



Minutes

NECA Board Meeting – 21 June 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, Christopher Straka, Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Sean Flynn

Absent: Heather Matthews

Guests: Julie Ballance, Katrina

1. Welcome (Cindy)

- Land acknowledgement and recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day.
- Welcomed guests.
- Approval of agenda.
 - Item related to flooding on River Lane added to 'other business'
 - Motion by Karen to approve amended agenda, seconded by Christina
 - Agenda approved
- Approval of May minutes.
 - Motion by Ted, seconded by Christina
 - Minutes approved

2. Councillor's Report (Rawlson King)

- Councillor King was unable to attend the meeting.

3. Zoning By-law Review (Cindy)

- Something we need to pay attention to and the City has already started sending out information on the overall plan. Keep an eye on the Engage Ottawa site for discussion papers and consultation dates/mediums: <https://engage.ottawa.ca/new-zoning-by-law>
- **Working group:**
 - Gail, Ray, and Sarah (as time permits)

4. Committee and working group updates

New Edinburgh News (Christina Leadlay): June edition out! Now on summer break. Looking for another proofreader for the team. Also looking for help on the delivery team. Starting to look around for a new editor as Christina has been with NEN for 8 years and hoping to hand things over soon. Thanks for all of your incredible work, Christina!

Beechwood Development (Ari Abonyi): No report.

Friends of the Park (Karen Squires and Katherine Hall): Report sent to NECA earlier in the day and update in the recent edition of NEN. Stephanie is back at Councillor King's office and is

helping with all things park related! Asking specifically about further support for garbage removal (especially after events, like the Beechwood Market on Saturdays) - request to not have garbage bins placed near benches. Additional request for Friends of the Park committee to ask about garbage bins that close (following up on a request made last year). Also looking where it would make sense to add more bike racks. **Chris Straka (CCC) hoping to collaborate on this issue, especially as it relates to the area around the Fieldhouse - suggestion to connect with Adam and Allain, Chris will put in touch.** Fewer spongy moth caterpillars this year! Katherine looking into turtle conservation (noticing more laying eggs along the river). Katherine mentioned a recent incident with a cyclist and dog at the park (collision). This requires some further discussion about how to prevent future incidents. **Friends of the Park is planning for another park clean-up in the Fall.**

Communications (Cindy Parkanyi): No meeting this month. Working on setting up a Google workspace so NECA can start shifting all documents/meetings to that platform. Ongoing updates to the website. **Cindy aiming to send a mid-Summer newsletter - so please send updates on all things New Edinburgh!**

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

Heritage and Development (Gail McEachern): Not much to report this month. Got in touch with the heritage planner (City of Ottawa) about 255 MacKay, but there's nothing to update. Speculation that it's currently being rented out.

Traffic & Safety (Jason Tavoularis): Introduced motion on placemaking on Stanley Avenue around the Fieldhouse. Concerns were shared around increased traffic on other streets (River Lane, Crichton). Jason shared additional examples of other 'placemaking' projects (e.g., William Street in the Market). Questions around collecting traffic data so that we can better understand the potential impacts. Need for ongoing consultation and resident engagement at NECA AGM. Chris plans to have a similar convo about this issue at the next CCC meeting. **Jason will make some wording changes based on feedback and send the revised motion around for virtual approval before the AGM.**

5. Community group updates

CCC (Chris): Working on opening up the Fieldhouse and organizing more volunteers to keep things running in a sustainable way - especially in need of volunteers for events. Goal-setting meeting this week to discuss priorities for the next year. Hoping for the garage sale this year! **Shakespeare in the Park on July 2nd and Chief Pinesi Day on the 1st.**

NECTAR (Sean Flynn): Resolving some longstanding issues with CRA and then hoping to move forward with planning and next steps for NECTAR.

Community Collective (Cindy): No meeting this month and likely will not meet again until the Fall. Cindy attended FCA's AGM last week – talked about the upcoming municipal election, by-law review, transportation master plan, Bill 109 and housing affordability, new Ontario nonprofit act.

6. Other Business

- **Flooding concerns:** The water was really high on River Lane between Keefer and Union during a rainfall - concerns around drainage. **Suggestions to connect with Stephanie at Councillor King's office to explain the concern.**
- **Reminder that Cindy will be stepping down as President in the Fall and is looking for someone else to step into the role.**

7. Adjournment

- The next NECA meeting will be on 20 September 2022 at 7:30 p.m. - Location TBD
- Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.