



**Minutes**  
**NECA Board Meeting – 20 April 2021**  
**(Virtual meeting using Zoom)**

**Present:** Cindy Parkanyi (President), Christina Leadlay; Heather Mathews, Sean Flynn, Alison Fabian, Katherine Hall, Ray Boomgaardt, Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Ted Bennett, Gail McEachern, Marc Dorgeville

**Absent:** Ari Abonyi, Tamara Sorger, Sylvain Belanger

**Guests:** Councillor King, Samantha McAleese; Nicole Poitras & Emily Hanley

### **1. Welcome, approval of minutes and agenda**

Cindy Parkanyi opened the meeting and welcomed all participants.

Motion to approve the March minutes: passed

Motion to approve the April meeting agenda: passed.

### **2. (Delayed after #3 Park Report as the councillor was late) Report of Councillor Rawlson King**

Councillor King began with an update on the Official Plan (OP). From the April 15th town hall, there was dissatisfaction with the OP from both residents and councillor's offices. The city is moving forward with the plan in a less prescriptive approach and with assurances that intensification and planning will be undertaken at the neighbourhood level. The use of Secondary Plans being a strong focus. The main area of growth would be in the downtown core and transit oriented development. The plan will be revised via a position paper to allow for more neighbourhood driven approaches. There should be consultation again of some sort during the summer.

The issue for Manor Park with the plan was discussed as an example as it is in an area without a transforming overlay (TO), but Manor Park Height does have a TO.

The Councillor signed off.

### **3. Park Report**

Park cleanup was delayed due to the lockdown. Katherine exchanged emails with the city in regards to damages from the ice breaking, CSST plantings, options for pickle ball, signage and a wooden fence between the splashpad and path. The city is looking into the items, but nothing has been confirmed. The park is heavily used with the lockdown and there are many new dog owners due to the pandemic.

Unofficial signage options were raised.

Friends of the park as a committee will be reignited via a call on in the June NEN. Later we will look into continuing as a charitable organization.

## 4. Committee Group Updates

### Traffic and Safety (Marc)

The city walk review was postponed due to the lockdown. The city was also in contact to petition for Dufferin speed measures.

### Beechwood Planning (Ari)

Continued work for a secondary plan for the Beechwood corridor, which the Beechwood Village Alliance is working on pursuing on behalf of all the Beechwood communities.

### Communications (Alison and Sarah)

Alison moved a motion that the board approve a website redesign with a budget of up to \$400 (one-time expense) and an incremental \$75 annual expense. The motion was seconded by Ted and passed.

The website will use a forms plugin to create a new contact form to avoid our email addresses being posted.

### Environment & Climate Change (Tamara)

No report.

### Heritage & Development (Gail)

No news is good news, for now. There was a discussion on the bungalow on Stanley that was torn down. The owner redesigned the structure to one that the committee approved.

### Park (Katherine and Nicole)

Report given earlier.

## 5. New Edinburgh News

Plans to do a special Park focus for June.

Lots of volunteers for the distribution team.

The new print quality is great and colour photos are not extra (which means more colour photos in the paper).

## 6. Community Group Updates

### NECTAR (Sean)

House was sold/purchased again. With Covid, there seems little appetite for any dramatic changes. But they are keeping their eyes open for opportunities.

### Crichton Community Council (Sean)

Little activity due to the lockdown (no flower sale). The field house washrooms remain closed as well.

**7. Other business** - none

**8. Adjournment**

Notetaker for May 18th meeting: Marc

Motion to adjourn: unanimously adopted around 9:15 pm