

LINCOLN HEIGHTS-PARKWAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The Lincoln Heights-Parkway Community Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held online through Zoom starting at 3:00 p.m. on October 24, 2021.

ATTENDANCE:

An estimated 23 households of the Lincoln Heights-Parkway community were in attendance at the AGM, including the following members of the current Executive Committee:

Annie Boucher (Past President)

Jane Kielly (Director at Large)

Sarah Nikkel (Director at Large)

Pierre Chevrier (Treasurer)

Vesna Lukic (Membership Coordinator)

1. WELCOMING WORDS

Annie Boucher (Past President) welcomed the residents to the meeting.

She introduced the agenda and announce that MP Anita Vandebeld and City Councilor Theresa Kavanagh would be in attendance.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Annie proposed the agenda for the meeting and a motion to adopt the agenda was made by Pierre Chevrier and seconded by Tyler Proulx.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF 2020 AGM MINUTES

The minutes of the October 25, 2020 Annual General Meeting were accepted as presented. Approved by Pierre Chevrier and seconded Sarrah Nikkel.

4. UPDATES AND DISCUSSION ON PRIORITY TOPICS

- All neighboring community associations are working together on issues such as Secondary Plan for area, Britannia Park proposals, RioCan, LRT stations, etc.
- New executives will be coming on board and will determine activities for the upcoming year.
- Membership Drive: in order to support the community association, the membership is \$5 per year per adult. It was encouraged to spread the word to our new neighbors.
- Park improvement – Tyler Proulx to lead the activity. This will be ongoing project and it will be done in several stages. Free library was already installed a few weeks ago. The idea is to explore tree planting, community garden, picnic tables, etc. Anyone who wants to help is welcomed.
- LHPCA newsletter: The Association will strive to send out a bi-monthly newsletter via email and will update the residents on the issues of interest to our community. Everyone is encouraged to sign up sending an email to lhPCA.info@gmail.com.
- RioCan development – Metro to open on October 28, 2021.
- Britannia Winter Trail – last year the winter trail was expanded due to the higher expectation and pandemic situation. The trail was extended to the Nepean Sailing Club on the west. The winter trail will be modified in order to avoid the off-leash dog park in the Regina park. It was suggested to increase the signage on the trail. The interest in Britannia Winter Trail is huge:
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=bjcHObDmqr8>
- Community Emergency planning: The Community Association will work with community volunteer Jennifer Chalmers to share the information with the residents on what to do in case of the power outage, who to contact, places to go to warm up, etc.

Questions and Comments:

- Parkway house re-development – ongoing owners concerns about the population density at the end of Regina once Windmill builds two planned high-rise buildings and town houses.
- Concerns about the crime in our neighbourhood as well as speeding on Regina Street

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A) Past Year's Activities:

Due to Covid-19 outbreak, the community association organized fewer activities:

- Holiday Hamper: Provided \$1,120 (\$150 from association) in gift cards from Metro and Bayshore Shopping Centre to a Regina Alternative School family. Thank you to the neighbours for their generosity.
- Fundraised for two families in need due to pandemic. With our neighbours' generosity, the Association raised \$1,000.
- Spring clean-up: Approximately 20 people came out to participate in the neighbourhood clean up.

- Vaccine awareness: through emails and social media messaging, neighbours were informed about vaccine availability in our high-priority community.
- Skating rink: Robert Graham is maintaining the rink again, funded by City of Ottawa grant.

B) Proposed Activities for 2021-2022

- Winter Follies: Jane Kielly will lead this activity and volunteers are welcomed. The tentative date is January 29, 2022. The idea is for the neighbours to get together, play hockey and the other activities will depend on pandemic restrictions.
- Summer Party and Community Dinner: Hoping to reboot in 2022.
- As new executives are coming on board, activities will be determined for the upcoming year.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Pierre Chevrier provided meeting attendees with an overview of the LHPCA financial situation for 2021 and the budget for 2022. Highlights are as follows:

- Balance of \$2,690 being carried over into 2022
- In 2021, Membership generated \$204 and the expenses were balanced with a short of \$197 from the year before.
- With new members on board, the budget will be determined at the first board meeting. Some of the items being included in the budget are:
 - Membership – estimated \$200
 - Continue to receive the City of Ottawa rink grant
 - A new expense to be added to the budget – park improvement

6. MP REPORT – ANITA VANDENBELD

MP Vandenberg began her presentation by thanking the community on the invitation to attend the LHPCA AGM. She provided an update on the top topics at the federal level:

- climate change, environment, conservation area, childcare, women participation in economy, economy in general, covid-19 and covid passports.
- Continue to work with NCC and preserve green infrastructure
- She is open to the public ideas on what should she be focusing in the community.

MP Anita Vandenberg continues to hold zoom meeting on Fridays at 5.30 p.m. (one on one format to discuss issues) and coffee hour once a week. The coffee hour is an opportunity to share ideas. Details are on her website.

Questions and Comments:

- Residents expressed dissatisfaction with LRT work on Parkway impacting active transportation and that the long-term plan should be in place.

7. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – THERESA KAVANAGH

At the beginning, Councillor Kavanagh noted that she would be happy to meet with Anita Vandenberg and talk about what's happening in the Bay Ward with regards to the transportation and infrastructure.

She provided an overview on the following:

- Ongoing work and good dialog between NCC and City
- Acknowledged NCC funding support for winter trails
- Work harder to increase tree canopy
- Expect city development – transit and residential development at being done at the same time
- 7 new LRT stations being built in Bay Ward
- Cycling Network - Working with RioCan to have cycling path through their property. More info to come.
- Metro store opens on October 28, 2021
- The community maintains still good connection to the new Mall through walkability
- Parkway House property will be a mixture of two towers (18 and 24 floors), townhouses and a separate building for the existing tenants. In anticipation of the population density and limited parking, it is expected that people will take public transportation. Residents anticipate that the traffic will be a huge problem once the new development is built. They want to see access to the Parkway and not through the neighbourhood.
Secondary plan for Lincoln Fields general area is delayed due to staff shortage and it is likely to occur following the next municipal election. Consultants are looking at the connectivity to pathway and LRT. It is still in a preliminary stage.
- Pinecrest-Carling-Richmond Road needs separate funding to the improved infrastructure. She expects the cycling path to be included in that plan.
- Security Concerns – Councillor Kavanagh talked to the chief of police and gave an update on the ongoing break-ins in the community. The residents are requesting presence of regular patrol officers, not only in police cars, but on foot as well. Theresa to provide an update on the issue development.

Questions and Comments:

- Due to the residents concerns about an increase of the break-ins in the neighbourhood, Councillor Kavanagh suggested Neighbourhood Watch Program and to reach out to the Community Officer, Jeff Kostuch to provide tips on preventing the thefts.
Annie Boucher confirmed she would be reaching out to Constable Kostuch and that information would be shared on current situation and tips.
- Residents expressed a huge concern about speeding between Parkway House, East of Regina Street and Regina P.S.

Councillor Kavanagh wants to work with the community to reduce the speed limit to 30 km/h. She also suggested to the Association to have Traffic Safety Committed to work on speed limit.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Annie Boucher, Past President and Vesna Lukic, Membership Coordinator each have one year left in their two-year term.
- New Board of Directors have been elected for the following positions:

Nominee: Tyler Proulx, President (1 year term)
Nominated by: Pierre Chevrier; Seconded: Sarrah Nikkel

Nominee: Sarah Nikkel, Vice-President
Nominated by: Pierre Chevrier; Seconded: Patti Murphy

Nominee: Tanya Middlebro, Secretary (1 year term)
Nominated by: Julia Goodmaning; Seconded: Tyler Proulx

Nominee: Pierre Chevrier, Treasurer
Nominated by: Tyler Proulx; Seconded: Julia Goodmaning

Nominee: JR Fortin, Director at Large
Nominated by: Julia Goodmaning; Seconded: Sarrah Nikkel

Nominee: Jane Kielly, Director at Large
Nominated by: Patti Murphy; Seconded: Suzanne

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The meeting adjourned at 5.00 pm.