

Woodpark Community Association
Sept 19, 2018 monthly meeting.

Location: Woodroffe Park Field House, 180 Lockhart Ave

Present: Etienne LeRiche, Don Wood, Celeste Mackenzie, Stephen Kassner, Stephanie Kajenski, Sue Biscopic, Erin Hanlon

Absent with regrets: Greg Lavigne, Larry Ladell, Tanya Krupilnicki , Kate Punett, Tom Marcantonio
Others none

Minutes taken by: Celeste

Call to Order: Stephen convened meeting at 7:00 pm

Addition or deletionsApproval of June minutes: Approved with deletion of the recommendations in the transportation section, the sentence: "Speed bumps on Woodland (residents don't necessarily want sidewalks but do need traffic calming options).

Business arising from minutes: Next month's minutes to be taken by Etienne.

Treasurer's report: E-mailed previously by Tanya. Clarification was made that the garden funds in the report referred to City grant for Ancaster Ave. planters, and not the Common Ground Community Garden.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation:

Erin reported that there will be a parking pilot project: From Dec. 1 to March 31 during which parking will be restricted to one side of Lawn Ave. At its western end, Lawn is less than 15 ft. wide, and therefore, too narrow for parking. The side of the street is yet to be determined.

Hard services.

Celeste gave summary of Sept. 13 meeting with group of city reps. regarding WCA active transportation draft proposal. The main objective of the meeting, chaired by Robert Grimwood, Transportation Policy and Networks Branch. was to learn about the technical aspects of the proposed infrastructure. City reps. advised that main proposed north-south and east-west locations for sidewalks was sound given connectivity they would provide, but emphasized cost of retrofitting sidewalks and sewers, as well as added cost of snow removal from grass boulevards. It was suggested that it would be timely to request a sidewalk on Edgeworth Ave. given that street is to be soon reconfigured to LRT. Applications for further sidewalks could be submitted when the City's sidewalk and cycling master plans are to be updated in coming years. Celeste will provide more details about meeting separately

A city crew filled many pot holes in Woodpark in Aug. Celeste to post query on Facebook asking residents to report if any work is still needed.

Community Security: No report

Communication.

Etienne reported two complaints made regarding the location of sandwich boards left on curbs, including one for the blocking of driver sightline. Don said he would contact an acquaintance who owns sign business, about getting free, easy-to-handle signs with plastic covers made of lexen.

A request was made that a group board member e-mail be set up. Stephen will take care of this.

Community Development. The community garden's Harvest Festival took place Sept. 15. No report.

Environment: No report

Food sustainability: No report

Zoning and Development:

485 Ancaster Ave. development: Stephanie reported on Aug. 28 meeting between several WCA board and committee members, and developers. The developers pledged to change address to Woodroffe or Carling Ave. address. Main WCA worries are about traffic problems that could develop from "right-in right-out" entries/exists on both Woodroffe and Carling, as well as look and proximity to neighbours, of six story building on north side. Developers plan on deeding small area to City for a park, and WCA could participate in park planning. Further details available in Stephanie's report submitted along with these present minutes.

493 Wentworth variance application: Larry submitted a letter to the Committee of Adjustment on the variance application to tear down a detached home and construct a semi, encouraging that the City save an old hardwood tree in front yard at this address.

Governance:

Celeste suggested that in order that WCA communication accurately reflects WCA board opinion, all correspondence to external entities, including the City and developers, from any WCA board member must be approved by a majority of board members when such communication consists of a submission, opinion or comment, etc., on policy, development, and other initiatives. Approval may be given at monthly meetings, or via e-mail. Simple requests for information do not require approval. This was unanimously agreed upon (or at least there were no stated objections), and Celeste was asked to come up with wording to be approved as part of these minutes.

Should deadlines not allow for the approval process to take place, a board member can make a submission as an individual with copies to the WCA e-mail address, and all or any other board members.

Park Enhancement:

Etienne will enquire with City about possibility of converting empty lots on east and west side of Edgeworth at Richmond into a park or green space.

Correspondence:

Carlingwood Community Association All Candidates meeting, Oct. 9. Sue will follow-up regarding WCA involvement. Even if no official role is taken on, WCA board members are encouraged to attend as individuals.

John Blatherwicke has suggested that a second WCA board member participate in these meetings given that each association can have two reps.

A request from mayoral candidate Clive Doucett to meet to discuss WCA concerns was declined due to lack of time.

Other

The pros and cons of the field house for meeting was briefly discussed. It seemed like the majority prefer to return to library given that it is better located in the neighbourhood, more comfortable, and only costs a few dollars more. The 8:30 cut off was also seen as an advantage to some. Don said he would ask about cost to meet at Lady Fatima school.