

## Wellington Village Community Association AGM

May 17, 2016, Fisher Park School, 7:30-9pm

**Board Members:** Dave Allston, Catherine James McGuinty, Jim Provost, David Lindsay, Ashley Wright, Andrew Berube, Jason Thomson, Darcy Gillespie, Rick Van Loon, Gillian Salmond, Kimberly Patriquin, Lise Whitewolf.

**Community:** Diana Hall, Laine Johnson, Carl Widstrand, Suzanne Woo.

**1. 2015 AGM Minutes:** Approved by Ashley Wright, Seconded by Gillian Salmond.

**2. Laine Johnson, Citizens' Academy** ([www.citizensacademy.ca](http://www.citizensacademy.ca))

Citizens Academy is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization which helps citizens learn together, connect with each other and take action on issues important to community well-being. They do this by providing the knowledge, tools and self-confidence needed to constructively engage both citizens and institutions in service of creating a better city.

A Hopes and Fears exercise for Wellington Village was undertaken, using sticky notes and brainstorming. The notes were then grouped into categories:

### Hopes

- More parks/public gathering spaces/greenspace
- More learning opportunities, through Rosemount Library expansion in particular
- Diverse and affordable neighbourhood
- Effective transit options/traffic movement
- Wellington as a vibrant commercial street
- Development that respects infill guidelines and community plans

### Fears

- Loss of greenspaces to overdevelopment
- Aging schools
- Unsafe/congested traffic
- Loss of neighbourhood character/historic buildings/backyard lanes

Laine suggested that this exercise could be repeated periodically as a means of tracking the priorities of the Association and community over time.

**3. President's Remarks (Jim Provost)** - Although the year did not include one single defining issue, as had been the case with the Mizrahi development proposal in 2014-15 (it was ultimately approved in 2016), WVCA still accomplished a lot! Some examples of our activities...

- **NEIGHBOURHOOD HISTORY** - Local historian and WVCA Board Member Dave Allston writes on local history for *The Kitchissippi Times*, and also at his blog *The Kitchissippi Museum* (<http://kitchissippimuseum.blogspot.ca/>). Dave has also started the Kitchissippi History and Heritage Group, which will hold its second meeting on June 5, from 2-4pm in the large hall at Kitchissippi United Church. Thanks Dave for all your efforts!

- **ROSEMOUNT LIBRARY EXPANSION:** Rick Van Loon represents WVCA on the Rosemount Expansion And Development (READ) Group, which he is chairing. READ hosted well-attended meetings in March and April to brainstorm on possible upgrades for Rosemount and set priorities. The consultations resulted in questions and recommendations for the Library Board; Councillor Leiper will also present a report on the consultations to the Board in June. (READ may also write a report.) Overall, the aim is to obtain funding in the 2017 city budget.

- **SPENCER STREET REHABILITATION:** WVCA, led by Lise Whitewolf and Kimberly Patriquin, participated in the community consultation process and provided suggestions and feedback to the City on proposed cycling infrastructure improvements and traffic calming measures. Within this process, the City has agreed to implement raised intersections at Ross, Smirle and Huron, along with a sidewalk on the south side of Spencer between Huron and Holland. WVCA will continue to advocate for traffic calming for Ross, Smirle, Huron and other north-south streets between Wellington and Scott.

- **FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS:** WVCA was represented by Gillian Salmond at FCA meetings.

- **DEVELOPMENT:** We continued to support and encourage those developments within our community that comply with our Community Design Plan and existing bylaws, and to actively engage in/comment on development proposals of broad interest to the community, such as the proposal for a drive-thru coffee shop at 70 Richmond (Island Park-Richmond intersection, and site of the Heritage-designated gas station).

#### 4. Open Discussion

**2016-17 Priorities:** For the coming year, Jim would like to revisit the Hopes and Fears exercise to reach consensus on one or more things which the Association can focus on in order to make a difference. Possibilities include engaging in the discussions on the future of Island Park Drive, and/or initiating a renewed sign campaign related to slowing traffic on residential streets.

**Membership Campaign:** The idea of a renewed campaign to broaden the WVCA contact list was raised. Ashley Wright and Darcy Gillespie agreed to look into costs of a WVCA advertising postcard drop-off campaign.

**Meeting Format:** There was discussion about holding longer meetings, or perhaps holding smaller group discussions of formal or informal WVCA committees following (or separate from) the regular monthly meetings.

**Support for Refugees:** A survey sent to the WVCA mailing list in January revealed that a number of residents on our mailing list are interested in getting involved in helping refugees moving to Ottawa. Discussions over the past two months have revealed that organisations such as OCISO, Catholic Immigration Centre (CIC) and Refugee613 are not taking more volunteers at this point because they're overwhelmed, and the demand right now is for criminal-record-passed people with cultural knowledge and language skills. Ashley did obtain information on a CIC program which matches community organisations to government-assisted refugees, and she suggested that we revisit this issue in the fall to see if there is a greater need for volunteers at that point.

**Meeting on Proposed Infill Development at 6 Gilchrist (Gilchrist and Scott):** WVCA has been invited to a meeting on Wednesday, May 18th at Hintonburg Community Centre to discuss a proposal to create 4 new residences (2 semi-detached buildings) facing Scott Street at Gilchrist. Reaction to the initial

drawings was quite negative in terms of aesthetics (out of character with surrounding homes), size, narrow laneway access and loss of trees.

#### **5. Treasurer's report, 2015-16 (David Lindsay)**

<b>Opening Balance</b>	\$2,409.51
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Space Rental for Monthly Board Meetings (10 Monthly Meetings at \$13.20-\$13.80 per meeting)	\$108.60
Contribution to READ Rosemount Campaign	\$50.00
All Candidates Meeting in Cooperation with Hampton Iona Community Group:	\$67.16
Membership in Federation of Community Associations	\$30.00
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	\$225.76
<b>Income</b>	
Interest Earned	\$1.19
Membership and Miscellaneous Income	\$518.80
<i>Total Income</i>	\$518.99
<b>Closing Balance</b>	\$2702.74

#### **6. Board Member Nominations** (Executive positions will be chosen at the next Board meeting.)

All WVCA Board members – Andrew Berube, Darcy Gillespie, Catherine James-McGuinty, David Lindsay, Kimberly Patriquin, Jim Provost, Gillian Salmond, Jason Thomson, Rick Van Loon and Ashley Wright – expressed a desire to remain on the WVCA Board. Suzanne Woo expressed her willingness to join the board. The Board now consists of 11 members.

**7. Future 2015 meeting dates** – Tuesdays, June 21 is the final meeting before the summer break (7:30pm, Fisher Park School). Fall meetings will be tentatively scheduled at this meeting.

**8. Motion to adjourn** (Jim Provost).