

Leslie Park Community Association Meeting Thursday, November 8, 2018 7:00pm St. John the Apostle School

Meeting Minutes:

Agenda Item:		Action Items:
1)	Welcome and Introductions (Rachel Tweedy) Over 35 neighbours attended this meeting	
2)	 Thank you to our volunteers (Rachel Tweedy) Rachel acknowledged: Nicole Lauro and her team for another successful membership drive Peter Talajic and his team of street reps for delivering Leslie Park's Newsletter 4 times per year Gregoire Laforce for offering Tai Chi in the Park – a free activity on Monday evenings in May Shelley Murdock, Margo Nelson and Penny Phillips for offering free Yoga in the Park all summer Alina Matern & Alfia Sorokina for organizing another successful Picnic in the Park in June Marina Hartley for suggesting the idea of an artisan showcase at the Picnic in the Park – we had 8 artisans participating in the event in spite of a torrential downpour Alicia Martinez for organizing another well-attended Fall Fun Day in September Margo Nelson and Mark Howard for their continued work with the Leslie Park Community Garden All of the volunteers who submitted photos for the 2019 Leslie Park Calendar Board Members: Marina Hartley, Andrew Barton and Kristine Bourque Social Media coordinator Melinda Buijs Frank Sullivan who has stepped in as the Rink Operator and developed the very popular trebuchet for Pumpkin Chuckin' 	
3)	 Update on Finances (Rachel Tweedy) Rachel reported that the Association currently has \$7000 in the bank and a transfer from the City for the rink funding was anticipated in the coming weeks 	



4)	 Rachel reported that both the Winter Fun Day and the Fall Fun Day's costs were covered by donations The 2018 membership drive raised just over \$2600 which is a little more than 2017 Update on Leslie Park School (Andrew Barton) Andrew reported that a few meetings had been held in the fall with Councillor Chiarelli and MPP Jeremy Roberts' office to explore the possibility of turning Leslie Park School into a community hub. With MPP Roberts' office help, the LPCA had put together an application with the Queensway Carleton Hospital (as the lead) for funding from the province's surplus property funding initiative to cover the building's carrying cost for 18 months while a proposal was developed. The application was being finalized when the LPCA received information from Councillor Chiarelli's office that another school board was going to submit a proposal for the Leslie Park School building. The information that the LPCA received was that the building would remain an elementary school and could re-open as early as September, 2019. UPDATE as of February 2019 – the LPCA's understanding is that negotiations 	
	between the OCDSB and another school board are still underway. When a public announcement is made, the LPCA will share the news with residents.	
5)	 Update on Traffic Calming Measures (Andrew Barton) Andrew reported that Councillor Chiarelli's office had approved the addition of speed boards going southbound on Harrison, and westbound on Monterey. Andrew confirmed that the speed boards will capture data on vehicle speeds. Andrew noted that the posts are in place and should be implemented by the city in the fall (UPDATE as of February 2019 – both boards have been installed). The group discussed the increase in speeding going northbound on Harrison since the road was re-surfaced - Andrew confirmed that the LPCA had made additional requests for speed boards going northbound on Harrison and eastbound on Monterey. 	Action: Rachel to follow up with Councillor Chiarelli's office on status of additional speed boards
6)	 Update on 39-85 Costello (Rachel Tweedy) Rachel reported that no residents were currently living in the units and that long-time Leslie Park resident Monique Langlois (who moved out in the fall) was keeping us posted According to Monique, 2 units were being used by building team 	



	 Councillor Chiarelli's office inquired about the status of the construction and according to Building Code Services – permit and inspections had been going on for the garage repairs and the previous requests for service have been dealt with 			
	Councillor Chiarelli's office has been asked by LPCA to work with Bylaw to flag any zoning proposals or changes – ask Bylaw			
7)	Update on the Cannabis Store on Baseline (Rachel Tweedy)			
	Rachel reported that the store has been closed.			
8)	Communications survey results (Kristine Bourque)			
	 Krissy reported that the LPCA had conducted a poll on the website asking residents to report on how they preferred to receive information from the LPCA 			
	• The survey revealed that residents would be happy receiving news via Facebook and an e-newsletter			
	• The group agreed that in order to reduce paper, and the cost of printing 5 issues a year, the LPCA would print 2 issues per year, and go to an email newsletter			
	Some residents felt that going with exclusively an email newsletter would exclude			
	some elderly residents, so it was agreed to keep the spring newsletter that contains information from the AGM and the membership drive, and the late fall issues.			
9)	Call for Volunteers (Kristine Bourque)			
	 Krissy reported that volunteers were needed for the rink (supervisors and maintainers) and Winter Fun Day on January 26th. 			
10	Upcoming events and initiatives (Kristine Bourque)			
	Krissy reminded residents that the Griswold Christmas Decoration Contest was			
	launching soon. Residents can submit photos of their homes by December 10 th and voting would go from December 15 th -25 th .			
	 The winner of the contest would be announced at Winter Fun Day, scheduled for Saturday, January 26th. 			
11	11) Meeting Adjourned			