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## MINUTES: FALL GENERAL MEETING

On October 6, 2014, the C.V.C.A. Fall General Meeting was held at St. Richard's Church Hall, on Rossland Avenue, Nepean, and was called to order by the President, Joan Clark. The meeting began at 7:10p.m with introductions and the President's Report.

### 1. President's Report

\* City View Community Profile – Joan spoke about the need & benefits of raising the profile of CV.

There is public confusion as to who and where we are. She spoke about our needs in CV: better infrastructure, aging sewers & park space for children & seniors, skating rinks, splash pad, etc. Doug Frobels Park, our only park, is a single usage park only. The City needs to look at turning this valuable piece of land to a multi-usage park.

\* **Ottawa Citizen**, Opinion Article on Sept 24, page C4 was copied by Joan and handed out to all attendees. Discussion on how burden of intensification is falling on central neighbourhoods in this article, but City View was not mentioned in the article, again we were ignored.

\* Social Events: Two successful social events have been held, Fun Day & Corn Roast in June & Sept.

\* Membership – growing but we need to get more people involved

\* Volunteers – Need more volunteers, work load less for everyone “many hands make light work” Executive cannot continue to plan, organize and then run all events!

\* Licensing Student Housing –Update on progress, also referred to by Mr. Chiarelli, see notes below, in last presentation.

\* Communication- gave out email & update on City View Web

\* Policing Issues – Sue Wright not available tonight. We need to continue to make our concerns known.

\* Other- Traffic speeds on Cordova, Parking concerns, etc. Please call Bylaw. It was noted bylaw had been handing out tickets on Cordova for Stop sign failures.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

Dave Clark gave the Treasurer's Report. He explained that the Corn Roast was more costly than previously anticipated, fewer people attended than Fun Day. The present bank balance at The Toronto Dominion Bank, Emerald Plaza was \$722.28 with \$158 held in petty cash. This gives City View treasury a current grand total of \$880.28

### 3. Confederation Line Project Presentation

A city employee from the Transportation Department gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered many residents' questions. Current plans, maps and timelines were presented & discussed in a PowerPoint document and possibility of extension to the third phase explained dependant on proper funding being available.

### 4. President of the Parish Council for St. Matthew Romanian Orthodox Church, 19 Cordova.

The site of Brown's Better Flowers was cleared of buildings and greenhouse last month. There were many questions asked and answered: New construction is planned for 2015. It is hoped to begin as soon as possible and will likely take 8 months to complete. The congregation consists of approximately 40

families. There will be parking on site for 10 to 15 cars. It may be possible that the new facilities may be available to the community for rentals in the future.

## 5. Bylaw

A City Bylaw Officer answered several questions on many topics such as: parking, noise complaints, speeding, zoning, and low level condos. City plans for future intensification was also discussed.

## 6. Councillor Rick Chiarelli

Mr. Chiarelli had a representative taking notes for him from the start of the meeting and then arrived towards the end of our meeting, as he attended another meeting first.

\* An official city **Entrance Sign Feature** for City View was discussed. The usual obstacles to overcome in such a project are where to place the sign and what it should look like. All community stakeholders need to agree before we can proceed on this worthy project.

\***Parks** Mr. Chiarelli explained that there are 3 ways to get more parkland in a community: buy & destroy homes, buy or share land beside or with other stakeholders (Elizabeth Wynwood School), re-purpose existing lands.

**Cash Reserve Fund** can be accessed but the community has to come together on design. Needs and wants will need to be identified, the board must build a consensus on what we want.

Some confusion has been noted as to how much money is paid to the city and for what purpose on all new infill projects. **Development of Community Living Funds** – (\$11K to 22K) re used to build all city infrastructures, such as libraries, roads, etc. Of these DCL funds, only \$245.00 is allocated to Parks and Recreation. If there are 30 new infill homes this would amount to approximately \$5000- \$7000. Every 5 years this city fund has \$13,000 development to parkland, for cash in lieu of parkland under \$200,000.

\* **Student Housing** First of all, Mr Chiarelli noted, not all tenants renting rooms or units are students. However since Algonquin has doubled enrolment in past 6 years and plans to do so again in next 5 to 10 years some controls need to be put in place. There was one single family home on Birchview that was turned into 9 units. The law now says each house may rent out 3 rooms. It is currently illegal to have a rooming house in residential areas except on main arterial roads (Meadowlands, Woodroffe & Baseline). Sandy Hill now rents out 2400 rooms in 1 year in private homes. The problems with the current law have been that 1 lease can be given to 5 or 6 students who live together as a “family” in a single house. To name a few, issues with parking, noise, out of control parties, vandalism, uncut lawns, garbage, driveways not cleared of snow, a general lack of adequate property maintenance & overloaded sewer problems too often are the results.

Rick went on an Ontario tour to discover what other communities are doing to handle housing in residential single family home areas. Oshawa prohibits alterations to single family homes, and requires a licence with mandatory inspections for smoke detectors, faulty wiring, parking standards and adequate maintenance of property standards.

When licensed these homes are listed on the college or university registry and are always filled. When Oshawa adopted this plan there was an 80% drop in complaints to the city and university. If a home should exceed 5 bylaw infractions that licence is rescinded. This proposal has now gone to the Ontario Municipalities Board and is being appealed by the Landlord Assn. of Ontario. Large landlords, Minto, etc., are afraid this licensing requirement will eventually be applied not only to single homes but to landlords with large rental holdings as well.

## 7. Raffle

The meeting was ended at approximately 8:45pm with the raffle of 3 prizes. Several people stayed behind to ask further questions.