

LCA General Meeting

May 8, 2017

Attendance: 19 people

1. Introductions
2. Approval of agenda items and notes from last meeting
3. **LCA AGM:** Ideas, community feedback and volunteers
 - a. Thierry went over content of the AGM, including the board business and the guest speaker we have invited to speak about the history of Lowertown.
 - b. Options for anyone who may want to have a display at the meeting. Community associations already will have tables, but options for more.
 - c. Residents are encouraged to invite friends and neighbours to attend the meeting, to learn more about the LCA and to meet people with similar interests and concerns.
 - d. AGM is the time when the new Board is elected. If anyone is interested in getting involved in the LCA, either as a board member or on a committee, can sign up at the meeting.
**Nominations for Board members: info@lowertown-basseville.ca
 - e. Questions?
 - f. Volunteers?

4. **Pit bull discussion:**

-Stephane: there's an issue with a few specific dogs (pit bulls specifically) in Bordeleau Park, which are posing a threat to the children and other people using the park.

-in the off-leash dog park area, there's a conflict between people with dogs using the park and others who feel uneasy with this.

-Fleury: Bordeleau Park is officially a dog park, with the exception of a few areas where dogs are not allowed.

-there's a provincial ban on pit bulls in Ontario

-Ottawa bylaws enforce against "dangerous dogs", not just pit bulls. The tools exist for the city to enforce against dangerous dogs. But need to identify a time, location, address and owner for the city to follow up.

Liz B: recommends reaching out to Friends of Bordeleau Park and other residents/neighbours who would be impacted by changes to the dog park. Needs to be a closer community consultation process to decide the future of the park (i.e. on-leash, off leash, no dogs, etc).

Stephane: to get in touch with Fleury's office regarding hours, times, etc where the problematic dogs were seen in the park. Also encouraged to form a working group to address the broader question of the use of the park, and could get assistance from LCA and/or Friends of Bordeleau Park.

5. Councillor Fleury's update

a. seeking board members for the leadership of the Byward Market building (non-profit group)
-asking different membership groups to identify priorities for the non-profit to prioritize for the market
-would like submissions from community members on what should be prioritized for the content of the market building, who will manage the operations of the market building, and the outdoor vendors

b. Clean up of Rose Park and installation of adult fitness equipment
-overwhelmingly positive support for this project
-city wants to go ahead with the proposal, has to be designed, reviewed, soil sampled, and then the building process goes out to tender (6 weeks). Then building can go ahead.
-adding lines to tennis courts in Bordeleau Park for pickle ball.

c. Traffic/roads

-filled some potholes on King Edward, may just be temporary measure
-traffic calming measures on King Edward, adding flex posts along the right hand side of King Edward to ensure that cars aren't trying to squeeze into the half lane between parked cars and the lane over.

d. Sussex Dr

-bike lanes are in there, but still not enough safety measures
-adding flex posts all along Sussex to divide the bike lanes from the car lanes
-adding flex posts at entry points to St. Patrick bridge to force cars to respect the lanes

e. McDonald Gardens Park to be designated as a heritage park

-organizing a celebration/event for August 15th to recognize the park

f. George St Plaza (in the market) is opening May 12th, 12:30pm

g. Flooding in the Rideau River

-a few areas close to the Rideau river have been effected, including near the Rideau Tennis Club. Most impacted property in Lowertown is Lady Grey Drive (Ottawa Rowing Club).

h. Basseville en Fete: Saturday, May 27th – details still to come.

6. Committee Updates:

a. Planning committee:

- i. Planter boxes at St. Andrew and King Edward: LCA to donate up to \$200 to fill with plants/flowers.
- ii. Chateau Laurier: City in discussions with the builder about heritage requirements that must be met re renovations to the hotel. Discussion is slow moving. Redesign of the current structure is also underway. Urban design review panel to be used as a device for changing existing proposal. Mid-summer

soonest for new design to be submitted. Any public involvement/feedback on this process will be into fall 2017.

iii. Density issues discussed that Sandy Hill and Glebe are facing.

b. Environment Committee:

- i. Parks Summit was a great event and well attended, with lots of enthusiastic people.
- ii. Renewable Energy Strategy: held clean energy days across the city and met with City Councillors to ask for a commitment to renewable energy and energy efficiency, and financial commitment of 1.5 million. Lots of engagement with councillors and other community associations. Wrote a letter to the Mayor asking for a meeting, which he refused. Groups to meet with David _____, and will continue to press the Mayor to meet with them.
- iii. Push for more useable space and walkability around byward market. Meeting with MP Nathalie Desrosiers on May 24th on this matter. Have requested a meeting with MP Mona Fortier in June (date TBD).
- iv. Cathcart Park: moving forward with tender for work in Cathcart Park.

c. Heritage Committee

- i. Received money from federal government for three students to work on projects over the summer (oral histories, house histories and McDonald Garden Park)
- ii. Working with 2017 Immigrant Heritage walking tours – dates will be between June 20 to June 30th.
- iii. One student is returning from a previous year to do more heritage-related work.

d. Community Safety Committee

- i. 2016 crime data coming out in July on the Ottawa Neighbourhood Study site
- ii. Going to invite OPS to a fall meeting to speak to the numbers and discuss how they're using stats to direct resources
- iii. Also going to invite reps from Sandy Hill community health center to speak on the new SIS coming in.
- iv. Developing a contact sheet for non-emergency services in Lowertown that relate to community safety.