

# Fairwinds Community Association

## March 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

### I. Call to order

- By President Ayah Stretch

### II. Roll call

- By Ayah Stretch
- Introduction of executive committee members in attendance
- All executive committee members present for quorum
- See Appendix A for attendance – 13 people

### III. Introductory Matters – Ayah Stretch

- FCA Constitution – draft will be on website; contains by-laws; no one has voted on it yet so open for discussion to make motions
- Meetings will be informal; explanation of how to submit issues as motion
- First meeting was on Feb 20, 2013; executive members all in place now
- Now over 150 members on Facebook page; also have website
- Any future agendas that get posted cannot mention a name or business unless we inform them in advance so they can represent themselves and speak
- Need a name to be submitted with any agenda item of someone able to speak to the item; if anonymous submission, will be up to discretion of Secretary to include it
- Will be representing residents of Fairwinds as a whole and avoid distinguishing between south and north side residents

### IV. Winter Carnival – Vice President Katie Young

- Very successful
- Presented list of ideas for next year, contacts, what we did, etc.:
  - Will do one park only
  - Would be nice to host different things at every park separately, but for one event not to split it up
  - All volunteers are to be adults, not teens
  - Will make red bibs and silk-screen with logo so people know who to go to if need anything
  - Different times to accommodate families with kids that nap
  - Need more sponsors - West Ottawa Soccer Club is interested in coming out – contact them for this and also events in summer
  - Will plan right after Christmas next year to get sponsors
  - Will make banner with name on it for tables and signs to put at either end of Huntmar inviting people to come into community
  - Raised \$233 with donations
  - Next time can perhaps ask for small amounts for hotdogs, etc. to re-fund future events
- Someone posted question on FB page re removing carnival signs – if you see them, please take them down
- Ayah – we are trying to spread the word about us to as much media as we can – considering Google Plus

## V. Issues

- **Thanking Bandmaster Rink operator – Ricky Stretch** – Katie Young
  - Lots of residents want to thank him for his dedication
  - Hoping to get ideas to thank him
  - Scott Brown – suggests getting story done on him in papers to show recognition
  - Ayah - he would appreciate this, rather than a monetary gift, explained the story behind the rink coming to our community
  - Katie - will talk to John Curry to interview and take photo
  - Shad – only so much city funding is allocated to outdoor rinks every year
  - Ayah – saw one item on agenda re Brigatine Park rink – hate to quash any dreams but not going to happen, unless Mattamy will put in a pipe
- **Voting on Scott Brown’s title**
  - Ayah – name wasn’t well thought of – few ideas did come through to change it: Director of City Issues, Health and Safety, or Community Concerns
  - Scott - not comfortable with Health and Safety Issues because not certified and no official training
  - Ayah - City Issues is not appropriate because you don’t represent the City of Stittsville
  - Scott - comfortable with Community Concerns
  - Vote - 100% voted for Director of Community Concerns
  - Ayah - now administrator can assign an email address to Scott; more professional to use these email addresses on domain; will be record of communications going in and out; ‘contactus’ goes to Pres and VP, and then will be filtered down to appropriate person; we are using Google, so would like to have all documents in that Google drive so any committee member can access it
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - Ayah
  - Event has been running for 2 years now, but want to advertise on FCA website; has been simple, but want to go big this year; any ideas welcomed – contact David, Events Coordinator
  - Asking David to post something soon advertising for the hunt on Easter Sunday, March 31 at 8am and noting donations of treats and plastic eggs are welcomed
  - Scott - questioned where all these events are going to take place
  - Ayah - have been doing at Bandmaster but we do have to spread around in future; will pick one park today, if numbers are huge and word gets out, then we can spread the love and go to other parks – Bandmaster or Par-La-Ville
  - Katie - can have different people volunteering – if want to have it at own park in future years, maybe they can take it on
  - Scott - Pars-le-Ville park is in people’s backyards – flip to Bandmaster
  - Vote - 100% for Bandmaster Park
  - David - inquired where can people donate items
  - Katie - volunteered her house at 411 Vendevale
  - David - will ask for donations first for date of hunt, then following next week post the details re the actual hunt
  - Scott – questioned about allergies and chocolate eggs - peanut free? Parents will be watching and can make their choice; hard to separate this out

- Jenny - will be lots of issues with various intolerances, but cannot address them all
- Glen - can trade-in eggs at the end at a bucket filled with peanut-free eggs
- Ayah - will mark them out separately
- **Dog waste:**
  - Scott – an issue in our community and more complaints are coming in from other streets; education is the key: just pick it up; someone suggested signs but no signs yet but we are still under construction
  - Jen H - difficult issue when it is not your property
  - Glen - waste bins are not supposed to have waste in them
  - Shad - in winter, the bins are only emptied on request by calling 311; supposed to come home and flush it; neighbourhood is your property; our bylaws are complaint driven – unless someone calls, they cannot enforce it as well; need someone to say which neighbour is violating; call 311 to report it because our eyes cannot be everywhere; signs up don't necessarily help – in Par La Ville there were 3 signs put up, 2 still there but 1 removed; other parks will put them up if not up, when construction is done
  - Katie – questioned about a dog park to keep the dog parks enclosed and attract the owners to that park - can we do petition or ask Mattamy? Can it be funded?
  - Shad - we don't have official dog park here; it is NCC property on Moodie Drive; it is not an official dog park over off Abbott near the church – actually trespassing on private property; sooner than later will be dog park in community; proposing Bell St. Park at corner of Fernbank and Main Street which is passive park, easy to fence, about 20 parking spaces; we have TransCanada trail from Bells Corners to Carleton Place on former railroad tracks but cannot let dog off leash
  - Glen - future meeting maybe come up with other strategies to encourage people; maybe next month it is issue to bring forward
- **Issues in Brigatine Avenue area**
- **Break-ins:**
  - Scott - in our community on Brigatine, someone prowling, checking for doors being locked, have seen him on camera, tracks in snow; has stolen stuff, got into neighbour's house but dog started barking, 5 neighbours were out one night with talking with police; questions how others in older area dealt with thieves, etc.
  - Katie - our street was hit, cars, took car registrations but nothing else; contact police and keep reporting
  - David - sounds like a pro
  - Jen Holmes - questioned about Neighbourhood Watch
  - Ayah - Scott will look into this further as Director of Community Concerns for next meeting; make sure everyone locks doors and cars
  - Shad - incidents all over the place in Stittsville
  - Katie – questioned if this also helps with when children are lost
  - Shad - that's Block Parents and no longer exists; NW is for houses; kids are to reach out to a parent or family because of liability issues; NW is eyes in the community; Victor McNabby is volunteer with police to organize all NW, so Scott can contact him
- **Illegal substances and impaired driving:**

- Scott – received a formal email complaint from resident in our area with details; pulled fast up to stop sign and cracked window in front of kids, cloud of weed smoke billowed out, impaired driving; wants a voice louder than just one person; she just wants safe street; went to police but advised cannot do much because have to catch them in the act
- Ayah - this is the “tradesperson” issue; we have to give them notice so they can represent themselves; Director of Community Concerns should contact the builder and explain the concern; also not 100% sure was trades
- Scott – that was police concern as well
- Shad - if passing emails, take her name off the original email; message can be passed on but not name unless authorized; double check with her if ok with name is passed on
- Scott - she is ok with it, but will get that in writing from her
- Ayah - two residents questioned about this issue on Facebook; advised we would get more info on it tonight and will be posted in minutes
- **Speed bumps:**
  - Scott – residents coming to me about how fast people are driving - 60 kph
  - Katie - they do it everywhere in neighbourhood
  - Ayah - questioned if trades or residents
  - Scott – it’s both; taking inside corner because coming too fast and oncoming traffic is coming up onto sidewalk where kids are
  - Ayah - have requested speed bumps from city but almost impossible to get
  - Shad – considered a nuisance, so City does not prefer this; ER vehicles have hard time to get in, snow plows hit them; if removable ones, there are operating costs involved; are other ways to control speed such as speed control sign on street; when Brigatine Park is developed it will have “children at play” signs; there is no centre line painted yet, but then people do tend to stay in that lane; other measures include a slow-down campaign and passing out flyers because 90% of speeders are people who live there; very passionate issue for me and I bought own radar gun in past; more headaches with speed bumps
  - Katie – will talk further about this at next meeting but would like to do petition to get speed lowered to 40kph
  - Shad - speed is 50 kph if not posted; need 60% of residents of the street in question to sign petition to get it lowered and can only be done when City takes over the development – can do for Vendevale, but not Brigatine; also have to ask which side they want the speed signs on; these are issues for Mattamy – forward it on to them re issues discussed this evening and ask what their solution is because they are still responsible for some streets
  - Katie - maybe ask Mattamy to talk to their trades to slow down; put forward motion re petition to get speed lowered and start slowdown campaign - seconded by Scott Brown
  - David – asked about adding signs re children playing
  - Shad - City will do this at schools but not on every street; have to be a certain distance away because driver has to know in advance what is coming up; in Ontario, according to *Highway Traffic Act*, the roads belong to the vehicle, but in other provinces, a car will stop for you as soon as your foot hits the curb to cross
  - Jen Holmes – inquired if Canadian Tire can do something like a bike safety seminar to help children learn rules of road

- Ayah – that can be part of the slow-down campaign; email Katie with ideas
- **Hockey rink at Brigatine Park**
  - Scott - this was addressed already – Shad already said not likely
- **Poole Creek bridge and park completion estimations**
  - Jenny – contacted Shad and was advised that Mattamy expects bridge completion to be mid-summer and park not started until after that, but reality is it will not be done by then and we will have no park again this summer
  - Ayah - inquiry as to why this bridge is needed
  - Shad - mandate is to connect the communities; Huntmar is a good bridge, but this one is for exercise and bikes
  - Scott – advised that it has to be big enough for a service vehicle, all our trees are gone, were told they are not even trees - they are weeds; will be a massive road behind our houses
  - Jen D – inquiry why it is to be used to get to Food Basics or whatever stores
  - Ayah – inquired why can't it just be a foot bridge
  - Shad - have to allow ER vehicles to go on there
  - Katie – I have experienced this – daughter ate wood chip and was stuck in her lung, she was almost dead because nothing was labeled yet and we just moved in, where we were they had no idea
  - Scott - you would have to see where it is; no emergency vehicle is going to need to use that route; this bridge is short – would have liked to see a footpath
  - Ayah – inquired can't we say we don't need the bridge or amend the site plan; work hasn't started; contact Mattamy and suggest they save this money
  - Shad: 90% complete; was part of site plan; Mattamy is building it; City wants that bridge, approved the design; Mattamy makes that commitment; the bridge makes sense
  - Jenny – bridge was never on the diagrams we were shown at the sales office
  - Ayah – questioned if bridge has benefit if likely that no emergency vehicles will use it
  - Scott – it would get voted 100% no by neighbourhood; service vehicles will not use it; questioned why police cannot provide service outside of their cars
  - Shad – it is meant for bikes and pathways; was riding with police on night patrol and police could not get them on a foot chase, police went through a pathway and arrested them; this bridge was part of site plan and part of connecting communities; a change in the plans will probably not happen at this point
  - Ayah – if can't be changed and main concern was mature trees, questioned what City and Mattamy can do to replace
  - Shad - larger calibre trees are to be planted; some trees that were existing get bugs like cockroaches in summer like residents have on Rosehill; these trees are classified as weeds because they are; Mattamy took down trees to shore up the shoreline
  - Jenny – we paid lot premiums to back onto weeds; bridge delays the park; won't be done by summer so no park again this summer; issue not over as will continue to deal with Mattamy and the City re the trees
  - Scott - snowballs because community cannot be completed; just want everyone to understand and be aware; there is no cure, but is major concern in community; affects our street and Rosehill on other side
  - Shad - will register our opposition to the bridge again

- Ayah – if anything can be done like petitioning or advertising, we will do it; will update the Residential Development section on website
- **Cleaning the Capital**
  - Katie and Scott - definitely want to be part of this
  - Katie - did this for 10 yrs in Arnprior, my mother is contact in Arnprior, never registered in it before
  - Ayah – can get recognition re yearly cleanup and reminder every year
  - Katie - makes motion for participating in clean-up, seconded by Jen Demers
  - Katie - will register us for it by Friday and advertise it on Facebook page
  - Shad - have until May 15<sup>th</sup> to complete the project; register, pick up kit, and then do it any time before then
  - Scott - suggested end of April
  - Katie - April 27<sup>th</sup> tentative date; will have meeting before that; it is not so much an “event” as it is encouraging residents to come out; will look into areas of community in which to do it
- **Community Garage Sale**
  - David - will advertise this on day to be decided upon
  - May is a good time – voted to by majority
  - Katie - not on May 11<sup>th</sup> because not available and really want to be part of it
  - David - not long May weekend
  - Scott - May 25<sup>th</sup> is a Saturday
  - Katie – suggested hours as 7am to 12pm
- **Public High School update**
  - Jenny – provided summary of March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting; Shad Qadri and Lynn Scott present; main thing is there is going to be a public high school, but it’s just a matter of when the funding will come through; school board makes list of its recommendations every year, but Province doesn’t always follow it and picks what they want; Stittsville has been on the list for 20 years and has moved up and down; the key is to “personalize” our pleas to the Province/board instead of just form letters or emails; proposal for a letter writing campaign by students, parents, grandparents, and teachers to the Province/board; will soon provide list from Lynn Scott of statistics to include in letters, like how there are 12 buses down to South Carleton High School in Richmond at a cost of \$50,000 per bus per year; also advised us that there is going to be a second Catholic High School, but it will be French; can sign up for email distribution list and petition; even when funding comes through, best case scenario is it will still be another 2-3 years for school to open
  - Ayah – discussed on-line petition, and so far have over 500 signatures
  - Katie – must keep up the advertising for it; check the school boards websites for school boundaries
  - Scott – doesn’t seem like a lot of numbers
  - Jenny – there are also paper petitions all around community including Shad’s office and schools
  - Shad - school board boundaries are different than city
  - Glen - petition is going to Queens Park; is also a school board meeting in spring; trustee Lynn Scott recommended that our community have a presence there
  - Jenny - supposed to be a summary of statistics coming; will send that around

- Katie – suggested rallying a group of people
- Jenny – they said not to send ton of people but select representatives of community – older and newer parents, grandparents, children; not really sure who contact is, whether Jennifer S. or Karyn
- Shad - Jennifer S. was at front of room at meeting, but there are other ladies including Karyn who has been working on this for 8-9 years; MPP Jack MacLaren is taking petition in to government; paper petition is better, but online can be done; stories from heart is more emotional and sits well at the table; Jennifer S. is contact for now
- Ayah – have 585 signatures online petition, advertising it on FB, Glen also does the Ottawa Start tweet

## **VI. Councillor Qadri**

- Brought some information pamphlets re garbage collection, Goulbourn Rec Centre programming, Hydro and power outages and contacts
- There is comment period re Carp Rd Landfill and environmental assessment deadline is in 2.5 weeks; go to “nodump.ca” and drop in mail to Ministry of Environment; this has been a fight since 2004; petition of 5,000 signatures but not sure it is going to work
- also information re youth mental health issue and prevention; adult side of it is tragedy that happened in our community; we are going to be holding a forum and bring professional into the room to talk about it
- join my email list; column sent out Fridays
- re traffic issue on Brigatine and Huntmar - traffic dept and residents presented with options and came up with workable solution; provided map with colours showing changes; will send electronic copy to be posted; should be done late summer in time for school year
- David – questioned if northbound bike lane
- Shad - yes dotted line indicated
- Did a fantastic job at winter carnival; was great turnout and participation; I do hear from the community
- There are lots of Stittsville activities such as my June 13<sup>th</sup> BBQ party; have 200 burgers made by the Farmers’ Association
- Support the Sens! They bring a lot to our community

## **VII. Meeting Close and Adjournment**

- a) Ayah – closed meeting 10pm
- b) Next meeting to take place on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm – will have meetings the second Wednesday of every month

Minutes submitted by: Jenny Guth

Minutes approved by: 1)

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## **Appendix A - Meeting Attendance**

Jenny Guth	Scott Brown
Kim Hine	Jen Holmes
David Raftus	Katie Young
Ayah Stretch	Councillor Qadri
Jen Demers	Glen Gower
Catharine A.	Alex Chen
Jack M.	