road narrowing - **NECA asked Peter Petrie to follow up**. Jason continues to communicate with the councillor's office about traffic calming measures. Still working on proposals for Stanley Avenue 'place-making' project - suggestion to bring as an item at the AGM as it requires broader neighbourhood consultation and engagement.

5. Community group updates

CCC (Cindy): Meeting earlier in the month to discuss the future of the CCC. Chris Straka is now President and most other roles have been filled.

NECTAR (Sean Flynn): No report.

Community Collective (Cindy): All candidates' meeting for the provincial election - **Cindy will share information with NECA as soon as the details are finalized**. Discussed insurance issues - all community associations are grappling with this and looking collectively at different options. Homelessness Lab is working very well and potentially seeking more volunteers. The Overbrook Community Association is celebrating its 100th year and will forward information about events/celebrations once available.

6. Other Business

- New Edinburgh banners - maintenance depends on result of insurance conversations and discussions with the councillor's office.

7. Adjournment

- The next NECA meeting will be on 21 June 2022 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.