



Minutes AVCA General Meeting

Tuesday April 18th 2023 7-8:30

Rideau Park United Church

Facilitator: Stephanie Glover, President

Minutes: Janet Mark Wallace, Vice-President

Attending: Michel Haddad, Janet Mark Wallace, Garry Lindberg, Eric McCabe, Clinton Cowan, Debra Lowe, Lynne Davidson-Fournier, Stephanie Glover, Susan Clarke, Gillian Cooper, Victoria Askin, John Langstone, Jim Bonta, Anthon Denton, Gretchen Denton

Regrets: Adrienne Stevenson, Michelle St Germain, Christopher Dean, John Redins, Morgan Gay, Jen Czaban

Approval of Agenda

The April 18th General Meeting agenda was corrected to show Stephanie Glover as President, not Vice President

Moved by Garry, seconded by Debra, to approve the agenda for April 18th 2023.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes of March 21st 2023.

The following amendments were made to the March 21st minutes:

1. Susan Clarke was present
2. Under Councillor's Report, "Heron Sr Centre back up and running" should read "Heron Road Community Centre will be back up and running in June".
"Townhall was held with Eastway Gardens regarding Coventry road" should read "Townhall will be held on May 23rd with Eastway Gardens regarding Coventry Road"

3. The report from Seniors Watch Alta Vista was not recorded in the March minutes. The following is a summary:
 - A. On March 15th, Shyrose Balloch from the South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre gave SWAV a presentation on Primary Care Outreach for isolated seniors.
 - B. SWAV has contacted the Council on Aging of Ottawa to gather information Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities.
 - C. SWAV offered Councillor Carr assistance in preparing a Strawberry Social in June.
 - D. SWAV continues to work on a guide on aging in place.
 - E. At the last SWAV meeting on March 14, all members expressed their preference for a virtual or hybrid meeting.

Moved by Gillian, seconded by Sue, to approve the minutes of March 21st 2023.

CARRIED

Councillor Report

The following report was supplied by Councillor Marty Carr:

Council/City Initiatives

Strategic Planning exercise underway
Budget 2024 consultations to start
TMP Phase 1 released
Housing Accelerator Fund announced - affordable housing
Cleaning up after storm
Solid Waste Master Plan

Ward initiatives and concerns

Trainyards- Buildings not going ahead at this time
Tremblay straightening ?
Museum of Science and Technology project
EA - Tremblay project
Tree loss and tree plantings

Catchment initiatives and concerns

Kilborn sidewalk/clean up
Encampment at FSC- FSC application
Riverside Hospital bike path
Ellwood House
Parks update
Robert Andrew Russell
Traffic

Upcoming dates

Hydro presentation -April 20
CHEO townhall - April 26
DSV presentation - April27
Coronation Park Safety Day -May 17
Eastway Gardens townhall- May 23
Seniors Lunch -June 13
Farmers Market- June 17
Strawberry Social- AVCA- June 21

Committee Updates

Planning and Transportation Committee

There is no new building construction imminent in the ward.

In the next few weeks, Canada Lands will be posting information on the future of the Federal Study Centre at 1495 Heron.

The Planning Committee is currently focusing on the new Zoning By-law Discussion Papers and Surveys, available at Engage Ottawa. The discussion papers themselves have a lot of detail, but the surveys offer very little opportunity for feedback. Residents are therefore encouraged to send their comments via email to Engage Ottawa, and copy the Councillor and the AVCA.

The first draft of the new Zoning By-Law should be out in the first quarter of 2024. More information on this will be coming out in the next issue of the Vistas newspaper.

Heritage Sub Committee

No report

Invasive Management and Land Restoration Committee

A glitch with City staffing has delayed our Consent to Enter request for the 2023 Dog Strangling Vine Removal Project. So far there are approximately 25 returning volunteers and 15 new

volunteers signed up for this summer. Michelle has submitted an application for 2023 funding, as she has personally incurred about \$1000 in expenses, growing over 5000 native plants this year.

Michelle will be presenting a DSV removal Workshop at the April 27th Ward 18 Environmental Series,

Seniors Watch Alta Vista

SWAV welcomed two new members this month. They have been working on the issue of aging in place. A vote passed at the Board meeting tonight, to have SWAV join the Council on Aging.

Neighbourhood Watch

Adrienne Stevenson thanked Jen Czaban for posting the updated Neighbourhood Watch information to the AVCA web site. Members can access this information on the site now. The links still remain to be incorporated into the text.

Greenspace Stewardship Committee

The Greenspace Stewardship Committee reviewed their priorities for the future and settled on the following:

Holding a tree giveaway at the Alta Vista Market September 30

Cleaning the Capital over May 7th and 8th

Installing low maintenance gardens of native species around the signs in WRENS way

Organizing a path-lining event, installing signage, and reporting draining issues in Pleasant Park Woods

Following up on reports of encroachment by homeowners into public spaces

Collaborating with CAFES on a Climate Change Workshop June 6th

Monitoring and providing feedback to the City on plans for a pathway through WRENS Way

Developing walking tours of local sites

Participating in the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's City Stream Watch program.

Recruiting volunteers to help keep trees watered at Featherston and Hillcrest Schools, and Kilborn Park.

Climate Change, Environment, and Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability

The AVCA has agreed to co-host with Riverview Park Community Association a workshop on Climate Change, on Tuesday June 6th, 7-9 PM at the Trinity Church of the Nazarene. The

workshop is organized by the Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability and the City of Ottawa.

Power Outages in Alta Vista in last 11 Months

1. Derecho (Saturday May 21, 2022)

Power Grid and Distribution System Impacted (1)

190,000 (54%) Hydro Ottawa customers lost power (1)

50% customers restored within 48 hours

Others were without for up to 14 days

2. Winter Storm (Friday December, 2022, outages began 1am)

Distribution System Impacted (1)

155,000 (43%) Hydro Ottawa customers lost power

50% customers restored within 12 hours

Full restoration within 48 hours

3. Ice Storm (Wednesday April 5, 2023)

Distribution System Impacted (2, 3)

270,000 (75%) Hydro Ottawa customers lost power

(50% customers restored information not available yet)

Full restoration within 5 days

Information Source.

<https://hydroottawa.com/en/blog/what-year-top-five-outages-2022>

2. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-april-2023-ice-storm-power-outage-1.6805527>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/freezing-rain-ice-storm-april-6-2023-1.6803357>

3. Joseph Muglia of Hydro Ottawa at April 20 briefing to Ward 18 residents.

Local Food Committee

The AVCA Local Food Committee's final winter meeting on April 3rd, with veteran Ottawa Seed Saver Greta Kryger, concluded that February 24th 2024 is the best date for a Seedy Saturday event in Ward 18 next winter. Emmanuel United Church has agreed to host, with the event sponsored by their Social Action Committee.

The AVCALFC has invited Greta to hold a seed-saving workshop in the allotments in late August, date and time to be confirmed.

The AVCALFC is hosting a Jane's Walk through the Allotment Gardens on Sunday May 7th at 11AM. Registration is limited to 35 people and can be done through the central Jane's Walk Ottawa web site.

St Thomas the Apostle Church will again be growing food for the Food Bank on its grounds over the summer. The AVCALFC will be on site from 10 to 12 Saturday mornings through the spring to help prepare for planting. Volunteers of all ages are welcome.

Herongate Steering Committee

The Herongate Community will be Cleaning the Capital in Sandalwood Park on Friday May 5th 4-5:50. All volunteers welcome.

Federation of Citizens Associations

The next monthly FCA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 19th 2023 (tomorrow).

President's Report

The Awesome Alta Vista Garage Sale will take place Saturday June 10th across Ward 18. St Thomas the Apostle Church will be holding its own sale in the parking lot of the church. The AVCA has reserved space for a Book Sale, with proceeds going to fund entertainment at the Alta Vista Market over the summer.

The Ottawa Street Markets sixteen-week in-person season opens on June 17th. Mark Sutcliffe, Mayor of Ottawa, will be in attendance to open the market. As with last season, there are plans for live music, entertainment, hot food, coffee, and a picnic area, in addition to fifteen vendors per week.

A Strawberry Social event is in the works for Billings Estate, in collaboration with the Councillors office and Seniors Watch Alta Vista.

The Christmas wreathes that line Alta Vista Drive are due to be taken down any day. The snow has to be completely melted for it to be safe to place ladders under the poles. This job is done every year on a volunteer basis by Black and Macdonald Construction, and the wreathes are stored over the summer at the Canterbury Community Centre.

Question: The AVCA once presented a "Community Partner of the Year" award at the AGM. Could we present it in 2023 to Black and Macdonald in recognition of their ongoing commitment to look after our wreathes?

Answer: Yes, this is a good idea and we should discuss further.

Adjournment

Moved by Clinton, seconded by Lynne to adjourn. CARRIED.

Next AVCA General Meeting: May 16th 7-8:30 PM.

Deadline for Agenda Items: Friday May 12th