

**Heron Park Community Association (HPCA)**  
**Board Members' Zoom Meeting**  
**October 11, 2022 7:00 pm**

This meeting was called after a technical problem resulted in very few people joining the regular HPCA meeting on Oct. 7.

**Present:** Susan, Mike, James, Rosella, Linda, Peter

**Regrets:** Nick

**Draft Agenda:**

1. Review of Accomplishments in 2021-22
2. Identification of Objectives for 2022-23
3. Planning the AGM
4. Discussion and Action Plan regarding Intensification Development in Heron Park
5. Board Member Communications
6. Other Business

The meeting began at 7:06

Linda moved to approve the agenda, James seconded.

**1. Accomplishments in 2021-22**

Given Covid and its complications, Linda said we've done remarkably well. Our FB page has >800 members, new people are joining every week.

We've progressed on the field house rebuild.

→ RMN will ask Nick to request a formal status of the field house demolition and new building, to be shared with HPCA.

Others include the group who got Kaladar rink going again, Léo's work on the orchard, Wednesday night BBQ, Spring and Fall clean-ups, organizing of councillor & mayoral candidates' debates, developing community input to the Bank St redevelopment, Billings Bridge Shopping Centre revamp, Riverside & Bank development, 1400 Bank at Kilborn.

The one exception is the winter carnival.

We also fought some aspects of development plans at Committee of Adjustment for Carlsen Ave, Chasseur, Clover St. E and W.

Much work went into trying to implement one sided parking in winter on some streets. and moving the stop sign on Clementine N.

→ RMN to send out a reminder to all to send us numbers of participants in the Fall clean-up.

**2. Objectives for 2022-23**

Bike lanes on Clover: the need is not as urgent now that we have a bike track on Heron. All we really needed was a "Bicycles excepted" sign at Heron.

In an effort to reduce on-street parking, Susan suggested we ask to require parking permits for on-street parking. This might get us closer to our objective, faster.

→ Susan will ask Mel to find out from parking Bylaw staff how we can require permitted parking on our streets.

Linda led a discussion about the problem of garbage caused by intensification – including the problem of rat infestation. Peter asked if there is a limit to the amount of garbage, the # of bags, put at the curb. Yes, in Kanata and some other areas, but not in our part of the city.

→ Let's talk to the garbage collection company about this problem.

Peter: we need to get the federal gov't involved, to provide more housing. Also the universities, especially Carleton U in OOS, to provide housing for their students. The mayor and our councillors must push for this as the provincial government is not planning to take action. This could be part of the Confederation Heights planning.

→ Linda will suggest this at the next Confederation Heights group meeting.

Outreach to renters re their rights and responsibilities, being good neighbours. Susan suggested we get a copy of what the councillor's office had done, modify it to suit us and ask Shawn to include it with his next e newsletter.

We should build links with other CAs.

Ward council meetings should be restarted, to help CA's in Capital ward to work together.

### **3. AGM Planning**

In person or zoom? Zoom is most sensible, given the Covid numbers.

We will invite just our councillor, and instead of inviting them to the AGM, ask the MPP & MP to send us a blurb which we'll send out. (Rationale: the MPP doesn't participate anyway and the MP's work is not very relevant at the individual citizen level.)

Instead, we will invite someone from Bylaw to describe their processes. On rooming houses, for example.

→ Susan will ask Mel who we should invite from Bylaw.

The AGM will include the Councillor's message, a discussion with Bylaw, the treasurer's report (James), the year in review and next year's objectives (Susan).

### **4. Intensification in Heron Park**

Susan & Linda met with Geoff Lowe from Ridgemont CA to talk about the problems that come with multi-unit developments. His neighbourhood is just starting to see the changes we've been experiencing. People have individual leases, they don't know each other, dens are rented out as bedrooms,...

→ Peter will contact someone at Carleton U and invite the person to talk to us at our Dec. meeting about how they can help accommodate their students, on campus and off.

### **5. Board Member Communications (Susan)**

We're doing a very good job with our FB page.

We will pass out fliers to every mailbox with invites to our FB, web page & email list. Linda will make up posters to put on the sandwich boards to advertise the AGM. Peter can print the copies, or we can use what we have already paid for at the UPS store. We will all help distribute the fliers.

Susan asked that when one of us emails the rest and asks for responses, please reply, even if it is to say No comment.

The meeting ended at 8:17.