

Heron Park Community Association (HPCA)

June Meeting (Zoom and in-person)

June 4, 2024 7:00 pm

Present:

In Person: Susan, Ben, Vernon, Shelley, Rosella, Olita, Randy, James

Online: Claire, Julia, Mike, Clément, Peter

Guests: Miles Krauter (online)

Location: Heron Park Fieldhouse (+Virtual on Zoom)

The meeting began at 7:02 p.m.

1. Welcome, Approval of Agenda (Susan)

After Susan welcomed everyone, she asked for approval of the agenda. Ben moved to approve the agenda; James seconded the motion. Motion carried at 7:04 pm.

2. Councilor's Report (Miles)

Discussed bike and bike lane related issues: a) painted or “edge lines” to be added or replaced; b) possibility of raised tracks at certain intersections; c) painted lines to be added to Smyth Road in October; d) uncertain as to why there are no bike racks at Heron Station.

Discussed traffic calming measures and street parking: a) flex posts/flex stakes to be added to certain streets, location Richard Ave/Clémentine flex stake flagged to city staff; b) parking is allowed on most streets (3hr limit, weekdays between 7am and 7pm; 6hr limit on weekends and stat holidays between same hours), unless otherwise indicated by signs; c) will explore possibility of adding new measures after the expected flex post June/July completion date;

Discussed requests for garbage containers at: a) bus stop at Bank and Ohio streets; b) Gloria and Rockingham Ave; c) along the path some call “Jackson’s Trail” beside the community orchard and near the Fieldhouse. Waiting for response from City re: repeated requests for containers at all locations, but city staff not likely to approve containers on trail due to accessibility issues;

Discussed requests for improved safety along multi-use bike path at Brookfield junction, due to speed of cyclists and blind corners;

Discussed requests for improved safety for vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians at Richard Ave and Clémentine Ave. given the blind corner.

3. Approval of May 7, 2024 Minutes (Susan)

Minutes were approved with two changes:

- a) Pluralize pickleball 'court' to courts;
- b) Add Mike's name to the attendees list.

A discussion was had regarding how to capture meeting discussion in the minutes. Starting in September meeting details will be limited to capturing "action items".

4. Community Building Update

Miles shared an update he received from Phil:

- Continue to have funds to design, demolish and remediate soil.
- Post COVID reality has costs escalating close to 50% over last five years.
- Ideal scenario would see demolition/remediation going forward this year with budget difference provided by the current Development Charge Bylaw, which would need an amendment to the capital budget and a motion to Council.
- Could see late fall start to construction but more likely a spring start
- Have more time to share and refine the design.
- Trailer placement (for pool staff) is ongoing conversation.

Participants expressed surprise/concern about the flip flop to having sufficient funds for the construction and asked about the appeal period for the approval of the Development Charge Bylaw. Miles will follow-up with Phil on this email.

5. Heron Park Garage Sale (Susan)

Was a huge success! Suggestions to improve awareness of the event included: placing signs just outside our neighbourhood, pick a date that does not conflict with other similar city events, and have tables available at the Field House.

6. Follow-up Items & 7. Other Business (Susan)

Discussed:

- a) Traffic going the wrong way on Clover St. (call 311); b) further discussed bike lanes and faded painted traffic indicators (call 311); c) Broken toys found in the park (place at garbage can near the Fieldhouse); d) Peter leaving neighbourhood and moving to Orleans (leaves the position of Secretary vacant); e) pickleball courts, concrete pad for rink at Heron Park, maintenance of baseball diamond identified as community recreational needs (to share with Ariela).

Julia moved to end the meeting; James seconded. No objections. The meeting ended at 8:24 pm.