



Minutes
NECA Board Meeting - 16 October 2018
New Edinburgh House, 255 MacKay Street

Present: Dave Arnold, Ted Bennett, Roslyn Butler, Natasha Cappon, Joe Chouinard, Sean Flynn, Christina Leadlay, Gail McEachern, Cindy Parkanyi

Absent: Ann Davis (stepping down), Matt DeWolfe, Phil Nowotny (stepping down)

Guests: Nicole Poitras (from the Park Vision group)

1. Welcome, approval of minutes and agenda

Cindy moved that the revised version of the draft Minutes of the NECA Board meeting on 16 Oct. 2018 be approved with one correction – the removal of an incomplete sentence in item # 7. Roslyn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Joe Chouinard moved, seconded by Ted Bennett that the agenda be approved with two items added to the New Business section of the Agenda: “Adopt a bookcase” NECA sponsorship at the Rockcliffe Book fair, and a report on the NECA, Rockcliffe Park, Lindenlea and Manor Park sponsored “All Candidates” Meeting for the upcoming municipal election to be held on 22 October. The motion passed.

2. Councillor’s Report:

Councillor Tobi Nussbaum was absent because he was campaigning for re-election.

3. NECA Annual General Meeting Board Recruitment:

Cindy handed out a sheet she had prepared, “Nominations for NECA Board of Directors – October 2018”. On it she had listed current Directors who are in the middle of their two-year terms - Dave Arnold, Ted Bennett and Gail McEachern and current *ex officio* Directors – Matt deWolfe (CCC), Sean Flynn (NECTAR) and Christina Leadlay (non-voting NEN Editor)

The following current Directors are seeking a further two-year term: Roslyn Butler, Natasha Cappon, Joe Chouinard, Cindy Parkanyi.

Two current Directors are stepping down: Ann Davis, and Philipp-Clemens Nowotny.

The list included other possible new candidates for Director. Cindy encouraged all current directors to reach out to residents they know who might be interested in joining NECA.

4. NECA AGM 2018 Planning:

Sign in table: Christina Leadlay, Joe’s wife Cathy and Dave Arnold’s wife have offered to “man” the sign-in table. This involves asking attendees to verify their names on the Membership List or add their names and contact information to the list. Some copies of the New Edinburgh News, AGM Minutes and Financial Report will be available to give out. Voting ballots will also be given out (if necessary).

Posters advertising the meeting: Will be sent out to Board members, who will print off 10 – 15 copies to put up around their areas of the neighbourhood.

Election of Directors: Ted assisted by Gail will supervise any election that may be required for candidates to the NECA Board. This will only be required if there more than 5 people who put themselves forward from the floor. Otherwise, the candidates will simply be presented as a slate and voted for as such. (This includes the four Board members standing for re-election.) Cindy has the ballot template and will send same to Ted Bennett.

Refreshments: Roslyn and Natasha will procure and provide the refreshments – usually a cheese plate and a veggie plate and crackers. Set-up for these will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday at St. Bart’s church.

Joe will obtain a LCBO licence and some wine for this meeting. He will also bring some other non-alcohol drinks. Coffee and tea were ruled out as they require too much organizing.

Sound system & microphone: Cindy will provide this.

B.R.I.C.K. award: To be given to 3C’s. Dave Arnold will see if the awards engraving company on Canotek Rd near his office can provide us with a plaque of some sort to present to the recipients.

President’s Address: Cindy to present the BRICK Award, open the meeting, welcome everyone and conduct the business of Agenda and AGM Minutes approvals. She will then give a speech summing up NECA’s achievements for the past year and priorities for the coming year. There will be a Treasurer’s Report outlining our financial status.

Cindy will ask if there are any comments regarding the Committee Reports: Heritage & Development, Traffic and Safety, Finances and Park Vision.

There will be a “Thank You” to retiring Board members – Ann Davis and Phill Nowotny with a small present of appreciation for each. (Natasha Cappon moved, seconded by Dave Arnold to purchase gift cards of \$50 as presents. The motion carried.)

5. CCMC Meeting:

Joe and Dave reported that the most recent sound assault has been the pile driving to install large steel girders around the work-site perimeter – for a sound barrier fence.

It is felt that there is a need of “Flag men” in the morning and afternoon to make sure that school children could cross Stanley St. to safely catch school busses. Early mornings have a large volume of big trucks filled with excavation muck, collected during the night, exiting the site along Stanley.

Natasha suggested that more hearing tests should be encouraged for those affected by the loud noise generated by the CSST construction.

The next CCMC meeting date is to be determined.

6. Community Group Updates:

NECTAR Update: Sean Flynn reported that there has been an agreement with the buyers for 255 MacKay to extend the closing date to 31 May 2019. The NECTAR bankers are OK to continue receiving \$3000/month rent from the buyers which pays the mortgage.

The neighbour to the west has withdrawn his appeal. The tree which he was concerned about on the edge of his property has died anyway. The other neighbour appealing the construction has not withdrawn her appeal. If she continues, the entire approval process must be gone through again – taking several months. If her appeal wins, it could kill the sale. NECTAR would then have to look at new or other buyers, who may have far more drastic plans for New Edinburgh House.

Gail offered to talk to this resident and clearly explain the situation, demonstrating that it is not in her best interests to proceed.

CCC Report: The mesh fencing around the hockey rink area is up. The ground where the hockey rinks goes is to be levelled and seeded, but appears to be untouched as yet. Charles Sezlik has offered the rink boards salvaged from the Rockcliffe Public School rink. They are about 14” in height with the goal ends being higher. They are easy to put up and take down and will define the actual hockey rink surface. It will be easy to remove the snowfalls over them.

The planned 3C’s events are going ahead – Hallowe’en Howl and New Year’s pancake Breakfast.

Through the effort of Gemma Kerr, the Friends of the Park charitable status continues to be maintained through annual filings with the CRA. This is something that could be leveraged as part of the park vision.

7. Other Business:

Rockcliffe Park Book Sale is to be held at the end of October – early November. In the past NECA has sponsored “Adopt a bookcase” as a contribution to the proceeds from the book sale.

Christina Leadlay, who is a volunteer organizer of the book sale, proposed a motion that NECA donate \$100 to sponsor a bookcase. Our logo will appear on the bookcase. The motion was seconded by Gail McEachern and was approved by the Board.

Report on the 15 October All Candidates Meeting: Ted Bennett was the NECA representative for the organizing team for this event that took place at Queen Juliana Hall in Rockcliffe Park.

This was for the upcoming Municipal election to be held on 22 Oct. The incumbent Mayor, Jim Watson did not bother to attend. Some other mayoral candidates were there (not all). Most were “one issue” candidates. Clive Doucet, the strongest challenger to the incumbent mayor, arrived late and seemed vague with his answers.

There were only two candidates for Councillor to our Ward 13.

Ted reported that the system for managing the questions from the public broke down so that the sorted questions vetted by the organizers were bypassed and on the spot questions submitted at the last minute from the floor were read instead.

About 100 people were present.

8. Next NECA Meeting / Adjourn

The next NECA Board meeting will be held Tuesday, 20 November 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

At 9:15 p.m., Cindy moved, seconded by Roslyn to adjourn the meeting adjourn. Approved.