



Greater Avalon Community Association

MINUTES

Re: Meeting of December 12, 2017
Location: 2152 Nantes Street, Orléans ON
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Danick LaFrance Brendan Walker
André Arsenault Rachelle Lecours
Ian Baker-Gregory Sandy Ian Baker-Gregory
Justin Chan Stefan Baginski
Cyan Berkel Gail McQuaid-Bohémier
Denis Bohémier

Absent : Alain Bourgeois

Guest: Alicia Martin, Assistant to Councillor Blais

1. Welcome

The President welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of the agenda

André Arsenault moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Ian Baker-Gregory. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

3. Welcome new Directors

The President welcomed Mr. Ian Baker-Gregory and Justin Chan who were recently elected at the AGM.

4. Welcome new Member-at-large

The President welcomed Sandy Ian Baker-Gregory, who was recently elected at the AGM as a Member-at-large.

5. Welcome guests

The President welcomed four guests who showed interest in joining the executive committee of the Association: Stefan Baginski, Gail McQuaid-Bohémier, Denis Bohémier and Cyan Berkel.

6. Reading and Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

Rachelle Lecours moved to accept the October minutes as read, seconded by Danick LaFrance. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$4,560.00 (including \$1,000.00 committed to the Edible Forest Project).



8. AGM November 16, 2017 Postmortem

It was reported during the meeting that the Association did not put enough effort to advertise the event and describe the vacant positions on the Board of Directors. Suggestions were presented to advertise on-line, off-line, in schools, churches, community centers and community groups such as Knights of Columbus.

Action Item: The Secretary will place this on the agenda of the next meeting for further discussion.

The GACA will look into the capability of providing overhead projection for future meetings whenever they host guest speakers, not only for the AGM

9. Filling vacant Director positions

The President mentioned that two director positions were vacant and explained the difference between Director and Member-at-large. The four candidates gave a brief description of their past experiences and their interest to sit on the Board.

While Stefan and Cyan expressed their desire to act as Directors, the other two Gail and Denis preferred to sit as Member-at-large for now.

The President proposed the appointment Stefan Baginski and Cyan Berkel in the two vacant Director positions and Gail McQuaid Bohémier and Denis Bohémier as Member-at-large. Seconded by André Arsenault. All in favour. **Motion Carried.**

10. Family Day Planning

The Secretary briefed the new members on the activities that were held last year. The Board decided unanimously to hold the event in the evening from 6pm to 8pm on Sunday February 18, 2018 and agreed to keep the same formula as last year for the activities.

The Secretary went through the list of responsibilities and tasks were assigned.

Action Item: The Secretary is to send the list of supplies for the hot chocolate to Gail.

Action Item: Gail will purchase the supplies according to the list provided.

Action Item: Brendan will check for the signs for Family Day and suggest the purchase of new ones if necessary.

Action Item: Brendan to purchase supplies for face painting and other glow in the dark crafts.

Action Item: The Secretary will provide Stefan with the contact information for the Scouts.

Action Item: Stefan will contact the Scouts 4th Orléans to get their participation again this year.

Action Item: The Secretary will provide Sandra with the contacts for Sobeys.

Action Item: Sandra will approach Sobeys for cookies.

11. Other Business

a) Request for presentation on Status of alcohol in Ottawa

The committee decided to invite the speaker to our next meeting in January 2018 to briefly describe the content of her presentation (15 minutes). A decision to go ahead with a formal presentation and invite the community at large will be made at that meeting.



Action Item: The President is to invite the speaker to the January 9th meeting.

b) Roundabout at Strasbourg and Brian Coburn

The Secretary informed the members that she had discussed the issue with the person concerned and suggested that she contact the members in her community to see if she had their support. The area in question is outside the boundaries of the GACA.

Alicia Martin suggested that she contact the Councillor's office to express her concern.

c) Cst. Arbuthnot request regarding twitter account

Cst. Arbuthnot posts community information on Twitter and asked if we could tap into her account to post on our Facebook page. Bren mentioned that it could be done but it takes a bit of effort.

Action Item: Alain to report on his findings since he is looking into it.

d) New Partner

The Secretary mentioned that Mattamy Homes signed up as Champion Partner. Their contribution is expected soon.

e) Project Edible Forest update

The Secretary reported that the work to dig up the site started on Monday Dec.11, 2017. Hopefully this phase of the project will be completed before the end of the fiscal year and planting will start in the Spring.

The Secretary mentioned that the Rotary Club had committed \$1,000. to the project.

f) Petition to Stand Up for Community Newspapers

Justin Chan updated the members on the petition and mentioned that the onus is on the City who is bound by law to provide communities with a mechanism to advertise community events.

Action Item: The President is to follow-up with the Elmvale Acres Community Association to get an update.

Meanwhile the members noted we should continue to send our information to the Orléans Star and l'Orléanais.

12. Round Table

No new items were identified.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at the François Dupuis Recreation Centre, Avalon Room from 7:30 to 9:30 on January 9, 2018

14. Adjournment – Bren called the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.