**Woodpark Community Association**

Minutes

**October 18, 2017 Meeting**

7h to 8:30h

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|  | **Board Members:** |  |
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**Other participants: Mary and Rick Green**

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| **Item #** | **Discussion and Decisions** | **Responsibility** |
|  | **Opening remarks**  Larry Ladell opened the meeting at 7:05pm. |  |
|  | **Approval of Agenda**  The agenda was approved. |  |
|  | **Approval of minutes**  Minutes from Sept. meeting were approved once Celeste Mackenzie`s name was replaced by Stephen Kassner as person responsible for Communications. |  |
|  | **Business arising**  None |  |

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|  | **Treasurer’s Report**  The account balance is the same as last month: $1,232.06. $60.00 is owed to the Federation of Citizens` Associations (2016 and 2017 fees), which has not cashed the issued cheque. |  |
|  | **Committee Reports**  Presented and discussed. Follow up items included in the Business Arising document.  Transportation:   * Ancaster planters are expected to come any day, signalling the official closing of the northern connection to Carling. Two neighbours have agreed to plant and take care of plants. ***Celeste will contact them to inform that the Common Ground Community Garden can donate several drought-hardy perennials next spring.*** * Some residents on Hartleigh St. have started a petition to reduce street`s speed limit to 40 km per hour.   Hard Services:   * Lawn Parkette update. The city has decided to create bioswails in the future Lawn Parquette. An Oct 6 e-mail from the LRT Stage 2 Team seemed to indicate that this decision was taken based on residents` preferences shown at and soon after the Sept. 15 Open House attended by approximately 10 community members, despite the fact that consultation has been going on for several months. The WCA has supported a flatter, more natural space. ***Valerie will ask Chris Swail, Director, O-Train Planning,******to explain******how decision was made, and to invite city rep. to next WCA meeting.*** * Sidewalks. North-south and east-west sidewalks are needed to allow pedestrians to safely cross the neighbourhood in all directions, including to the future New Orchard LRT station. This is not currently possible. Such critical infrastructure would be used by Woodparkers and residents outside the neighbourhood, and should be paid for by the city. Woodland or Ancaster would be good north-south routes because they are busy streets that extend from Carling to Byron. Lawn or Midway are potential west-east routes.   The prior installation of storm sewers would be required. This infrastructure is also greatly needed given the probability of more extreme rainfall, such as what we experienced this summer and fall. ***Celeste will contact City Hall to find out what the process is to request sewer/sidewalk installation, and how the city prioritizes sidewalk construction.***  Community Security:   * Neighbourhood Watch. The commitment to establish NW is quite heavy and probably not necessary given our very low crime rate. Board members are encouraged in any case, to attend a Nov. 7 information session about the program.   Communications:   * Brain storming is needed about how to make WCA website more interactive and relevant to residents. * ***Larry will post a community newsletter again next month on Facebook and website***.   Recreation, Environment and Social:   * If Chili cook-off event is to be held this winter, a volunteers or volunteers to take charge are needed. * Given the number of large trees lost in the neighbourhood this autumn, Ottawa’s Trees in Trust program should be promoted in the neighbourhood via website, Facebook, and city brochures. ***Celeste will contact the City for more information and brochures, and will spread the word.***   Food Sustainability:   * The Common Ground Community Garden is receiving requests for garden plots for 2018.   Zoning and Development:   * There is a tentative meeting set for Nov. 7 with developers of the Woodland/ Walsh property to discuss new designs for a semi and detached homes. |  |
|  | **Other Items** |  |
|  | **Correspondence**  Nothing presented for discussion. |  |
|  | **Adjournment**  8:15pm.  Approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  L. Ladell  Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |