

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTES: NOV 10, 2021

7:05pm Start. Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

1. **Review of Agenda and General Remarks:** Karen Wright, President CHNA
 - a. Introduced guest speakers
 - b. Polled participants, 82% answered. 39% say this is their first CHNA AGM, 36% have been to 2 – 4 AGMs, 18% say too many AGMs to count!

2. **Ottawa Centre Update/Q&A:** MP Yasir Naqvi
 - a. Excited for this new role as Member of Parliament (Sept 20th)
 - b. Finalizing physical office space for in-person visits. 613-946-8682, yasir.naqvi@parl.gc.ca; very active on social media
 - c. Questions from Audience:
 - i. What is the plan for heritage legislation to protect the Central Experimental Farm?
 1. Introduce legislation to protect the Farm forever as a heritage property and stop further development. Research is underway by his team (legal status, who owns, site plan, etc.). Time line: early new year to table in the House
 2. Identify Geography of the Farm and Dominion Arboretum. Consult with nearby community associations.
 - ii. Do you personally have 1-2 priorities for our community?
 1. Protection of Farm
 2. Climate Action – Fight Climate Change
 - a. Local climate action plan has been put forward.
 - b. Leverage resources from Federal Gov't
 - c. Define priorities from each community group in Ottawa Centre and work together

3. **Election Time – CNHA Board:** Peter Eady, VP CHNA
 - a. We have no nominations; existing members are acclaimed.
 - b. Officers: Karen, Peter and Julie. The Secretary Officer position is open.
 - c. Open board opportunities:
 - i. Exec Board Members at Large
 - ii. Fundraising & Sponsorship (subcommittee)
 - iii. Special Events (subcommittee)
 - d. Peter and Karen announced this will be their final year on the Board. Peter has volunteered for 11 years and Karen for 8 years. They will mentor a new president and VP this year to transition the role. Peter agreed to one more year due to the New Civic Consultations.
 - e. CHNA is vibrant and strong and has done great things over the years. We are looking for new people to step up into the board member roles.

4. History and Heritage: Matt Lemay

- a. Remembering and honoring Andy Billingsley. He was 82 and lived in the neighbourhood for over 50 years. In Jan 2015, Andy created the H&H Committee and this committee has shared over 1000 emails. Andy created sketches of the neighbourhood, 55 properties researched and mapped on History Pin.
- b. We are looking for a permanent way to remember Andy. More to follow.
- c. Q: Can we designate CHNA as a heritage conservation district?
 - i. District vs. property designation are very different. Advantages and disadvantages (ie it will affect any changes residents want to make to their property, windows, additions, porches). Has a benefit but also has drawbacks.

5. Membership Matters: Susan Chell

- a. We average 2 people in each household
- b. Current membership is 261 households
 - i. 115 lifetime membership and 146 annual memberships this year (Lifetime memberships have doubled and annual memberships up 70% since last year partially due to pandemic)
- c. 1000 households in our neighbourhood
- d. 3 initiatives to promote increasing membership:
 - i. Promote lifetime memberships (consider applying paid memberships in past towards a lifetime membership, to be discussed by the Board)
 - ii. Reach out to condo and apartment residents (also close by the new Civic)
 - iii. Nominate Street Captains
- e. The larger our paid membership, the more it amplifies our voice, and we are taken far more seriously at City Hall and beyond.
- f. Please consider asking your neighbours to consider becoming members or renewing their memberships

6. Home Security and Fraud Prevention: Karen Wright

- a. The former Safety Committee has been renamed to reflect its mandate more accurately.
- b. The best way to prevent burglaries is to get a Home Security Inspection from our Community Police Centre. Please see the OPS website page "Safeguard Your Home Program).
- c. Warnings on property crimes, suspicious activities and fraudulent schemes will be posted on our social media platforms.
- d. It is important to file formal reports with the OPS Reporting Centre on all incidents of property crime (break and entries, car thefts, etc.). Information on submitting these reports, online or by phone, can be found on our website.
- e. Fraudulent activity is on-going and should be reported to the OPS and the Canadian Fraud Centre.

7. Finance Snapshot: Julie Westall

- a. Membership Revenue is \$4567.10 (to Oct 31st)
- b. Healthy balance sheet as we have very little expenses with the pandemic
- c. \$1000 Donation from Susan Chell and Team/Remax
- d. Expenses \$1504.28 (mostly transportation expert response to Civic Hospital Master Site Plan)

- e. Bank balance \$19,822.16
- f. Hope to spend more on community events after Covid and also have funds in the bank to pay for experts needed for development, traffic studies etc.

8. Ottawa Centre Update/Q&A: MPP Joel Harden

- a. Bigger Provincial Related Issues:
 - i. LRT: Just announced today: Provincial Gov't may compel judicial inquiry
 - ii. Ongoing negative issues related to Councillor Rick Chiarelli. Provincial Gov't review municipal advice how to deal with these issues in a significantly better fashion.
- b. COP26 UN Climate Change Conference – how to ensure climate friendly, climate safe and sustainable healthcare. Canada was one of the 50 signatories. His office with Councillor Menard has written Environment Minister asking for an urgent Federal Environmental Assessment of the new Civic Hospital.
- c. Can also discuss poverty, schools, health care system
- d. Thank you to all the frontline and health care workers
- e. Q: What does it mean to have an Environment Assessment?
 - i. Must be done for any large procurement project. Maybe it has been done but we have not seen it as being done.
 - ii. Many residents have concerns, for example, run off to Dows Lake from the New Civic
 - iii. Due diligence needed on the environmental impact
 - iv. 524 mature trees that we stand to lose
- f. Their office also called for the Auditor General to also act on the LRT inquiry
- g. Q: How can CHNA help for the request for a full Environment Review?
 - i. Letter on Mr. Harden's site that was sent to the Minister. CHNA and other folks can follow up and amplify the call. 298 versions of the letter have been sent so far to the Minister.

9. Planning and Development Update: Karen Wright

- a. New Civic Relocation Committee working on this file for 3 years. Tried to reflect concerns of the community, what would have negative impacts and seek mitigations
- b. 3 Areas of Focus for P&D:
 - i. Provide analysis of benefits and work to mitigate concerns in Development Proposals/Plans/Reviews.
 1. New Civic Hospital Master Site Plan
 2. City of Ottawa New Official Plan
 3. Zoning By-Law Review (VIP* over next three years, zoning rules that implement #2 above)
 4. Secondary Plans
 - ii. Protect character of our mature neighbourhood
 1. We have extra zoning rules that we need to respect in our mature neighbourhood
 2. CHNA supported new Oct 2020 Bylaw that limits building front facing garages
 3. There is a toolkit available if you see a questionable development
 - iii. Creative ways to respond to speed/volume of development proposals
 1. 1081 sub-committee has been created with community members to focus on this one topic (ie re-zoning of 1081 Carling development for 2 new residential high-rise towers). We can add more value this way.

10. 1081 Carling Subcommittee: Luanne Calcutt & Tanis Halpape

- a. 8 members with Tanis as the Chair
- b. Funds to support this are raised through donations.
- c. Plenty of time to submit concerns and comments to the city planner. Peter to send links.

- d. CHNA acknowledges need for intensification.
- e. There is no precedent for this proposed building height and density. Proposal of a 72 degree transition angle is not consistent with the City's policy of 45 degree maximum. Subcommittee has retained legal council to support the CHNA position.
- f. We have to be careful if building precedents like this are established in our community.
- g. Thanks to all that have donated to the cause thus far and that continue to be engaged. Links on CHNA website for additional information.
- h. Residents can continue to give input to the City which could result in modified plans on the development.
- i. The aim of the subcommittee is to have professional and effective responses to the 1081 Carling Development.

11. Transportation Committee: Luanne Calcutt

- a. New Civic
 - i. Ian McCredie, in particular, thanks for your contributions to the committee as well as all of the committee members
 - ii. Submission met June 18th for public comments & raised strategic questions in the June 29th Public Info Session
 - iii. Worked with Councillor Leiper to develop a motion for funds to conduct a Neighbourhood Traffic Management Study. Final decision by City included special conditions.
- b. 8 CHNA Conditions for the New Civic Site Plan:
 - i. Provision of funds for the study, consultation, implementation of local traffic mitigation strategies
 - ii. Conduct traffic management study and implement strategies
 - iii. Improve Auto-driver Share Analysis
 - iv. Provide LRT station connection below ground
 - v. Proposed parking garage be buried as per the initial design
 - vi. Restrict non-urgent vehicular traffic from using Maple Drive to access the New Civic
 - vii. TOH submit to the Province for a change in "H" sign placement prior to the occupancy of the hospital in 2028
 - viii. Transportation Monitoring Oversight Committee including representation of local community associations.
- c. CHNA 'Wins'- We made a positive difference
 - i. Traffic Study condition added. However, wording changed from Traffic Demand Management Study to Neighbourhood Traffic *Calming* Study. There is a difference. We are looking for a mitigation of volume strategy, not just calming/slowing. This change of language needs to be reflected in the final decision report and we are following up.
 - ii. Hospital to make application for the relocation/placement of TOH "H" sign on 417.
 - iii. Transportation monitoring program to include other stakeholder communities will be created.
 - iv. Transportation Demand Management strategy shall be developed including recommendations for modal shift listed in the application (bikes, transit etc).
 - v. Off-site parking strategy is needed prior to registration of the Site Plan Agreement.
- d. Q: Why is new Hospital footprint not reduced by increasing height of new buildings and will there be solar panels on top?

- i. A: From Jeff Leiper, the wider, expansive footprint needed apparently to move through the various buildings and ultimately offer better healthcare. Jeff will pull up secondary plan for the other buildings on the site. Will come back re: solar panels in the plans.
- e. Q: Re: need for professional, legal and financial support. What has been raised to date and what else is needed for 1081 Carling to pull full legal and technical support needed. What are the fundraising plans?
 - i. Cost to cover submission files have been met. We still need more fundraising for next stages. Cannot disclose all the financial donations/figures at this time.

12. Fun Draw: Karen Wright

- a. Civic Logo Cap by Michael Moir – draw to take place after the meeting
- b. Michael Moir donated a CIVIC poster and CHNA has donated to Luanne to thank her for all her hard work this past year.

13. Kitchissippi Ward Update Q&A: Councillor Jeff Leiper.

- a. Introduced Stephanie who is working with Jeff on planning files (replaces Fiona Mitchell)
- b. Subscribe to Jeff's weekly newsletter
- c. Pop-up office hours listed in the newsletter
- d. Major Developments:
 - i. The Official Plan has passed.
 - ii. Transportation Master Plan is the next big piece that will come out. Drafts in the Fall and vote in Spring 2022.
 - iii. Capital Infrastructure plan for Transportation Master Plan expected to be done in 2024 (because of inconsistent traffic patterns with pandemic)
 - iv. Solid Waste Mater Plan will be voted on in 2023 (next term of council). Stephanie to find Engage Ottawa Page and share in chat.
 - v. Budget – City has released draft, and proposes 3% increase in taxes etc. Vote in December 2021. Jeff would like to see some of the police requested budget be put into mental health response.
- e. Q: Has there been a comparative analysis of access/traffic disruption current new Civic site vs. Tunney's?
 - i. Jeff not aware of this. NCC did recommend that Carling was easier to get to. Access to Tunney's down Parkdale would be extremely problematic. You might have to build a new interchange at Holland Ave to get North to Tunney's. Carling site received a better transportation score. Original report can be downloaded from Dropbox. Link provided in chat.
- f. Q: Has Board of CHNA given members a chance to vote on Hospital Master Plan?
 - i. Board fought hard to make sure parking buried and were not successful. Appealed to everyone and still not successful. (Peter answered)
- g. Q: What is your LRT perspective?
 - i. Jeff has been patient with the long list of legitimate growing pain issues. Jeff feels there has been a lack of attention to people not doing their jobs properly (ie shift changes and people not tightening bolts)
 - ii. City perusing legal actions in court to eventually break the Contract

- iii. Ottawa is too big to continue to have all of the direct bus routes. A move to more transfers is likely. Could be an election issue.
- iv. Need reliable, fast busses that do not rely on LRT.
- h. Q: What additional tools are there for Parkdale/Ruskin intersection given that Bronson 417 exit to remain closed and there is more vehicular pressure.
 - i. The ultimate answer is re-building but that does not happen quickly.
 - ii. Jeff will try and find ways to increase turning radius', slow traffic down etc.
- i. Q: Any City planning underway for climate change strategy that can shape planning?
 - i. City has 2 main tools: significant influence where people live, work, play and significant influence over transportation methods on how people get around
 - ii. There is an energy evolution strategy and Climate Change Master Plan.
 - iii. Suggest to discuss offline as it is too broad for today.
- j. Q: How can variances exemptions become exceptions rather than the rule?
 - i. Jeff voted against the Official Plan because he is skeptical on this front.
 - ii. Currently, the development proposals are seeking very significant changes in zoning (note existing zoning has not changed since late 1960's).
 - iii. Province tells cities how to grow and how to intensify. City then creates Official Plan that shows how we will grow. Next step is to create new zoning. For the first time, we have passed a New Official Plan from scratch and that zoning matches the Official Plan. Once done, it will be very hard to change for several years to come.

14. 9:25 pm Meeting adjourned: Karen Wright - President