



Leslie Park Community Association Meeting
Thursday October 21, 2016
7:00pm
Leslie Park Public School

Meeting Minutes:

<u>Agenda Item:</u>	<u>Action Items:</u>
1) Welcome and Introductions (Rachel Tweedy) 20 neighbours attended this meeting	
2) Thank you to our volunteers (Rachel Tweedy) Rachel acknowledged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Lauro and the Membership Drive team – another successful campaign was held in May • Alina Matern and Alfia Sorokina who organized the Picnic in the Park in June • Cynthia Woods and Alicia Ferguson who organized the Fall Fun Day in September • Kevin Lim from Lim Geomatics who donated prizes for our membership drive • Ksenia Nigmanova, the graphic designer who volunteered to redesign the LPCA's logo and signs • Tianna Rowan who redesigned LPCA's website and is now taking posting to our Facebook page • Peter Talajic and street reps team for delivering our newsletters • A special thank you to Chris Becker for his many years of service on the board and for the many committee meetings and communications he took care of on the Association's behalf 	
3) Presentation on the Acute Care for the Elderly Unit at the Queensway Carleton Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel introduced Karen Carruthers, RN, Clinical Manager of the Acute Care of the Elderly Unit 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen discussed the purpose of the unit, the types of patients it services (aged 70+) and how it has been designed to serve needs of patients who may also have dementia • Karen answered residents' questions and noted that there may be opportunities for adults or youth to volunteer • More information on the Unit can be here 	
<p>4) Finance Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marina circulated the latest financial statements and noted that because the rink season straddles two fiscal years, not all the rink's costs are captured in the current statement • Rachel noted that there is a new budget line called 'volunteer appreciation' – money is set aside to hold a modest thank you event for rink volunteers, and in 2016 – thank gifts were given to volunteers Ksenia Nigmanova and Tianna Rowan who performed professional services for the Association (graphic and website design) pro bono • Jane suggested now that there is a secure place to store it (the bunker) – the Association should consider purchasing a barbeque for events • Bernie suggested that we should have membership forms available at every event to capitalize on the opportunity to get people to join who missed the May membership drive • Marina also noted that if Leslie Park School were closed, the LPCA would ask that their \$1000 donation for the playground be refunded 	<p>Rachel – work with Marina to budget for barbeque in 2017</p> <p>Rachel – make membership forms available at all events</p>
<p>5) Update on Leslie Park School Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel reported on where we are at in the public consultation process – she noted that 'Thoughtexchange', the online platform for collecting concerns was open in early October and in early November, the public will have an opportunity to 'star' or prioritize the issues raised • Rachel reported on a meeting held on October 19th with OCDSB Trustee Anita Olson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was good representation from Leslie Park and the Parent Council's rep Jeff Elzinga (Barnes Crescent) has crafted an excellent multi-point letter that has been sent to the Board and city councillors • What we are hearing from other schools in the Sir Robert Borden area of schools is that the data on OCDSB's population projections is flawed. It is apparently from 2014 and does not consider for new developments, turnover as original residents move out and the move of DND's headquarters in 2017 • The proposal to move Leslie Park's students and the Autism Spectrum (ASD) classes to Briargreen has been met with resistance from parents at both schools. Leslie Park Parents don't 	

<p>feel that open concept is an appropriate environment for children with learning challenges and Briargreen has said that they would lose space for up to 45 children to accommodate 12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The feeling across many schools is offering dual track (both English and French Immersion) programs would level out enrollment, minimize bussing, ease transitions and would be easier on families overall • It was also noted that many families in Leslie Park may choose to switch their children to St. John the Apostle which offers a dual track program and is in walking distance for Leslie Park families – this has not been accounted for in the Board’s enrollment projections • Councillor Rick Chiarelli pointed out that ‘utilization rates’ are deceiving and it doesn’t cost more to have a school that is half empty: the buildings are paid for, they are already heating it, a custodian is already on staff – Rick theorized that this exercise is about reducing salaries, not operational expenses • Rachel reported that a group of residents will be meeting with Rick Chiarelli on Sunday morning to discuss the best approach for determining the ‘how, what and who’ for communicating with the Board • Rachel encouraged all residents to attend OCDSB’s public meeting on Thursday Oct. 27 at 7:00pm at Sir Robert Borden High School 	
<p>6) Call for Rink Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernie reported that although the City is trying to cut back on funding for rinks inside the Greenbelt to free up money for rinks in the suburbs, Leslie Park’s rink continues to be well-funded because it services 2 elementary schools. He noted that if we lose Leslie Park School, we could lose the rink • Bernie reported that some modifications have been made to the rink set up this year: the rink will be moved 8 feet east, they have increased the net for safety to cover the entire side around the toboggan hill and hay bales for safety around toboggan hill also added • Bernie noted the volunteer positions that need to be filled for this winter 	<p>Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Bernie at 613-829-0304</p> <p>Rachel: add list of volunteer positions to November newsletter and to the website</p>
<p>7) Update on Little Free Libraries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane reported that the new Little Free Library at her home on Abingdon has been registered and is now up and running • Jane noted that the library could use more children’s books and potentially ones in different languages • Rachel reported that Christine DiLoreto was considering posting a Little Free Library on her property at Costello and Monterey Drive but the 	

<p>group noted she would need to seek out approval from her condo board since the front of her home is not private property</p>	
<p>8) Update on Leslie Park Calendar Contest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel reported that there were 50 submissions and she has a panel of 5 judges who will be selecting the photos for the calendar in the next 2 weeks. • Rachel reported that a 'calendar pick up day' is planned for Saturday, December 3rd from 10am-12pm at the Field House • Rachel noted that they would pre-order 50 calendars and order any others on an as-needed basis 	
<p>9) Appointment of new LPCA Executive member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel reported that Tianna Rowan had volunteered to take on the Vice-President role after Chris Becker retired • Marina Hartley motioned for Tianna Rowan to be appointed the new Vice-President of Leslie Park Community Association and the motion was seconded by Bernie Gold. All attendees were in favour of the motion so it carried. 	
<p>10) Upcoming Events</p> <p>Saturday, December 3- Leslie Park Calendar Pick Up</p> <p>Saturday, February 18, 2017 – Winter Fun Day – Rachel noted that a volunteer is needed to coordinate the event</p> <p>Saturday, June 24, 2017 – We are considering a 'street party concept' to celebrate 2017. A notice explaining details will be included in the November newsletter and a call for street captains will be open until March 1, 2017. If there is no interest in a street party, an event will be held on Friday, June 23rd at the park instead</p>	
<p>11) Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob Shildkraut mentioned that there should be more effort put into the promotion of the Leslie Park garage sale outside of the neighbourhood (like CentrepoinTE, who posts lawn signs around the area for 2 weeks prior to event). Rachel noted that this event has been run by only 1 volunteer and if the desire is to 'make it bigger' – there needs to be a committee or a group of people willing to take on the organization of it • Jacob noted that many people's lights on their properties were burnt out and that it is unsafe for people walking in the neighbourhood. Rachel noted that a campaign to 'Light Up Leslie Park' was launched in 2014 but it proved to be challenging to fix or replace people's lights because a certain amount of electrical 'know how' was needed 	<p>Rachel: Contact Jacob to assist with coordination of next garage sale</p> <p>Rachel: Post a reminder about keeping properties lit in November newsletter</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane noted that Jim McNally, who lives in the neighbourhood is a licensed electrician and could be contacted by residents who would like to pay to have their lights fixed. Jim's contact info is: 613-402-5085 Email: mcnallyjim2@hotmail.com 	
<p>12) Next Meeting</p> <p>The Annual General meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Leslie Park School. Coffee social will be at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm.</p>	