

## Minutes

**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

**Ante Room at 4:00 p.m.**

### **Attendance:**

Bernice DEttorre, Chair  
John Kuchard, Citizen Appointee  
Nadia Bathish, Brock Student Union  
James Taylor, Niagara Regional Police  
Glen Hamilton, Niagara Regional Police  
Steve Kosh, Executive Director, Niagara College

### **Absent:**

Erica Walters, McMaster University  
Jonathon Belgrave-Sookhoo, Citizen Appointee  
Bradley Clarke, Director, Student Life and Community Experience, Brock University  
Joanne Bakker, Interim Director Student Services, Niagara College  
Bryan Keenan, Landlord Representative, Brockview Student Rentals  
Nathan Melin, Fire Services  
Ryan Huckla, Niagara College Student Union

### **Staff Liaison:**

Greg Hemphill, Property Standards Officer, Planning and Building Services  
Rosa Risi, Recording Secretary, Planning and Building Services

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1. The Chair, Bernice DEttorre **called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.**
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**  
None
3. **Motion to approve the agenda**  
Moved by: Bernice DEttorre  
Seconded by: John Kuchard
4. **Motion to approve the T & G minutes April 6, 2017.**  
Moved by: Bernice DEttorre  
Seconded by: John Kuchard

5. **Presentations (invited guests)**

Presentation cancelled - Janice Arnoldi – Brock Fraternity

6. **New Business**

Bernice informed committee of new Fraternity House in the Yates Street area.

6.1 - Social Sustainability - nothing to report or present to Council.

6.2 - Sub-Committee motion – Mayor Sendzik will be forming the sub-committee ensuring Fire, By-Law, Police, Brock University, Niagara College, councillors and residents in attendance so strategic plan of action is in place for the major party days.

Bernice expressed the need to empower residents regarding their rights and provide them with the knowledge of what to do and how to lodge complaints. Greg explained what a formal complaint is and how to lodge a complaint. Complaint can be lodged by calling Planning and Building Services (PBS), filling in a complaint form on the website or in person at the PBS counter. Building complaints can be taken over the phone. Residents can also search an owner of a property at City Hall, in the Financial Management Services Department. Greg also informed the Committee that Welcome Wagon visits all residents, not just student houses, and the grass complaint process was explained.

Bernice asked if any other Town and Gown Committees are putting any proposals through their Councils that might help us.

Steve noted brewing is a common concern, as is licencing of landlords, and Welland has been attacking parking. They are changing and implementing by-laws and rules. Partying is going to happen and no one yet has a workable solution on how to address.

Constable Taylor noted that St. Patrick's Day 2017 was proactive and plans were in place with the NRP, City and Brock, but unfortunately the best-laid plans in the event of an emergency unravel. They will have plans in place for 2018; however if another emergency arises, they will be unable to address to the best of their ability.

Steve being able to identify where students are living so Brock and Niagara College can attend these properties.

Nadia attended the T & G conference. She provided a summary of a presentation by an attendee from Western who does the off-campus housing and has a great system of collecting data from off-campus students and the way they communicate with them. It may be beneficial to contact them if interested.

Steven said the data collected showed the students' home addresses, not where they are living, and they move 2-3 times a year and do not update their address.

With no by-laws it is difficult to address situations. T & G conference attendees noted the same issues everywhere. In Hamilton when they implemented the brewing pieces, they ticketed for the first 6 months which paid for the by-law officer.

We need to remember that students are citizens and taxpayers through the landlord. We need to identify where they are so we can communicate with them.

Niagara College is hosting an off-campus living housing fair in Welland this year, the first week back to school. All the local groups, waste management etc., off-campus housing, and their international department will be there to give message. Approximately 500 students will attend and educational material will be provided to attendees. There will be a Community welcome letter, which outlines the by-laws.

Bernice expressed frustration because there seems to be no progress. Curtis said they address on-campus policies but cannot address off campus.

Bernice asked why the City can't have the same policies as the US, where students are sent home and courses cancelled if they are caught in contravention.

Bernice has called Thorold Councillors and T and G, and nothing has come of it. However, she did get the brewing idea from Thorold and followed suit. If the by-law has been challenged in other cities, it will help us pass it through. Bernice suggested calling all other cities and getting ideas. She needs help in doing this.

7. **Business**

7.1 - Steve noted that a ward councillor should be chairing the Committee. Committees that are strong have councillors and mayors in attendance. Is this Committee taken seriously by our City? Steve suggested starting with Terms of Reference which gets approved by City and getting people on the Committee with a vested interest. Bernice will see if Councillor Elliott would be interested in joining the Committee. It was suggested that Sandra Burrows attend the meetings.

Suggested extending parking enforcement hours which can discourage house parties. Bernice feels Committee can work if they research things and come to the table with ideas so that they can be brought forward to Council.

8. **Date of next meeting**

Thursday, August 24, 2017 4 p.m.

9. **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn 5:05 p.m.

Moved by: John Kuchard

Seconded: Bernice DEttore