

**WVCA Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, September 13, 2016  
7:30 PM, Fisher Park School**

**Attendance**

**Board Members:** Dave Allston, Andrew Berube, Darcy Gillespie, Jim Provost, Kimberly Patriquin, Jason Thomson, Suzanne Woo, Ashley Wright.

**1. Approval of June 2016 minutes** – to be re-circulated by email for final approval.

**2. Minuting of business conducted by email between meetings**

- **Proposed Superstore development:** A second consultation on the proposed two six-storey development proposed for the back of the Superstore lot was held on September 13. No one from the WVCA Board attended given the conflict with our meeting.

- **Reid Park:** Dave A. was able to participate in a tour, organised by the Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association, of the Reid Park field house (original stone farmhouse). The field house will be demolished in the coming weeks as part of the Reid Park renewal project. Dave noted that the field house is packed with Tulip Festival-related archival materials which may be destroyed in the coming weeks.

- **READ:** On September 6, Councillor Leiper presented to the Ottawa Public Library Board on behalf of the Rosemount Expansion and Development group and local residents in favour of finding a nearby location and building a new, expanded branch to deal with overcrowding. According to the Councillor's website, "the Board asked staff to return at budget time... with an option that would essentially put a pause on the current renovation plan pending an undertaking to build a business case for a new branch. In other words, rather than renovating in 2017, Library staff would undertake a review in 2017 of alternative locations and whether it would make sense to build a new branch versus renovate the old. The recommendations from that review would inform the Library's 2018 budget requests."

**3. Parks and Greenspace**

- **Pocket Park proposal** – In the spring, WVCA was approached regarding the possibility of creating a small park or greenspace in the area north of Wellington between Parkdale, Carleton Ave, Island Park Drive, and Scott Street. Goals of the initiative would be to increase greenspace in an area which lacks it, while simultaneously implementing a traffic calming measure for residential streets. The roadway section of Western where Spencer splits has been identified as one potential innovative location for such a greenspace. Numerous questions would need to be discussed (What sort of greenspace? Who would maintain the space? Etcetera...) The Board agreed to post a short document explaining the proposal on the WVCA website to solicit neighbourhood reaction.

**4. Traffic** – Jason agreed to contact Councillor Leiper's office [done, Sept 14] asking for updates, if any, on the Queensway on-ramp at Westgate, the future of Island Park Drive, and the Scott Street complete street proposal.

**5. Traffic Calming Street Signs** – Suzanne brought a supply of "Slow Down For Us" signs to the meeting for distribution.

**6. WVCA postcard marketing campaign** – At the June WVCA meeting, there was agreement to target a WVCA card drop in late-September-early October. Ashley and Darcy brought a draft postcard, which features photos of Island Park then and now on one side (other designs could use photos of Wellington Street, Byron tramway park, etc.) and examples of issues addressed by WVCA on the reverse, along with a request for residents to provide an email address to be added to the WVCA mailing list. Cost of the cards is \$300/5,000 cards, plus \$730 for delivery by Canada Post (which could be avoided if we recruit teenagers looking for volunteer hours to do the delivery).

## **7. Upcoming Events**

- Taste of Wellington, September 17.
- Kitchissippi Ward Forum meeting, September 18, 9am-12:00. Jim and Dave A will attend. For details, see <http://westborovillage.com/around-westboro/fall-kitchissippi-ward-forum-september-18/>.

**8. Dates for Next Meetings** – Gall meeting will be Tuesdays, October 11 and November 8. December date TBD.

**9. Motion to close.**