

Minutes

NECA Board Meeting – 21 January 2025 - 7:00 pm

By Zoom

Board members present: Ted Bennett, Ray Boomgaardt, Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Sean Flynn, Gail McEachern, Katherine Lloyd, Sean McNulty, Cindy Parkanyi, Chris Straka, Karen Squires, Jason Tavoularis

Absent: Sharon Nyangweso, Kostyantyn Frolov

Guests: Richard Persaud, Lorna Bernbaum, Eileen Olexiuk, Danielle, JR; Councillor King, Erin McCracken and Athena Oriet (Councillor King's office;) from the NCC: Alain Miguelez, Ryan Kleinau and Emilie Girard-Ruel.

1. Welcome (Jason)

- Delivered land acknowledgment
- Agenda was approved
- November 2024 meeting minutes were approved

2. Councillor's Report

- **Fieldhouse** – Rubber flooring has been installed. Making progress on acoustic panels and room dividers. Anticipated to cost under \$20k for both.
- **Parking** – this is an ongoing process as further consultation. Ray noted that whenever there are special events at the GGs there should be special considerations. Rawlson indicated that they are looking at that as well.
- **At-risk heritage properties workshop** – Planned for Feb. Will seek to address challenges wrt these properties.
- **Zoning bylaw review** – Planning a facilitated discussion on the potential impact of the proposed zoning bylaw (in February). Sarah noted that the two key inputs from New Ed - 1) the N3/N4 disparity of heights as compared to previous; and 2) lack of any reference to the Heritage Zoning overlay.
- **Forestry update** – Will be working with forestry staff to include Stanley Ave (riverside) in their plan.
- **Community garden update** - Staff will present a report to the Community Services Committee on March 5. Until then no requests for community gardens will be considered.

3. NCC Core Area Plan update - Alain Miguelez

Provided a presentation on a 2025 update of the 50-year plan. Looking for input on policies, directions and projects.

Looking to redevelop the Sussex Drive plots of land (parkland, mixed use buildings). Gail noted that they didn't mention how they would accommodate parking. Response was that the mixed use building would have underground parking. Sarah asked about the consultation process when/if the mixed-use development would proceed. Response was that they would first seek re-designation away from "embassy" and that there would be opportunities for engagement by the community. Eileen suggested that NECA lead consultations within the New Ed community. Cindy suggested that NECA could host a workshop for the community. Emilie from the NCC noted that there is a workshop planned for this Thursday. There will also be more targeted consultations as they proceed with the plan.

Core area plan has a lifespan of 25 years; last one was 2005. Targeting update for approval in June of this year.

Sarah volunteered to take the lead on liaising with the NCC on this file. Gail also agreed to be involved. Ray noted that he will attend the Thursday workshop.

5. Committee and working group updates

Friends of the Park (Karen): Met with the NCC to discuss planting trees around the park (near fieldhouse, pathways, near the beach and near the sewage treatment plant area). Waiting on information on how many and where... Bike signage meeting has not yet happened; NCC awaiting development of a policy before engaging.

Emblem (Sarah): We sent detailed feedback to the artist and were expecting several concepts; what we received was essentially the same concept with adjusted. Artist's reply was that he is willing to refund the deposit. Sarah's estimation that the artist is really that and what we may be looking for is more of a graphic designer. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the committee that Kostyantyn reach out to the artist to see if he is seeking to bow out and if so, what he would feel would be an appropriate amount to compensate for the time and effort he has put in to date.

New Edinburgh News (Karen): Things are moving along, are in production week. Will be 32 pages. Will see if they can squeeze something in on the Core plan. With respect to the Manor Park Chronicle article on the potential 6th crossing at Kettle Island, it was noted that this is a long-burning issue and with looming potential federal government changes, there isn't a need to weigh in.

Communications (Cindy): There have been some updates to the website with more to come including a new BRICK page and an updated History page, which will also include the indigenous history of the area.

Traffic and Safety (Jason): Nothing to report.

Beechwood Development (Sarah): Members of the BVA are working on their review of the proposed zoning bylaw and comments to be provided..

Heritage and Development (Gail): Nothing to report with the exception that despite H&D objections the addition to the old Cosmic Ray Lab has been approved. Sean noted that the old manse is now under "power of sale" so it appears that the bank may have pulled the plug.

6. Community group updates

CCC (Chris): no report.

Kichi Sibi Trails (Cindy): There is ongoing planning for a new 6-day paddle (downstream this time) ending with the Chief Pinesi Day events at New Edinburgh Park on July 1. They are actively seeking funding and will be putting out calls for volunteers for the events.

7. Other Business: Katherine noted that the AirBnB's permit was removed but they were still listing on the site. Erin noted that this has been flagged to by-law to pursue.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.
- Next regular Board meeting is February 18, 2025 at 7 pm on Zoom.