Annual General Meeting Notes: Nov 14, 2017

1. **Review of Agenda and General Remarks:** Karen Wright, President CHNA
2. **UOHI Expansion Update**, Marion Fraser CFO, VP Finance and Admin- Heart Institute
	1. Exterior is finished; on-going work to complete interiors;
	2. Turn over date is March 9 2018, operations to start in the new tower April 2, 2018;
	3. Main ambulance entrance will re-open summer 2018.
3. **Kitchissippi Update: Councillor Jeff Leiper**
	1. Reid Park: finally closed off the tender to complete the project. Plans are on-line. Beginning November 17, the park will be closed for a year while the project is completed.
	2. The City’s draft budget will be voted on in early December. One of the reoccurring problems JL would like to have resolved is adequate budget allocated for snow-clearing instead of going over-budget and covering the short falls by cutting planned projects.
	3. Q’s from the floor:
		1. Ev Tremblay redevelopment: $200K is allocated for park improvements. No decision has been made yet as to how this money will be spent. O-Train development “cash in lieu of parkland” fund is growing and will need to work with planners and undertake consultations to decide how to spend this.
		2. NW corner – what are the timelines around the Harmer Pedestrian Bridge? JL will follow up on this, ask about the schedule and implications and post an update in his newsletter soon.
4. **CHNA Fall Report:** Karen Wright
	1. **Events**
		1. Park Clean up: the community cleanup was rained out, however,
			* employees of Titus cleaned up Ev Tremblay
			* City workers cleaned up Fairmont
			* Ruskin Park was cleaned up by nearby residents
		2. Evening of Neighbourhood History, June 1:
			* Main discussion was about the history of Reid Farm
			* Great turn out – 54 people came to the event.
			* Information to be posted on website soon.
		3. Our now “Annual” garage sale was held June 3
			* Will always be first Sat in June to be in synch with Hintonburg, Carlington, Island Park etc..and allows us to reuse signage.
		4. Pumpkins in the Park: the weather worked in our favour and we had a record turn-out of over 200 people. All activities were well attended, had a profitable bake table, sold a few memberships and reminded people about the AGM.
	2. **Civic Hospital Updates,** we have regular meetings to discuss local issues such as:
		1. Smoke-free Ontario act: working to solve issues as smokers leave hospital grounds to smoke.
		2. Shuttle-buses were re-routed to residential streets due to construction on Loretta and we were hearing complaints from residents about noise and frequency. After a number of solutions were investigated by TOH and CHNA, TOH purchased new, smaller and more energy efficient buses.
		3. Parking restrictions for 991 Carling
		4. Trucks on Parkdale
		5. Dukes of Devonshire illegal exits
		6. Civic Hospital Relocation Sub-committee
			* Peter Eady has offered to chair this sub-committee, we are looking for volunteers who are interested in participating
			* Terms of reference are in development
			* If you have questions or concerns, contact Peter
			* TOH will be hosting several consultations in Eastern Ontario. Closest consultation for us will be Dec 7, Tom Brown Arena, 7 to 8:45 pm. All neighbours are encouraged to attend.
	3. **Volunteer Award:** Our first recipient of this new award is Barbara Fisher
		1. While the rink is supported by grant funding, a volunteer is required to manage it. Barb Fischer has been the lead volunteer for the Fairmont Rink for many years now, and finally retiring this year. Barb handled the agreements with the City, organized all the volunteers and coordinated the high school students to be rink attendants. The Fairmont Rink is a wonderful asset in our community and we owe a big thank you to Barb. Barb will be invited to our spring meeting where she will be presented with an official plaque and certificate.
		2. New manager is Kate Whitfield
			* fairmontrink@gmail.com
			* Twitter: @fairmontrink
			* Facebook: Fairmont Park community Rink Association
	4. **History and Heritage Committee:** Matt Lemay
		1. June 1 History Night – focussed on Reid Park and Carling ave
			* Presentations to be posted on CHNA site soon
			* Web page has some great features including “History Pin” (see new material), the story behind the Civic Hospital Pharmacy Sign
			* New feature is the Civic Hospital neighbourhood timeline: each significant date is flagged, has a photo/image, date and title. Please explore!
	5. **Planning and Development Committee**
		1. Wide range of issues, committee meets 3x a year, goal is to
		2. Civic Hospital Zoning – comments requested by November 16.
			* Our draft is posted on the CHNA website for neighbours to review and comment by tomorrow evening. We are particularly concerned that the application for the zoning application does not require any studies in advance of changing any zones. We’ve identified studies that we feel should happen before any rezoning is confirmed.
			* We’re also concerned about the implications of mixed use zoning on valuable urban green space. This green space/heritage land has been turned over for the development of a hospital, we want to be sure that use is restricted to a hospital and not somehow turned over to private interests or uses.
			* Please do make time to read and comment. We want to make sure our position reflects all community members. Letters of support are welcome.
		3. Soho-Otto’s BMW Parking lot. The use of this lot clearly is in violation of our local bylaws and the developer will be going to court and fined for this violation. We’ve been told that the city has no authority to remove the cars. The developer is likely to pay the fine but not move the cars at this time.
		4. Just a reminder that all our development submissions are posted on the CHNA website. They are updated regularly and are a “riveting read”.
		5. Committee always needs volunteers, for example we are looking for someone to coordinate the volunteer award.
	6. **Transportation Committee**
		1. We continue to request and advocate for an area-wide traffic management study, especially considering the Civic Hospital redevelopment.
		2. Temporary traffic calming measures (e.g. speed signs, humps, flex sticks) are helpful but do not go far enough.
		3. Additional flex sticks will be added to Sherwood Ave next spring.
		4. Would like to work with our partners such as TOH and our elected officials to work together to restrict further impact on the community.
	7. **Communication Committee**
		1. Invested in more permanent signs to promote events such as the garage sale and pumpkins in the park
		2. News releases and social media posts are also available on our website.
	8. **Membership Committee**
		1. Promoting paid membership is important to our integrity and clout
		2. Door to door and email campaigns continue
		3. Additional volunteers are welcome – it’s a great way to meet neighbours.
	9. **Safety Committee**
		1. The major issue for 2017 was changes to the community policing model which came into effect in January.  CHNA participated in consultation sessions to establish future relationships between Ottawa Police Services (OPS) and communities in crime prevention.  An OPS Advisory Group and Community Intake Coordinator position have been established.  However, Community Police Officers (CPO) will remain the primary point of contact for communities and CHNA will continue to work closely with our Dawn Neilly our CPO based at the Hintonburg Community Centre.  It is still too early to evaluate these changes.
			* In August, OPS decided to increase the tenure of CPOs from 3 to to 5 years.  CPOs will rotate among CPCs every 5 years.  Dawn Neilly will stay at Hintonburg for 2 more years.  Stehanie Lemieux (Centretown CPO) is here as well.
		2. Home & Car Break-ins: While the CHNA posts warnings on our website of break-ins and other suspicious activities, the best way to prevent burglaries is to get a Home Security Inspection from our CPC. This year there have been many car break-ins across the City including the Civic neighborhood.  The easiest way to prevent car thefts is to lock doors. When a violation does occur, it is important to file a formal report to the OPS Reporting Centre.  Information on submitting these reports, online or by phone, can be found on our website.
			* A special session ('Make The Right Call') on how to do on-line reports is now available from CPOs.
		3. Fraudulent activity is on-going and numerous incidents are posted to the CHNA website.
5. **Treasurer Statement:**
	1. Currently have $6200 in our bank account
	2. Bake sale revenue up 40% this year, overall revenue $3200
	3. Our expenses total about $1800 include: Pumpkins in the park ($600); printing, signs, food & drinks for park clean ups.
6. **Board Elections,** new nominees include:
	1. Membership – Rhonda Birenbaum
	2. Floor was open for additional nominations. None were put forward, therefore names listed are all acclaimed:
		1. President – Karen Wright
		2. Vice President – Peter Eady
		3. Treasurer – Julie Westall
		4. Secretary – Laurel McIvor
		5. Development – Kathy Kennedy
		6. Safety – Shane Quinn
		7. Transportation - Luanne Calcutt
		8. Membership – Rhonda Birenbaum
		9. Communications - OPEN
		10. Fundraising – OPEN
		11. Environment – OPEN
		12. Special Events – OPEN
	3. Still seeking nominations for Communications, Fundraising, Environment and Special Events.
7. **9:15 pm Adjournment**