

Heron Park Community Association (HPCA)
Community Zoom Meeting
May 3, 2022 7:00 pm

Present: Susan Carbone, Peter Heyck, Julia Driedger, Diane Burgess, Keltie Robertson, Linda Gama-Pinto, Doreen Smith, Aida NZ, Renso Vettoretti, Ben Fogel, Marie Bouchard, Rosella Mac Neil

Guests: Shawn Menard, Councillor (late)

1. Welcome, approval of April meeting minutes

Linda moved to approve the agenda; Doreen seconded.

Linda moved to approve the minutes from April meeting; Diane seconded.

Approved.

2. Spring Clean-up review

Linda told us that Randy & Léo cleaned Sawmill Creek bed and 3 homeless abandoned encampments were removed from the Sawmill Creek ravine. Concern was raised about camp fire pits being used in this area.

3. Miscellaneous items

Diane asked where they should put the garbage they collect during the clean-up work.
A: either put it out with your own garbage or bring it to the field house.

Julia also asked about cleaning up people's camps in the brush, asked whether we should be doing that. Linda said the ones they cleaned up had been abandoned, so there should be no problem.

Julia told us that she saw there are new crosswalks painted at Clementine and Rockingham – but just in the same two directions, not the additional two directions she had asked for. Keltie: Clementine and Belanger got some new ones too!

4. Riverside & Bank tower development (Linda)

A public meeting was held last week, with 2 attendees from the City Transportation group.

In 2005 the City had considered twinning the two roads (2 directions of Riverside) but the cost was too high. Bottom line: CAs would really like to see the road pulled together to make it safer and provide more green space.

If they were twinned, tenants' access to Riverside would need to be factored in their design plans.

Transportation analysts spoke but it was mostly just a discussion, no recommendations or plan for a follow-up.

Julia: Which side would be moved? Linda: It would be moved away from the river. Also, construction of the two buildings could go ahead and the roads could still be realigned later.

4. Councillor's Update (Shawn Menard, late arrival)

It's been kind of crazy lately, with Lansdowne 2.

The green bike lane rubber markings have disintegrated across major intersections along Heron Road (installed last year).

There are long waiting times for vehicles at Heron & Clementine and Heron & Clover traffic lights.

There is much work to do on 1400 Bank St. project. He has met with neighbours of the site.

Re painting street Yes, it's a waste to have the truck out every year, painting. We now have two that are used all the time.

Green paint is a thermoplast Used to mark speed limit, for example. Send a note to 311@ottawa.ca re worn paint so it gets added to the work log.

Grass along Heron Road that was planted last Fall (green spray seed) is just mud (although I did notice some green sprouting today). Comment: guerrilla gardening usually works, the City leaves it alone.

Peter met with Miles re affordable housing. What are incentives to developers to increase affordable housing? There is no policy in place to encourage building near transit hubs, it is only done by negotiation. For ex, there should be some at Riverside and Bank. We need more tools to do this. It won't be done by private sector. Density does not provide affordability.

Susan asked about the abandoned encampments near the creek. What can be done? It is part of a city wide problem. How should we address it? Re fire safety

Shawn In a couple of ways. Call Salvation Army, who send their van and try to get housing for the people. They'll return until they make a connection. Law enforcement doesn't solve problem.

Linda moved to end the meeting, Diane seconded. Meeting ended at 8:05.