

## Lincoln Heights Parkway Community Association

### Annual General Meeting

Sat. Nov. 5, 2011

Ottawa Public Library, Carlingwood Branch

Prepared by Nina Milner, Secretary

Meeting began at 2:10pm

#### **Opening Remarks - Julia Goodman, President**

President Julia Goodman welcomed everyone and special guests Mark Taylor, Councillor for Bay Ward and his assistants Chantal Borst and Steve Karanikollas

AGM Agenda – motion to accept moved by Breda Kelly, seconded by David Agnew – All in favour

AGM Minutes of Jan. 20 2011 – date on minutes amended to read Jan. 20, 2011 (not 2010 as originally indicated). Motion to accept moved by Parham Momtaham, seconded by Ron Purver – All in favour

#### **Activities and Accomplishments –Gordon Doherty, Vice-President**

The Association took charge once again of the construction of 2 **rinks** in Lincoln Heights Park. The rinks provided a lot of fun, and a very successful winter follies was held Saturday February 12. The hockey, skating and tobogganing were all very popular as the weather, ice and snow conditions were favorable that day. The school provided welcome respite from the cold and the opportunity to win door prizes donated by area businesses. For the first time we sought sponsorships for the winter carnival and Tim Horton's on Richmond Road near Woodroffe Avenue provided boxes of Timbits. The Association now owns a small collection of hockey sticks and pucks as well as a 4-seater toboggan – all donations by Association members. We would like to see this small collection grow via donations, as quite a few children show up to play hockey on Winter Follies Day without equipment. Both the rink itself and the Winter Follies see the biggest volunteer contribution of all our activities – 16 individuals contributed to one or the other or both this year.

On Saturday, May 7, we had our **annual spring clean-up**, and collectively made our neighbourhood cleaner and greener by picking up a total of 19 bags of litter and 3 large objects – including an entire carpet.

For the first time this year, we tried out the concept of a **community pot luck picnic**. It was held on Sunday September 11, a beautiful day, under the Trolley Station in Britannia Park. All generations came out and in addition to good food, it was a very enjoyable time for meeting neighbours – sometimes for the first time! - and renewing acquaintances. The feedback was very positive regarding having a social event of this kind. The suggestion surfaced as to having a block party next time, right in the neighbourhood, and a number of people were enthusiastic about that idea.

The **Mud Lake Community Walk** was held for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time on Sunday September 18, and Dan Brunton shared his deep knowledge of this ecologically important resource which we are lucky enough to have within our own community association borders. This year registration was required in order to have groups of manageable size, and in the end 2 groups, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, were required to accommodate everyone who wanted to participate. Our thanks are certainly due to Dan who inspires with his knowledge, but also with his commitment to the preservation of our natural spaces.

The community at large had expressed the desire to improve the safety and security of our neighbourhood by activating the **Neighbourhood Watch program**. There was a call for a committed group willing to take on ongoing leadership roles and a meeting of this group with our Community Policing Officer, Lori Fahey, was held October 19. Cori Bourgon volunteered to coordinate the program.

This year there was a special effort put on to make everyone in the neighbourhood aware of the Community Association, and to develop the email list as a method of quick and effective **communication**. As a result, the number of households connected via the email list has grown by approximately 35, making the email list a means of quickly and cheaply keeping the community informed of events, incidents and news, and of taking the pulse in order to respond to requests for feedback from our City Councillor's office and so on.

#### **Update on Parkway House – Parham Momtahan, Director at Large**

Parham gave a recap of the issues – the large condo proposal on the Parkway House land has not moved forward, but the Association remains concerned about future plans for this property.

We had asked Mark Taylor to advise us of any pre-planning discussions – we all want a viable solution to Parkway House issues. We are concerned that the views of the whole community be taken into account with respect to planning issues.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch Update - Cori Bourgon, Coordinator**

Cori has taken over from the former Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Nancy Knight

Cori commented on the increase in vandalism in neighbourhood– egging of houses, speeding in neighbourhood, car break-ins, illicit use of school parking lot

We need to report crimes to police and communicate with police and with each other

Cori is a civilian member of the Ottawa police service whose goal is to link up with community members

Cori explained about police call centre process and what happens when a crime is reported

There is a mapping tool on Ottawa.ca web site indicating all reported crimes occurring in each neighbourhood in Ottawa

There are 2 Block Captains for Neighbourhood Watch – Suzanne Gauthier and Mike Thompson. We need more members – need a 50 per cent membership of households in the area to maintain our Neighbourhood Watch. People need to re-register for Neighbourhood watch through Cori or through the Block Captains.

Cori indicated that people need to report incidents of crime not only to the police but to the Block Captains as well – they will report to Cori.

A discussion about what the police process is when a crime is reported followed. Cori offered to discuss more with people after the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report – prepared by Walter Baziuk, Treasurer; reported by Parham Momtahan, Director at Large**

Walter was ill and unable to attend, so Parham presented the Treasurer's Report

**Budget for 2011:**

The Association's income comes from memberships and a grant that we receive from the city for the ice rink and some other donations

The Association's expenses were the rink, room rentals and some supplies for the winter follies.

Our income was \$1,865 and our expenses were \$1,750. We have \$115 left after expenses

**Proposed Budget for 2012:**

Expected income \$1,865; expenses will likely be \$2,500 – this sum includes Liability insurance. We will have a deficit of \$600.

In order to raise more funds, Walter suggested that the membership fee for 2013 be increased from \$5 per person to \$10 per household. Some discussion followed– some suggested a fee of \$20 per household.

**Motion:** Mike Thompson made a motion to increase the membership fee to \$20 per household for 2013 and subsequent years. If this creates a hardship for some people, the Association Executive can make an exception for individuals on an as-needed basis.

After further discussion about fees, Mike Thompson amended his motion.

**Amended Motion:** Mike Thompson made an amended motion to increase the membership fee to \$10 per person for 2013 and subsequent years. If this creates a hardship for some people, the Association Executive can make an exception for individuals on an as-needed basis.

Seconded by: Breda Kelly ; Motion carried.

### **Bay Ward Councillor's Report – Mark Taylor**

Mark introduced his assistants, Chantal Borst who is responsible for Community Relations and Steve Karanikollas who is responsible for the budget.

Mark highlighted some important items coming up :

#### City Budget

-The city will be holding consultations on the budget ; there will be 15 public meetings at which people can participate.

Mark passed around some documents detailing the budget breakdown. These can also be viewed on the City's main budget page – there is a link on Mark's web site, <http://www.baywardlive.ca/> Feedback can be directed to Mark or to the major, Jim Watson.

-Ottawa moves – the city has made a commitment to improving basic infrastructure – roads, bike paths, etc. Neighbourhood road improvement – there is a pot of money for city wards. Mark has asked for money for Bay Ward.

- Budget for Bay Ward - Mark handed out flyers detailing highlights of the budget for Bay Ward

- the city has a 2.39 percent tax rate – lower than last year

- City needs to raise \$55 million just to maintain services

- \$6 million is devoted to council priorities

#### Other Issues:

Parkway House: There has been no formal request to the Planning department in the last year; nothing from Windmill development. Mark will advise us if there is any movement on planning. Mark has discussed provincial funding for Parkway House with our MPP Bob Chiarelli.

Neighbourhood Planning – city has neighbourhood planning initiative –in the winter months

Public transit: issue of access to Lincoln Fields Transitway Station. The city is doing a study of walkability to transit stations – to be completed in the next 2 months. A proposal will be put forward in next 6-8 months. They are looking at how to improve access to transit. There will be a west Transitway overhaul.

Security issues – an awareness campaign is planned

Pinecrest Creek - a storm water management plan is forthcoming , a public consultation is planned

Mark indicated that he would entertain questions after the AGM.

**Lincoln Heights Parkway Community Association: Proposed program and for 2012 - Julia Goodman, President**

Winter - Community rink; Winter Follies – in January or early February

Spring - Spring cleanup; Talk on topic of interest ie. A talk by the Ottawa River Keeper

Fall - Community walk in Mud lake with Dan Brunton; Community PotLuck picnic in Britannia Park – or street party in June? For the street party, we could block off Plover

AGM with social event

Suggestion from attendees:

Have picnic and street party? Generally positive response

More activities for children?

Donations to be accepted for Parkway House or other charities during our social events?

**Election of Officers – Marion Agnew, Nominating Chair**

Nominees:

Vice President – Mike Thompson

Treasurer – Parham Momtahan

Director at Large – Suzanne Gauthier

Thanks were expressed to Julia Goodman for her work as President. Julia will continue in this role for one more year.

Thanks very expressed to Gordon Doherty, retiring Vice-President and Walter Baziuk, retiring Treasurer, for their good work over the past two years as founding members of the Lincoln Heights Parkway Community Association Executive.

Motion: A motion was made by Sue Puderer to pass the slate of Mike Thompson for Vice-President, Parham Momtahan for Treasurer and Suzanne Gauthier for Director at Large ; seconded by Lech Zielinski; Motion carried.

The Annual General Meeting of the Lincoln Heights Parkway Community Association ended at 3:40 pm.

