

Meeting of Kitchissippi Community Associations  
June 24, 2012  
Informal Minute

The meeting was held on Katie Paris's front porch (nice to know there are still some of these porches around!) on Faraday Avenue at 6:30 pm on June 24, 2012 .

Kudos and many thanks to Katie and Christoph for organizing and hosting the meeting!

Present were:

Céo Gaudet (Westboro Beach Community Association (WBCA) and Westboro Citizens for Appropriate Development(WCAD))  
Gary Ludington (Westboro Community Association (WCA))  
Charles Hodgson (Champlain Park)  
Catherine Casserly (WBCA)  
Emma Doucet (Hintonburg)  
Katie Paris (Wellington Village Community Association (WVCA))  
Kate Bryden (WCAD)  
Lorne Cutler (Hampton Iona)  
Seema Lamba (McKellar Park Community Association (MPCA))  
Trevor Jones (MPCA)  
Christoph Zurcher (WCAD)  
Susan Kennedy (WVCA)  
Jason Thompson (WVCA)  
Roland Dorsay (Island Park Community Association (IPCA))  
Lynne Bankier (Champlain Park)  
Josh McJarrett (Champlain Park)

The group identified five key issues of common interest:

- 1) LRT
- 2) Changes to CDP/Secondary Plan/Official Plan
- 3) Political Accountability
- 4) Community engagement
- 5) Membership of the Committee of Adjustment.

*LRT*

On LRT, most present expressed a strong preference for the Carling Avenue option. WBCA strongly opposes the Parkway option. Current options favoured by the City may be a red herring design to divide and conquer the immediately affected community and increase support for the Parkway option. The City claims that the Carling option is too expensive, however, no proper cost-benefit analysis has been done. Some credible voices (Bob Plamondon) have stated that the benefit side of the

Carling option has been significantly underestimated. In any case, this cost pales in comparison to the 2.1 Billion for digging a tunnel downtown – not proceeding with this part of the plan would be the best way to save money. Current plans to dig the tunnel will not increase ridership as they simply replace bus service with underground rail. LRT should be about moving people efficiently and effectively from where they live to where they work – not about improving development potential and raising property values around the proposed stations. The City's current analysis of the LRT is very weak.

Councillor Hobbs's position is that the Carling route will only increase development around that transit stations so that is not a good investment compared any of the Parkway/Byron/Richmond alternatives which would have stations closer together.

#### *CDP/Secondary Plan/Official Plan*

WCAD opposes any changes to the Westboro CDP or Official Plan as they see this as a way that the City could undo the recent 335 Roosevelt win. WBCA position is that the Official Plan will be reviewed in 2013, there should be no one-off or "spot" OPAs or changes to the CDP until that review is complete. Hampton Iona raised the concern that other CAs may wish to review their CDPs now.

The City has announced the review of the CDP and Councillor Hobbs has made strong statements about needing to clarify the CDP. She has called a meeting with four CAs to discuss process. Gary noted that he met with Councillor Hobbs recently and she said that the CDP needs to be clarified with respect to four specific properties:

- 1) Canadian Bank Note
- 2) Former CBC building
- 3) Rogers on Richmond Road

Councillor Hobbs's meeting is by invitation only. The invited Associations (WCA, WBCA, Hampton Iona and one other) will debrief the rest of the group on the results of the meeting, and the group will then decide on appropriate next steps.

#### *Accountability*

Various means of strengthening political accountability were discussed. This was a key issue for some present.

#### *Community Engagement*

Community Associations don't always know whether or not they are reflecting the views of their communities. More and better engagement of communities would help to provide confidence in the degree of representativeness and would result in

better-prepared communities when there are decisions to be made or community support is required.

### *Membership of the Committee of Adjustment*

Concern was expressed regarding the current membership of the Committee of Adjustment.

### Decisions:

- 1) Céó will send an e-mail to Katie with the e-mail addresses of all present. Katie will then invite all present to join a Google list she has set up for the purpose of connecting us.
- 2) Together our e-mail distribution lists reach several hundred people all over Kitchissippi. We can use this network to circulate important e-mails by forwarding to our respective lists.
- 3) It would be appreciated if each person present could engage 2 or 3 key people in their association (e-mails to be sent to Katie so she can invite them to the Google list).
- 4) Roland will send around of the City's current analysis of the LRT.

### Next Meeting

- 1) Christoph suggested that the number of key issues was relatively small (LRT, CDP, Accountability) and that the group could consider devoting the next meetings to considering one of these issues at a time and making decisions, for example, we could reconvene in September to consider LRT. Céó raised the concern that Uniform Urban Developments could initiate the process for an OPA for 335 Roosevelt anytime, and it would be nice to have the support of all Kitchissippi CAs to oppose it. Trevor suggested that if there is an urgent need for support, we could perhaps decide the issue by e-mail.
- 2) We will need to find a different venue for the next meeting, as Katie will be out of the country for one year. However, she will retain her position on the WVCA and intends to stay connected by e-mail.

(reported by Céó Gaudet)