

MANOTICK VILLAGE & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING HELD MARCH 16, 2011
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Attachments: (i) Agenda; (ii) Treasurers Report; (iii) PowerPoint presentation by Ted Ross – history of DSHMI and Manotick Mill Quarter Corporation (iv) Contact Information of Guests Present

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jan Hynes (JH), Brian Tansley (BT), Pierre Viau (PV).

REGRETS: James Clancy, Jane Dormon

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT: Klaus Beltzner

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Clancy, Ted Ross, Kathleen Collins, Brian Laurie-Beaumont, Bonnie Gray, Mike King

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by PV to accept the agenda, seconded by JH. The agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the February meeting

The minutes for the February 16th meeting were approved without change.

3. Treasurers Report

See attached document. Unanimously accepted

4. Advocacy Committee:

Discussion re: Town Hall Meeting on the issues concerning the disposition of Dickinson Square
Presentation by Ted Ross (See attached PowerPoint Presentation)

BT introduced the presentation by Ted Ross with a brief background on MVCA's offer to hold a town hall meeting at DSHMI's (Dickinson Square Heritage Management Inc.) last meeting. Concern was raised at this meeting by all members of DSHMI about the possibility of removing this committee's representation (and therefore the community's voice) in the MMQCDC (Manotick Mill Quarter Community Development Corporation) by merging it into the larger mandate of the Ottawa Community Lands Development Corporation (OCLDC). At that meeting, the general feeling of the members of DSHMI was that it was premature to hold a town hall meeting, as the MMQCDC was to meet next sometime in April and also that Scott Moffatt, our city councillor, should be the one to take the lead on this meeting.

Ted Ross and Bonnie Gray were present at this meeting to give the board members of MVCA the background information on the formation of DSHMI and the MMQCDC.

Before beginning the formal presentation, Ted Ross informed the board that he had been in communication with Councillor Moffatt and that he was heartened to hear that the amalgamation of the two groups

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(MMQCDC and OCLDC) would not happen as soon as previously expected, that is at the next meeting of MMQCDC in April. Although he agreed to attend a town hall meeting on March 29, he would not chair the meeting on this date, as he wanted time to meet with city staff. However, he was interested in meeting with all interested groups to work towards a solution.

Bonnie Gray indicated that she had been co-chair with Margot Belanger upon the creation of DSHMI, but this changed when she became the representative for the WMMI (Watson's Mill Manotick Inc.) on the MMQCDC. Due to many complicating factors (delay waiting for incorporation, illness of city staff) the MMQCDC has only had one meeting since its inception, with the second scheduled for April of this year.

Klaus Beltzner pointed out that his reading of the business plan, submitted to the city by DSHMI, indicated that City Staff undertook to do several things which have not been done. BT indicated that public opinion might get things moving and that was the reason he suggested the need for a town hall meeting.

Brian Laurie-Beaumont clarified the purpose of the business plan which was submitted to the city by DSHMI. The purpose of this plan was only to quantify on paper what the community cultural requirements would be. As a Manotick resident with extensive experience in conservation of heritage buildings, as a senior planning advisor for the Preventive Conservation Services Division of Canadian Conservation Institute, where his specialty is museum planning, he felt that the vision for a cultural centre here could be important for all of Ottawa South (Greely, Barrhaven, Osgoode, North Gower) and should be promoted as such.

Klaus Beltzner felt that there needed to be an overall vision – one which incorporated a commercial aspect, to generate revenue which could co-exist with the preservation of the cultural/historical aspect of the Square.

Bonnie Gray offered that she felt a meeting with Councillor Moffatt with representatives from DSHMI, WMMI and MVCA would be a logical “next step”. Brian Tansley agreed to draft a letter for Councillor Moffatt, and circulate it to all of the groups before sending it.

5. Events Committee: Membership Drive, AGM, Dickinson Days (delayed to next meeting)

6. Reports from Subcommittees: (delayed until next meeting)

Transportation Subcommittee (Klaus)

Minto Mahogany Liaison Committee (Brian)

Resignation of Kris Schultz (future of P&P SC?)

7. St. Mark/South Carleton Awards (delayed until next meeting)

8. Other Business: Future Board meeting location

As there will only be one more meeting at the Library at no charge to the MVCA, discussion took place on possible alternatives. Suggestions offered were above the fire station, Second floor of Miller's Oven. No decision was made at this meeting on whether to change the meeting location.

9. Adjournment at 9:10 p.m.