

Heron Park Community Association

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Location: Heron Park Community Building, 1560 Clover St.

Attendees:

Susan Carbone (Vice President), Claire Sales (Secretary), Rosella MacNeill (Board Member at Large), Hannah Tellier (from City Councillor Shawn Menard's Office), Miles Krauter (from City Councillor Shawn Menard's Office), Laura Lee McDonald, Diane Burgess, Linda Waite, Irene Shumada, Shelly Wright, Mirella Agostini, Clément Berthiaume, Julia Driedger.

Draft Agenda:

1. Welcome

Susan opens the meeting and welcomes participants.

2. Approval of Agenda

Participant suggests to add: Traffic calming and proposed direction change on Clover St. and Aldéa Ave.. Item added to Other Business and other items.

Laura Lee motions to approve the agenda. Diane seconds the motion. Agenda approved.

3. Councillor's Office Update (Hannah and Miles)

Heron Park's Community Building Opening Celebration: Sunday, May 31 12:00 to 2:00pm.

- Community agencies and food pantries will be attending, as well as a magician.
- All of City Council, the Mayor and federal representatives have been invited.
- Resident offers to set up a table with the history of Heron Park. Hannah agrees.
- HPCA can have a table to promote and add members to email list.
- HPCA will resend the invitation via email and Facebook.
- Rosella volunteers Randy to put up sandwich board with details of the event.
- Hannah encourages participants to RSVP to the event on Shawn Menard's website https://www.shawnmenard.ca/bbq_heron_park

Update on traffic mitigation at Clover and Aldéa

- Clover St. will continue to be 1-way Northbound. Aldéa Ave. until the intersection at Lasalle St. will also be 1-way in the same direction. Aldéa Ave. from Lasalle St. to Clémentine Blvd. will be 2-way.
- New signage will be installed.
- Planter will be placed on the road on Aldéa Ave. to prevent cars from going the wrong way onto Clover St. A community group or individual can take responsibility for planting and watering. It may be possible to gain key access to the community building to facilitate watering.
- This is an interim solution because next year, construction of sidewalks and bike lanes will begin.

Resident comments and discussion:

- Water could be taken from the hose at the Heron Park Community Building or the orchard.
- Resident recommends that Clover St. become one way in the opposite direction with no-left-turn signs on Richard Ave. and Secord Ave.
- Recommends trimming the hedge at the corner of Clover St. and Aldéa Ave.
- Resident expresses concern about liability and possible injury to volunteers maintaining planter. Hannah will look into liability insurance. Resident mentions that the HPCA liability insurance may cover the planter volunteers.
- 3 residents are interested in helping with the planter – Maureen Mark, Linda Gama-Pinto, Laura-Lee. Claire will check Facebook to find out if others volunteered and send an email to all of them to facilitate collaboration.

4. One-Sided Parking in Heron Park (based on Christopher's info about Barrhaven)

- Susan reports that Councillor Lowe obtained 1-sided parking approved for several streets near Woodroffe Ave. and Stoneway Dr. in Barrhaven.
- Miles explains that the situation in Barrhaven involved parking for a mosque and was not done in a democratic way. Usually, this decision is made based on petitions signed by residents of the street being considered. In the past, Shawn's office has offered to help via email and phone list in order to hear from as many people as possible about parking.
- Susan raises that we now have 1-sided parking on Aldéa Ave. because the City did their own assessment decided to implement it, without requiring a petition from residents. Miles explains that the City used own metrics to determine that it was now merited. We could ask that other streets be assessed. Miles offers to find out the reason that the parking on Aldéa was changed to 1-sided.
- Resident comments:
 - New builds need to include driveways and parking on the property to prevent street parking.
 - We need a better transit system.
 - The system for changing the parking rules is flawed. We still want 1-sided parking in Heron Park and we will continue to raise this until we get 1-sided parking.
 - Garbage bins from Ottawa Community Housing at Bélanger Ave. and Clémentine Blvd. are dangerous and in the way.

5. Clean the Capital - Heron Park (update) (Claire)

- 30 people attended on April 25

- This activity was combined with the park toy sorting and clean-up organized by Meagan
- Residents are cleaning throughout the month from April 15 to May 15.
- Residents are encouraged to call 3-1-1 to report trash on a private property.
- Resident comments that there is a lot of garbage that accumulates on Bank St. between Billings Bridge and Ohio St. and requests to have garbage bins put in that location.

6. Start of Wednesday Night Program (update)

Once the landscaping is done around the new community building, and the soil in the field is dry, Randy will start the WNP.

7. Approval of March & April minutes

Shelly moves to approve the March minutes. Rosella seconds. Minutes approved. Julia moves to approve the April minutes. Claire seconds. Minutes approved.

8. Other business

Traffic calming and traffic direction at Clover St. and Aldéa Ave.

- See discussion under point 3.

Planter box at Aldéa Ave. and Clover St.

- See discussion under point 3.

Traffic calming at Clémentine and Rockingham – residents express concern about drivers not stopping at stop signs and speeding through the intersection.

Aggressive person in the neighbourhood mentioned on HPCA Facebook group. HPCA notified the community police liaison. Note to residents to contact police if you witness aggression.

Landscaping around community building. Funding is available through the Ottawa Horticultural Society. Once the City has finished the landscaping, the community could consider this if a resident wants to take this on.

Other resident comments and discussion:

- Resident expresses concern that plants put in by the City are not being watered and are dying (e.g. on the East side of Bank St. at the top of the retaining wall going down the hill toward Billings Bridge. Hannah explains that there is a maintenance plan, but sometimes the standards do not match the needs. Hannah will look into the expectations.
- Resident asks about the plan for construction at the property at Clémentine Blvd. and Richard Ave. Susan explains that there is not a timeline. Hannah plans to ensure that the building is being subject to the vacant unit tax and the vacant building permit.
- Resident asks if the tree on that property can be removed. Hannah will look into this.
- Resident requests a 4-way stop at Clémentine Blvd. and Richard Ave., with the possibility of moving the 4-way stop at Clémentine Blvd. and Aldéa Ave. to that intersection. Hannah will look into this.

- Concern about drainage behind new build on Clémentine Blvd. at Bélanger Ave.. Exit of the drain is into resident's backyard (resident on Brûlé Ave.). Worried about flooding in basement.

9. Meeting Closure:

Rosella moves to close the meeting.

Linda seconds.

Meeting closes at 8:14 pm.