

Heron Park Community Association (HPCA)
December Meeting (Zoom and in-person)
May 7, 2024 7:00 pm

Present:

In Person: Marta, Isabel, Veronica, Mirella, Diane, Shelly, Claire, James, Leo, Randy, Ben, Susan, Linda, Cynthia; Online: Peter, Clément, Robert, Cathy, Robert, Rosella, Mike

Guests: Miles Krauter (online)

Location: Heron Park Fieldhouse (and virtual on Zoom)

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

1. Welcome, Approval of Agenda (Susan)

After Susan welcomed everyone, she asked for approval of the agenda.

Linda moved to approve the agenda; Ben seconded the motion. Carried @ 7:09 pm.

2. Councilor's Report (Miles/Ariela)

a) Miles discussed topic of Fieldhouse progress and updates;

b) Miles is preparing a property standards bylaw specifically for Heron Park, based on the one approved for Sandy Hill;

c) An administrative Penalty System is being considered by city council, currently being used for red-light cameras, speed zones and parking; will likely be expanded to front yard parking

Questions/Discussion re: Fieldhouse

Susan: Ben, were you able to get any update re: the Fieldhouse?

Ben: No. Miles, can I put in another request that some pressure be put on Phil to get back to us with details on Fieldhouse developments?

Susan: Miles, can Ben follow up with Phil directly?

Miles: Yes, he can by email. And please CC our office.

Chris: Yes, it would be nice to learn more about plans for accessible parking for the Fieldhouse, also ...

Cynthia: Can we look into having a pickleball courts at Heron Park?

Susan: Miles, should we engage with Arila directly re: any questions about a pickleball courts?

Miles: Yes, for sure.

Questions/Discussion re: Bank Street Development

Ben: Miles, I noticed that there are some demarcation issues indicating bike lanes at certain points on Bank Street, especially Bank and Riverside. It seems to me this is a traffic safety issue ...

Mike: Right ... there's missing paint indicating bike lanes ...

Miles: Has anyone called 311 yet?

Ben: Claire, can you call 311 about the missing paint?

Miles: I will also follow up with city staff about this.

Susan: Any other questions for Miles?

Questions/Discussion re: Waste Collection

Susan: I have a question, Miles. Any chance of us getting a garbage bin at the bus stop located at Bank Street and Ohio Street? And some bins on the nature trail that many refer to as Jackson's Trail [near the tree orchard and Fieldhouse] for dog waste?

Miles: No news yet, Susan, but I will follow-up with city staff.

Discussion re: Illegal Parking and Bylaw (Miles and Susan)

Topics discussed include: a) front yard parking and property standards; b) possibility of another bylaw "blitz" at appropriate times; c) results of previous bylaw sweeps of area, including number of violations [spreadsheet]; d) pros and cons of educational approach for residents vs. financial penalties; d) possibility of additional bylaw officers, as well as implementation of ward specific "dedicated" officers

Questions/Discussion re: Bike Lanes and Car Traffic

Mike: Miles, any chance of getting painted bike lanes, painted "sharrows", signposts indicating "No Parking", in our neighbourhood? Are those all 311 issues?

Chris: Or what about "flex posts"?

Miles: Some of these requests would come from our ward budget, which is limited, and some the City would pay for ...

Clément: Miles, I have a question about traffic at Clémentine and Richard ... about cars coming around that corner at speed and cars entering Clémentine from Richard having to go around the flex post. Is there any way to mitigate that? And I would like to follow-up on the request for garbage bins along our nature trail [near the tree orchard and Fieldhouse] ... what are the rules about their inclusion?

Miles: [Miles will follow-up and get back to Susan and/or Clement].

Unknown: I have a question about school buses and street parking. Are there any exemptions? I'm thinking about Aldéa in particular ... *[answer was to call 311 if it was felt that this impeded traffic flow]*.

Chris: What is the timeline for Smyth Road bike lanes, bike lanes for Clover Street, and for completion of the bridge between Carleton and Vincent Massey Park? And also, any chance of us getting bike racks at Hurdman station?

Miles: I have asked City staff about the bridge to Vincent Massey, and it should be open soon.

3. Approval of March 5th and April 2nd Minutes (Susan)

Susan: Approval of March and April Minutes ...

Clément: I have a Point of Order. It's about the wording in the March Minutes ... I request that the wording be corrected regarding "*technical error*" vs. "*human error*".

a) *Motion to Revise March 5, 2024 Minutes to reflect above request:* Linda moved and Randy seconded. No objections. March 5th Minutes revised at 8:17 pm.

Clément: I would also like the joke that I made about the nature trail, what some refer to as Jackson's Trail, and comment about "dog poop" be removed from the March Minutes.

b) *Motion to Revise March 5, 2024 Minutes to reflect above request:* James moved and Linda seconded. No objections. March 5th Minutes revised at 8:20 pm.

c) *Motion to Approve April 2, 2024 Minutes:* Ben moved and Randy seconded. No objections. April 2nd Minutes revised at 8:20 pm.

4. Spring Clean-up (Susan)

Thank you to everyone who participated!

5. Bylaw Update (Susan)

This topic has already been discussed.

6. Other Business (Susan)

Susan: We will discuss the Fieldhouse demolition at our June 4th meeting ...

- June 4th meeting will be the last before summer break, and then we re-convene in September 2024.

- Ben was chosen as HPCA point person with respect to liaising with Phil and the City re: the new community building.

James moved to end the meeting; Randy seconded. No objections. The meeting ended at 8:32 pm.