

WVCA Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, December 20, 2016 7:30 PM, Jim's House

Attendance

Board Members: Dave Allston, Andrew Berube, Darcy Gillespie, David Lindsay, Kimberly Patriquin, Jim Prentice, Gillian Salmond, Jason Thomson, Suzanne Woo.

Community: Vivian Knapp.

1. Approval of November 2016 minutes – approved by Gillian, seconded by Darcy.

2. Business conducted between meetings

- Jim sent Councillor Leiper an email summarising the WVCA discussion about the Spencer Street rehabilitation and design, including the addition of bike lanes.

- Jim sent Councillor Leiper an email noting that the proposal for a patio addition to The Diner had been discussed at the November WVCA meeting, and attached the 2009 WVCA letter for the Councillor's information.

- WVCA letters in favour of the new main library branch being located in Centretown were sent to the Mayor and to Ottawa Centre MP Catherine McKenna. The proposed location of the new main branch (at the east end of Lebreton Flats, near Bronson) was later announced.

- On December 7, Dave Allston submitted a letter to the Committee of Adjustment supporting the objections of Island Park Community Association (relating to heritage and character concerns for the proposed front setbacks) to the proposed development at 36 Edina.

3. Spencer Street Bike Lanes

The November discussion on Spencer Street and subsequent developments were discussed. Councillor Leiper responded to WVCA's questions on November 21. His email made these points:

"- There will be new 1.25m bike lanes on both the south and north sides, with the parking removed.

- Since the [March 9] public open house, the bike lanes and raised intersections were new. Neither were in the original proposal. Nothing has changed since my April 11 post.

- While my April 11 post referenced a petition on the parking, we did not circulate a petition. There are only 4 houses that would have been consulted, and we determined working with the City that there was consultation enough to proceed.

- My April 11 post on the blog, and sent via my email newsletter were the only means by which we informed people about the bike lanes. After my discussion with the WVCA, with the BIA, with the City and with residents from whom we heard by email, I'm confident the proposals have wide support. I had also asked the WVCA to send a note to residents, but was not counting on that as consultation. However, my understanding is that it did circulate a note, for which I am grateful."

Action: *It was agreed that WVCA would send another short note to the Councillor expressing our support for the bike lanes, and asking that usage of Spencer, including traffic patterns and speeds overall, be reviewed in a year.*

4. Postcard Mailout campaign

At the June WVCA meeting, there was agreement to target a WVCA card drop in the fall. The design features photos of Byron and Holland in the 1950s and now on one side 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 from Merge Printing in Hintonburg. Board members signed up in November for specific streets for delivery (teenagers looking for volunteer hours may also be recruited). Darcy reported that the cards, which were designed free of charge by her neighbour X, have been paid for and are ready for pick up, and the plan is to distribute them in mid-January after the holiday rush.

5. WVCA Parking Survey/ Kitchissippi Parking Strategy

On December 12, the following survey was sent to the WVCA mailing list:

The WVCA has received a notice that the idea of Paid Parking on Wellington (from Golden to the O-Train). Absolutely nothing is agreed to yet, and we're hoping to get your opinion on two options,

below:

Option 1 (if concurrence for paid parking):

- *Paid parking along Richmond Rd / Wellington St W / Somerset from the O-Train tracks to Golden Ave at a rate of \$2/hr, in effect from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:00am-5:30pm*
- *Uniform time limit of 2 hours along Richmond Rd / Wellington St W / Somerset from the O-Train tracks to Golden Ave, in effect 7-days a week*

Option 2 (if no concurrence for paid parking):

- *No additional paid parking*
- *Uniform time limit of 90 minutes along Richmond Rd / Wellington St W / Somerset from the O-Train tracks to Golden Ave, in effect 7-days a week*

There are certainly tradeoffs in each of the options. Paid parking will reduce traffic slowness on Wellington, but may increase parking on sidestreets. Much research has been done in terms of traffic usage, modal split (who comes by bike, by car, etc.), and the rest.

Jim reported that over 50 responses have been received, and they respondents were overwhelmingly against the imposition of paid parking. **Action:** *Jim agreed to write to the Councillor to inform him of the survey results, to request clarification on the statement (slide 31) in the Kitchissippi Parking Strategy presentation (circulated by the Councillor's office on December 7) that "In order for staff to trigger a change in rates, need concurrence from BIA, Community Association and Ward Councillor (per Delegation of Authority By-Law)," and to suggest that a better course of action than implementing paid parking would be to greatly increase enforcement to prevent cars from parking on Wellington for much longer periods than are permitted.*

6. Parks and Greenspace

The participatory sessions on improving Kitchissippi parks being led by Councillor Leiper were noted (<http://kitchissippiward.ca/content/update-web-survey-plan-your-parks-kitchissippi-parks-participatory-plan-consultation>). Two sessions are planned in January:

- January 26th, 6:30-9:00pm at Churchill's Senior's Centre (345 Richmond Rd)
- January 28th, 1:00-3:30pm at Tom Brown Arena (141 Bayview Rd)

From the Councillor's website: "This round will include a revisiting of the general themes of interest and how the specific ideas contributed in the first round fit within these themes. Participants will then be able to review feedback on specific ideas from city staff including price estimates and eligibility for the fund being accessed. Participants can then further specify these ideas or suggest new ideas that were not mentioned in the first round. The end goal of this session is to have a confirmed list of themes of interest, a more specific list of ideas for improvements, and to begin the conversation of how these specific ideas can be prioritized and funded over the next six years."

7. Complete Street for Scott Street

The meeting ended with discussion about the plans for Scott, and the extent to which they will result in Scott being a "Complete Street." (As far as anyone was aware, improvements to Scott are currently planned only as far west as Smirle.) **Action:** *Jim agreed to circulate screen shots of what had previously been committed to.*

8. Date and Location for upcoming Meetings – Fisher park school, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, all starting at 7:30.

9. Motion to close – Dave Allston, seconded by Darcy Gillespie.

Thanks to Jim for hosting!