

Minutes

NECA Board Meeting – 21 February 2023

7:30 pm

Virtual meeting via ZOOM



Board members present: Cindy Parkanyi, Karen Squires, Christina Leadlay, Chris Straka, Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Ray Boomgaardt, Ted Bennett, Samantha McAleese, Sean Flynn, Heather Matthews, Sean McNulty

Regrets/Absent: Gail McEachern, Katherine Hall, Jason Tavoularis

Guests: Sharon Nyangweso, Kostyantn Rolov, Erin McCracken, David McKinnon

1. Welcome (Cindy)

- Welcomed guests.
- Delivered a land acknowledgement.
- Agenda approval:
 - o Motion by Sarah, seconded by Sean. Agenda approved.
- Minutes from January meeting
 - o Motion by Karen, seconded by Sean. Minutes approved.

2. Councillor's Report (Erin McCracken for Rawlson King)

- Commemorative renaming policy is being reviewed, Erin will provide us with updates and timelines.

3. New Edinburgh Banners

- Cindy could only find two banners – the one at Dufferin and MacKay needs to be taken down and fixed/replaced, another one on MacKay remains in good shape.
- Suggestion that if we move forward with new banners, that we expand to include the whole neighbourhood and not just the heritage district.
- Concerns shared about the costs of replacing the banners.
- This presents a moment to re-evaluate the purpose of the banners and think about what we might do differently to show off the character of our neighbourhood (this also might help with costs).
 - o Could include engaging with local artists, Indigenous groups
 - o Launch a contest to design a new 'banner'
 - o Get local businesses involved
- Looking for people in the neighbourhood to keep working/thinking on this issue, while we also deal with the banners that are up/broken
 - o People interested in working on this: Sarah, Samantha, Sharon, Kostyantyn

4. Committee and working group updates

Beechwood Development (Ari Abonyi): Working on finalizing the secondary plan for the Beechwood Corridor so that it can be sent to Councillor King's office. Send any comments/concerns to Ari, it will be submitted soon.

New Edinburgh News (Christina and Karen): Seeking new editor(s) and support is needed to put the word out.

Heritage and Development (Gail McEachern): No report. Gail is attending the Heritage Day awards ceremony.

Friends of the Park (Karen Squires and Katherine Hall): Next park clean up is on Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day). The team continues to work with Rideau Valley Conservation Authority on shore cleanup. Talking to the City about potential tree planting, more recycling and green bins, more park benches. Possible resurfacing of the tennis courts – also still working on the potential for a pickleball court.

Traffic and Safety (Jason Tavoularis): No report.

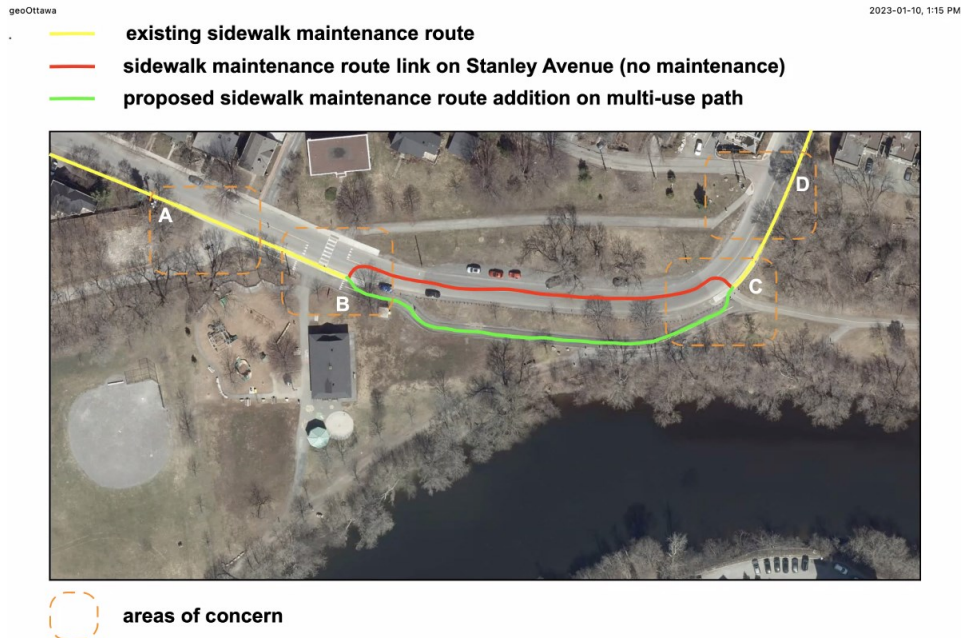
Communications (Cindy Parkanyi): Cindy and David working on setting up a Google workspace – this means that NECA executive/chairs will have Google accounts that will be linked to various roles, allowing information to be shared/shifted when needed while keeping everything in one Google Drive.

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

5. Community group updates

CCC (Chris): Bulk order for apparel will be finalized tomorrow and people will be contacted as soon as it is available for pickup/delivery. Films at the Fieldhouse: March 11 (and maybe 12th as well). Plant Day in New Edinburgh is on Saturday before Mother's Day (May 6).

Issues with winter maintenance on NCC MUP near the Fieldhouse (see image below). The ask is for the area represented by the green line be maintained to continue the path (connect the two yellows). Chris and Jason to work with Erin on this issue for a potential meeting with the NCC and an article in the NEN.



NECTAR (Sean): No report.

Community Collective (Ray): No report.

Kichi Sibi Trails (Cindy): NECA was acknowledged for efforts that have started to rename the park. Planning has started for the next Chief Pinesi Day on July 1st.

6. Other Business

- Meeting with MP Mona Fortier
 - o Send contributions to Ray, both Ray and Cindy will arrange a meeting.

7. Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 9:51.
- Next NECA Board meeting on March 21 @ 7:30pm