

**Hunt Club Park Community Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2019 at 7 pm  
St. Thomas More School, Library,  
1620 Blohm Dr, Ottawa, ON K1G 5N6**

<b>Board Members' Attendance</b>			
<b>Paul Norris, <i>President</i></b>	Present	<b>Connie Ford, <i>Secretary</i></b>	Present
<b>Kathy Fisher, <i>School Liaison &amp; Content Editor</i></b>	Present	<b>Louise Pilon, <i>Social Media</i></b>	Present
<b>Frank Gualtieri, <i>Treasurer</i></b>	Present	<b>Andrew Tomayer, <i>Communications</i></b>	Present
<b>Austin Kattackal, <i>Director at Large</i></b>	Absent		
<b>Others in attendance</b>			
Jana Atkinson (Councillor Deans' Office), Alek Golijanin, Chief of Police Sloly, Inspector Carthwright, Cst. Kevin Williams and officers, Councillor Riley Brockington and staff, and Community Housing representatives.			

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION</b>
<b>Call to order</b>	The President called the meeting to order. Six of seven board members were present constituting a quorum and the meeting was declared duly constituted. The agenda for the meeting was approved.
<b>1. Minutes of meeting</b>	The meeting minutes as of October 29, 2019 were not reviewed and held off for approval at the next meeting.
<b>2. President's Report</b>	The President welcomed community members as well as the Chief of Police and his officers, the City Councillor and his staff, and community housing representatives. The President invited Chief of Police Sloly to address the community.
<b>3. Treasurer's Report</b>	Frank Gualtieri did not provide a financial update at this meeting in order to give the invited guests the necessary time to meet with community members.
<b>4. Councillor's Report</b>	The Councillor's Office did not give a report at this meeting in order to give the invited guests the necessary time to meet with community members.
<b>5. Chief of Police Discussion</b>	<p>Chief of Police Sloly and Inspector Carthwright spoke about Ottawa's reinvestment into neighbourhood-based policing. They informed community members about a new program that launched in November 2019 — Neighbourhood Resource Teams (NRTs). These teams have been established in three areas in the city: Heron Gate/South End, Vanier/Overbrook, and Carlington/Caldwell.</p> <p>NRTs include Community Police Officers, School Resource Officers, Traffic Services Officers as well as Patrol Officers. NRTs have experienced officers who have specialized training. We will see these teams 'walking' the neighbourhood and building long-term relationships with the people and families they serve. The</p>

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	<p>goal is to be more proactive than patrol officers whose focus on 911 calls limit the time available for community engagement.</p> <p>Constable Kevin Williams, one of the NRT officers, spoke to the recent shooting in our community. He discussed that the shooting was not random, but was directed at the victim. There are persons-of-interest in the shooting, but no evidence to support an arrest. The police knew of the victim and believe the individual's involvement in previous incidents may have led to the shooting. They also believe there is information in the community, but people are reluctant to share with the police. They encouraged the community to partner with the police and to say something if they see something.</p> <p>Some community members expressed concern that in the past their calls were not taken seriously and were not responsive. Two community members spoke about cars and people that congregate at certain times and in certain areas of the street such as park entrances. The Chief of Police and his team reassured community members that the new neighbourhood approach is meant to address this issue and community members are encouraged to contact the Community Police Officers directly.</p> <p>Another member spoke about the importance of having well-lit areas, trimmed trees, and most importantly a community centre for after-school programs. One of the community members had started a program on a single night at a school, but there was so much demand that the space could not accommodate, and the program had to be cancelled. It was noted that the Greenboro Community Centre is not close enough for families in this area.</p> <p>NRT officers were asked if they were attending churches and mosques to better connect with the diversity of community leaders. Inspector Carthwright and Cst. Williams spoke to visits to schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, churches and mosques, and other different cultural groups. The goal is to have influential Community Leaders work with officers to help them engage the community and displace any mistrust that may exist with the police. They encouraged the community to invite them to any of their community gatherings.</p> <p>During the discussion period, the police were asked why 'targeted' people are being allowed to enter our neighbourhood and if there were structural issues in the neighbourhood. Chief of Police emphasized that crime is committed by human beings who reside in our communities and structurally cannot be kept out. Councillor Riley Brockington informed the community that they have partnered with NRTs to identify deficiencies in the neighbourhood and will be</p>

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	<p>working with officers to make structural improvements — improvements to lighting, tree-trimming, graffiti, and access to resource centres.</p> <p>Some community members expressed concern with the term ‘targeted shooting’. Members felt this de-emphasized the seriousness of the shooting due to its timing and proximity to a school. Chief of Police Sloly thanked people for their feedback and said in the future their communication would be more mindful of the word ‘targeted’ and they would change the wording.</p> <p>The meeting ended with the Chief of Police committing that NRTs are long-terms and during his time there will be no more cuts to officers. The police also recognized the community’s efforts on Neighbourhood Watch and its commitment to team with officers to solve crimes. For instance, in our community, incidents decreased from twenty-five in the previous year to seven incidents this year. Neighbourhood Watch asked the Neighbourhood Resource Team to report back to the community in six months on results. Additionally, Carleton University’s Dr. Linda Duxbury is monitoring the program to provide feedback for setting and meeting goals for improving overall community safety.</p>
<b>6. Other Business</b>	No new business was discussed.
<b>7. Next Meeting</b>	Next meeting will be held on January 28, 2019 at 7 pm.