

**WVCA Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, October 11, 2016  
7:30 PM, Fisher Park School**

**Attendance**

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

Community: Mary Ellen Kot, Lon Nadler, Ken ?

**1. Approval of September 2016 minutes** – after edits to READ section, approved by Darcy, seconded by Kimberly.

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

- Board agreed to donate \$50 to Sir John A. Macdonald ski/walk/run/bike winter trail project along the Ottawa River. Dave Adams, who presented on the project at the recent Kitchissippi Ward Forum, is the project coordinator.

- *36 Edina*: WVCA received the Notice of Public Hearing for the October 19 Committee of Adjustment meeting for 36 Edina/615 Island Park Crescent, for which a 2006 application has been revised and re-activated. The proposal would see a subdivision of the parcel and application made for permission to build a one-and-a-half-storey detached house on the new parcel facing Island Park Crescent. To proceed, the owner, Barrett Weatherdon, requires variances for a reduced lot area, reduced rear yard setback and reduced side yard setback, as well as permission for a building height beyond what is permitted under the Infill Development Regulations.

The Board decided not to take a position on this proposal at this time, having not heard any community views (pro or con) on the proposal. Jim will check with the most affected neighbours.

**3. Rosemount Expansion and Development (READ):** Rick summarised what has occurred since the spring consultations and the release of the READ report, which concluded that the current library building is inadequate.

On September 6, three members of READ, along with Councillor Leiper, presented to the Ottawa Public Library Board on behalf of local residents in favour of finding a nearby library location and building an expanded branch to deal with the issue of lack of space. Next step will see discussions at the Nov and Dec meetings of the OPL Board regarding what could be done with the \$1M currently allocated in budget 2017 for Rosemount renovations. If it is determined that this funding will be insufficient, it is hoped that the OPL Board will put the current renovation plan on hold in favour of undertaking the building of a business case for a new branch (a review 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.

**4. 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...)

It was noted at the meeting that both Premier and Oakdale streets were formerly through streets at both ends, and that there is a current proposal to permanently close Pontiac Street in Champlain Park. The Board agreed to post a short document explaining the proposal on the WVCA website to solicit neighbourhood reaction. Jim will do this soon after the WVCA postcards

have been completed and delivered, and WVCA will also seek the views of the most affected households.

**5. Traffic** – No updates this month regarding the *Queensway on-ramp at Westgate*. According to the Councillor's office, MPP YasirNaqvi continues to work with the Ministry on a solution.

The *Scott Street complete street proposal* is planned only as far west as Smirle Avenue. Lise agreed to look into whether the Hintonburg group advocating for complete street changes for all of Scott has got off the ground.

No new traffic calming measures or changes to bike lanes are planned for *Island Park Drive* as part of the current repaving project, according to information received in September from the Councillor's office.

**6. Traffic Calming Street Signs** – Suzanne and Ashley have a supply of "Slow Down For Us" signs. It was decided to advertise their availability on the WVCA website.

**7. WVCA postcard marketing campaign** – At the June WVCA meeting, there was agreement to target a WVCA card drop in the fall. 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). It is hoped to distribute the postcards this fall (before December).

**8. Dates for Next Meetings** – Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 8. December date TBD.

**9. Motion to close.**