



**AVCA General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 21st 2023 7-8:30 PM**

Facilitator: Stephanie Glover, President

Attending: Gillian Godwin, Victoria Askin, Michael Brett, Francine Beaupre, Wally Kozar, Gillian Cooper, Sharon, Irene Bilinsky, John Langstone, Lynne Davidson-Fournier, Garry Lindberg, Michelle St. Germain, Janet Mark Wallace, Marty Carr, John Anderson, Edward, Susan Clarke, Maureen Drouin, Eric McCabe, Scot Nickels, Brian Le Conte, Donna Smeaton, Sue Friedlander

Agenda items	
7:00 to 7:02 Approval of Agenda	Moved - Stephanie Seconded – Lynne Approved
7:02 to 7:05 Approval of Minutes from General Meeting January 17th 2023	Amend attendees, Gillian Cooper mentioned twice Moved – Gillian Cooper Seconded - Eric Adopted as amended
7:05 to 7:20 Update from Councillor Marty Carr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council update – budget discussions, key discussions on affordable housing, alternate mental health response (social service vs police), increase transit services, widen airport parkway – budget followed by strategic planning – mayor's committee to examine efficiencies & streamlining e.g. environmental • Committees vs Boards – MC on 5 committees & 3 boards, boards institutional rather than political (appointees) • Ward update – zoning a popular issue, more available on this in April; PDCs in Heron (until May) & Dempsey (until August) community centres – need to service disadvantaged youth – both youth & senior programming needed – Canterbury Levy (3 more years) • Planning & Development – 1244 Kilborn – try to tie to specific heights – 1247 Kilborn will be a private sale – 1495 Heron coming up soon – Heron Gate new buildings "as of right" – not just apartments – 1335-39 Bank St meeting this week – Bank Street redesign meeting with Menard – to get the layby out of the plan will require major community engagement • Provided list of upcoming activities
7:20 to 8:10 Committee Updates	
Planning and Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expansion of Ronald McDonald House • CHEO – new parking garage, treatment centre – both will be

Committee	<p>several storeys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 7 – public open house on Bill 23 impacts • Bank St renewal engagement starting Feb 27 – impact to narrow the roadway – safety concerns – open house March 9 Ridgemont HS • Rezoning bylaw – upcoming • Vacant unit tax – deadline March 15 • full report will be on web-site
Greenspace Stewardship Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kilborn Park DSV team will continue work on invasive species, tree planting in parks & schoolyards • invited to meetings with MC & CAFES – city tree planting • scoping out gardens in Wrens Way for 2024
Seniors Watch Alta Vista (SWAV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Community Health Centre, presentation to committee with offer for community info session • two more coming on Primary Care & Outreach for Seniors • article for Vistas • budgetary proposal to put idea to Council for better coordination of seniors' information & assistance (proposal to create sub-committee of Board of Health) • SWOOS followed SWAV lead on the proposal
Neighbourhood Watch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft article on the program was submitted to VISTAs and provided to the Board. • Canterbury Community Association is holding a Community Safety Town Hall on February 28, at which our Councillor and Community Police Officer will attend. Representatives of other Ward 18 Community Associations' NW programs are also expected to attend. • The email address set up for AVCA's NW is nw.avca@gmail.com. • We will continue to seek volunteers to work within our neighbourhoods to participate in NW. • The NW page on the AVCA web-site is under review for revision at a later date.
Local Food Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ottawa Street Markets delivers of online orders to St Thomas the Apostle Church, Saturday mornings at 11 AM throughout the winter • Just Food will be holding their annual Seedy Saturday seed exchange at Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre on Saturday March 4th from 10AM to 3PM. • Free seedlings are available from the AVCALFC to anyone who wishes to grow food for the Food Bank this summer. • Support the Food Bank Garden at St Thomas by setting up a composter and donating the compost. • Two meetings remain in the series of six winter meetings at St Thomas Church. All welcome, but please RSVP • March 13th: Urban Bees. Guest lecturer Scot Nickels • April 3rd: 2024 Seedy Saturday for Ward 18. Guest lecturer Greta Kryger • For more information on all the above contact the AVCALFC at

	contact@avca.ca
Herongate Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting in March. Had a fun day on Feb 11. Lost & found items not picked up were donated.
Federation of Citizens Associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AVCA is a member of the Federation of Citizens Associations of Ottawa, a non-partisan, volunteer-driven, federation of community associations and other like-minded organizations, with 70 members from across urban, suburban, and rural parts of the National Capital region. • The FCA focuses on issues related to good planning, transportation, sustainable development, affordable housing, well-informed decision-making, and good governance. • The FCA welcomes new members on their board and committee and can be contacted through information@fca-fac.ca
8:10 - 8:20 President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alta Vista Park family fun day Feb 20, 350-400 attending. Well attended, good feedback. People want more activities. • AVCA co-sponsored with others and provided some on-site support. • Market launch coming • Book sale in June – fundraising for market – collecting donated books for this event • May host a pancake breakfast • Not sure about picnic but will have an event at Billings Estate. • Food drive, bottle drive, other activities possible. • Ideas welcome at contact@avca.ca
8:20 - 8:30 Questions / Roundtable	Request for members to send their contact information to contact@avca.ca
Adjournment	Moved Lynne Seconded Garry
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Deadline for Agenda Items: Friday March 17th	