

## MINUTES for 21 January 2013

### N.E.C.A. Board of Directors Meeting

Held at St. Bartholomew's Church, 125 MacKay Street

#### Attendance

NECA Board in attendance: Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Roslyn Butler, Simon Ford, Michael Histed, Catherine Lindquist, Tim Plumptre, David Sacks, Jim Watson, Carlo Zambri

Ex Officio: Cindy Parkanyi, Marci Surkes

Absent: Paula Thompson

Guest: Cam Holmstrom was observing. He intends to run as the NDP provincial candidate for the local Ontario riding.

Tim Plumptre moved to accept the Agenda for this meeting. Michael Histed seconded the motion. All voted in favour.

David Sacks announced that Michael Larrass submitted his resignation from his position on the NECA Board on 20 Jan. The Board now has 10 members and a quorum will thus be five Board members.

Simon Ford moved to accept the Minutes of the Oct 2012 Board meeting. Jim Watson seconded the motion, and all voted in favour.

Tim Plumptre moved that the Board approve the Nov 2012 meeting minutes with corrections as discussed. Michael Histed seconded the motion and all approved with a show of hands.

#### Jan 16 2013 Public Meeting on the Minto Development

This meeting was an overwhelming success. People attending had very positive compliments and particularly liked the Overview Presentation given by Catherine Lindquist.

David thanked the fellow members of the Committee ( Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Catherine Lindquist, Tim Plumptre and Paula Thompson) for their excellent work in convening this public meeting on such short notice.

The next steps in going forward (see Tim's report) were discussed. The steps agreed on are:

- Michael Histed as Chair of NECA's Heritage & Development Committee will send his assessment of the Minto zoning variance requests to David Sacks.
- Then the sub-committee will discuss, and their report with a cover letter will be delivered to Minto.
- The position of NECA and the feedback from Minto will be delivered to the City planner Bliss Edwards with a cc to Councillor Peter Clark before the Public Commentary 04 February deadline for comment.

It was noted that there is considerable time pressure. David will ask the City to move the 04 Feb. Planning Committee consideration of the Beechwood re-development to a later date. He will make our request through our Councillor, Peter Clark.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Edinburgh News: Cindy Parkanyi is happy with the reports which she has received for the next edition. She asked that anything else please be submitted quickly.

She will remove Michael Larrass' name from the NECA Board listing.

Friends of the Park: Chair Marci Surkes was invited to attend all of the NECA Board meetings.

She reported that waste collection in the dog-walking park is very bad this year (no pick-up or over two weeks at a time), the park- committee members had to clean up the

overflowing bins themselves. After contacting the NCC, Marci received a letter stating that henceforth the City of Ottawa was now responsible for the collection from the waste bins. Mr. Charbonneau the City staffer responsible for the relevant park area, said that he had no idea of this new policy. The park was cleaned up during the week of 16 Jan 2013.

David offered to send an official NECA letter on this matter to the City.

Finance: Treasurer, Jim Watson said that there were only a few transactions for the past month. Cindy said that New Edinburgh News will transfer funds to the NECA account to top up the balance.

Canada Lands – Former Rockcliffe Airbase : NECA’s representative Roslyn Butler said that the reports from the Public Ideas Fair held on the 21 Nov 2012 will be finalized after the next meeting of the Public Advisory Group which is being held on 23 Jan 2013. She will report to the NECA Board briefly on that meeting’s decisions. Once the Oct 2012 minutes and Nov report findings are approved, she will forward them. NECA members would like to keep a two-way communication with CLC.

Heritage & Development: Chair Michael Histed reported on various ongoing development concerns:

- 61 Queen Victoria have deferred to an unspecified later date, their requests for zoning variances from the City.
- 132 Stanley has no activity at the moment.
- 192 Stanley – the newest proposal is for a very large addition, which will mostly fill the lot from Stanley St. to River Lane, goes completely against all of the Heritage District guidelines. H&D will fight this proposal. They do not want to have a precedent set for the neighbourhood.

Tim Plumptre proposed a motion that the NECA Board endorse the Heritage & Development idea of using a public relations campaign including letters to newspapers etc to raise awareness of what may happen if this property is allowed to be redeveloped.

Catherine Lindquist seconded the motion and the motion was carried by a unanimous show of hands.

- 55 MacKay (now the Vietnamese Embassy) has only made small changes to the garden paths and the now new front entrance. Michael spoke to Sally Coutts of the City Heritage Planning Department regarding our concerns. He will speak to the nearest neighbour to address her worries of unsightly changes and ask her to let us know if she sees similar activities in the future.

### **Vacant Retail Properties:**

Catherine Lindquist reported that Councillor Clark had a motion passed that will require landlords of vacant properties to maintain or dispose of them after 3 years so they do not become derelict.

### **Fundraising Events:**

David Sacks wants to work towards building a “War Chest” so we can fight development threats. Catherine has past experience with fundraising and she is willing to develop a committee of non-core volunteers to be part of it.

This topic will go forward to the Feb 2013 Agenda for discussion.

### **Governance Review:**

Tim would like to look at issues as they come up. Issues such as – who sits at Board meetings; how we deal with minutes - and so forth.

The discussion has started, we will continue this at the next meeting. Tim has agreed to work together with Simon Ford. They will frame the governance issues.

At 9:45 p.m. Jim Watson moved to adjourn the meeting. Michael Histed seconded the motion and all agreed.