

ALTA VISTA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING



Minutes

7:00 p.m. March 21, 2023

Executive Committee Members Present: Clinton Cowan, Janet Mark Wallace, Morgan Gay, Eric McCabe.

Directors: Garry Lindberg, Michel Haddad.

Guests & Members: Rick Strong, Victoria Askin, Mona Gudjurgis, Paul Gudjurgis, John Langstone, Linda Mathies, Gillian Cooper, Brian LeConte, Ann Good, Susan Clarke.

ITEM	DECISION/DISCUSSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome 	Janet Mark Wallace, AVCA Vice President, opened the General Meeting and welcomed attendees.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of November Minutes 	M- Garry Lindberg 2 nd – Victoria __. Carried.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from Councillor Carr 	Councillor Carr provided update that included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget approved unanimously March 8th. Pledge to build more homes. Changes made to insurance policy provided by the city will impact AVCA. Need to fill out questionnaire. Proposal coming. Assigned to program and services review committee. Not there to privatize services. Heron Road Community Centre Centre will be back up and running in June. Going to fill potholes in Grasshopper Hill parking lot. Work to begin soon on Sandalwood Park. Cheo townhall to be scheduled next month. Townhall will be held on May 23rd with Eastway Gardens regarding Coventry road. Will be hosting events at Heron Rd Community Centre.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee 	Planning and Transportation Committee - Garry

Updates

Lindberg

- Committee has released update concerning proposed master transportation plan. On website.
- Second part of draft master transportation plan not out yet – will include new transportation routes.
- Rapid transit slated for Heron Rd and Walkley for 2035.
- Open house regarding Bank St rebuild took place.
- Preliminary work to begin this year, 1.9 kilometers, Ayers Rd to Bridge.
- 1335/1339 Bank owner has asked for layby.
- City of Ottawa housing pledge has been passed – 151,00 homes by 2031.
- Staff recommending changes to bylaws because of Bill 23.
- Offset and setbacks and height restrictions to remain in place.
- 7 discussion papers on the City website. 3 months set aside for consultation.
- Official plan has been passed by city and is now before the Province.
- Parking garage at CHEO needs approval.

Heritage Sub-Committee – Xavier Bradbury (Read by Janet Mark Wallace)

Since the sub-committee's founding in September of last year, it has:

- solidified its membership
- held four meetings
- reviewed important legislation such as the *Ontario Heritage Act*
- explored the work of heritage-related committees in other community associations in Ottawa
- is discussing a mandate, to be presented at a later date
- is discussing having a presence at the annual picnic at Billings Estate to meet with neighbours and promote the committee, as well as stimulate interest.

Invasive Species Management and Land Use Committee Update – Michelle St Germain (Read by Janet Mark Wallace)

- Project Leader Michelle St-Germain will seek to include Lynda Lane in the new agreement, in addition to Wren's Way and Kilborn Park.

- While the main target will remain the Dog Strangling Vine, the new Agreement will be re-named Invasive Species Management, in order to permit additional trial efforts.
- AVCA will continue to operate this DSV pilot project for 2023, under the project leadership of Michelle St-Germain and the work shall be performed by teams under the direction and supervision of the Project Leader.
- Best efforts will be used to include Lynda Lane as a third work site and will examine options to expand the work to tackle other Invasive species.

Neighbourhood Watch – Adrienne Stevenson (Read by Janet Mark Wallace)

- Adrienne attended the Community Safety Town Hall on February 28th and will use the information to update the Neighbourhood Watch page on the AVCA site.

Seniors Watch Alta Vista – Report Submitted by Lynne Davidson-Fournier

- On March 15th, Shyrose Balloch from the South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre gave SWAV a presentation on Primary Care Outreach for isolated seniors.
- SWAV has contacted the Council on Aging of Ottawa to gather information Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities.
- SWAV offered Councillor Carr assistance in preparing a Strawberry Social in June.
- SWAV continues to work on a guide on aging in place.

At the last SWAV meeting on March 14, members expressed their preference for a virtual or hybrid meeting.

Local Food Committee – Janet Mark-Wallace

- Ottawa Street Markets has confirmed that the in-person market will return to the grounds of St Thomas the Apostle Church, Saturday from 9 to 1, from June 17th to October 7th. Online orders continue to be delivered to St Thomas the Apostle Church, Saturday mornings at 11 AM until then. There is no minimum order required.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Thomas will again be growing food for the Food Bank on its grounds over the summer. The AVCA will be running a Saturday morning garden activity during the market to encourage volunteers of all ages to get involved. • The AVCALFC hosted a presentation on urban bees on Monday March 13th, which was attended by the Local Food Committee members as well as some of the St Thomas gardeners and other interested members of the AVCA. • The final AVCALFC meeting will take place on Monday April 3rd and we will be hearing a presentation from Greta Kryger, a leading Ottawa advocate on seed saving. All are welcome, but please RSVP through the AVCA site. • The AVCALFC will be hosting a Jane’s Walk through the allotment gardens on Sunday May 7th. Meeting place will be at the north end of the gardens. RSVP through the Ottawa Jane’s Walk site <p style="text-align: center;">Greenspace Committee – Gillian Cooper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee is currently undergoing a prioritization exercise. • A membership survey going out this Friday for input and recruitment purposes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morgan Gay as AVCA rep on Heron Emergency Food Centre spoke about the need for donations to HEFC. • https://www.hefc.ca/support-us • Discussion concerning whether or not to continue meetings virtually or in person.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment 	<p>M – Morgan Gay 2nd – Garry Lindberg. Carried.</p>