

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Directors Meeting Minutes - 14 March 2020

Paul Kane House - 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Present: Connie Langille, Kyle Iannuzzi, Robert Packham, Tara Schorr

Regrets: Trevor Hennig, Neil Gibb, Paul Farrelly

Non-Board: Don Altman, Peter Small, Judy Young, Peter Green, Paige Harlogk, Courtney Henrich

1. Administration

1.3 Agenda - amended and approved

1.4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest - none

1.5 Minutes of last meeting, Feb. 15, 2020 – approved with changes

1.6 Financial Status - \$1,920.23

- Tara and Connie agree to look into the Pay Pal account issue.

1.7 Additional interim executive appointments

Approved for Peter Small and Don Altman until AGM. Moved by Robert, seconded by Kyle.

2. Activities Report Out

2.1 Development

33 Isabella St.

There is a proposed development of a four-storey infill apartment building on the west of the property, with 399 square metres of office space at grade and 15 new rental units. The site now contains a 27-storey apartment building with 419 rental units, all of which will be retained. The site will lose a tennis court but amenities are being added inside the building. Trees will be preserved. There will be a dog walking park. There was general agreement among the executive as to its desirability. Paul has sent a letter of support from CWNA to the city.

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There is slow progress in demolishing the on-site house and clearing the property because of delays concerning utilities. CWNA has asked Councillor WT that the site be left in reasonably good condition, hope is it can be quickly incorporated into the new James Canning Gardens Park. We would like to avoid a fence being put up around the property. There will be a public consultation for redesign. We are not sure who the parks supervisor will be.

Crews and Tangos: 506, 508 and 510 Church St.

The site includes Boutique Bar. After its purchase by Developer Graywood Group, the developer reached out to CWNA, the BIA and 519 Church to set up a meeting so it can discuss its plans. Tara says we should push for the redevelopment to conform with north Yonge development plan, which covers Church St. in the village. The site has no heritage designation but fits into the plan as a building of special interest, Robert says. The zoning bylaw allows for four storeys in the front and eight to 10 in the back. The question is whether the city wants to keep the Crews

and Tangos building in its entirety or will allow the developer to make it into a facade. We need to argue that we want at least the front half of this heritage building kept entirely, which would allow the business to keep open during redevelopment, Robert says. He says we need a Church St. entertainment bylaw, to preserve such spaces. The city's comprehensive study of the city's cultural heritage will take too long, so it would be good to get Church St. done faster, Robert says. He and Connie agree that we should push for a cultural and heritage plan for the neighbourhood as a top priority sooner rather than later. We decide to continue to engage the community on this issue.

2.2 Safety

Community Safety Network meetings report Kyle

There have been 10 critical incident alerts since January 2019, almost all on Yonge St, including a stabbing near Yonge and Carlton on March 8. The community committee has not become involved in any of these. Kyle says the committee needs altered terms of reference to be more proactive. Kyle agrees to try to develop a communications strategy to publicly push for more involvement from the federal and provincial governments in local crime issues.

Sanctuary

People in the neighbourhood, including a residents' association called CANA, are concerned about the homeless who attend Sanctuary, blaming them for graffiti. Of 10 -7 homeless people who were camped out at Sanctuary have been connected with social agencies. Partnerships regarding Sanctuary are expanding and the work is becoming more progressive, Connie says. Adjoining George Hislop park is in rough shape. Connie says that once we know who the parks supervisor is, we should agitate for improvements there well before the park redesign is implemented in up to three years.

2.4 Placemaking

- TTC lane names: have been submitted, Connie reports.
- Speaker series: Kyle says we should seek input on the speaker series through email, so we can get buy-in from every committee. He proposes a town hall speaker series on a chosen topic once every other month.
- Isabella St. lane names have been submitted. The lane is east of Church St. on the south side of Isabella and goes behind the Grace MacInnis Co-op. It has a north-south and also an east-west leg. The city prefers a separate name for each leg. CWNA would like one two-spirited names for the entire L shaped lane. Kira Vallen and her two-spirit group from Anishnambe Health have submitted two names. They are #1. Okitcitakwe Lane – pronounced – Osh-sha-shtakway, meaning “Warrior Woman” and #2. Agokwa Lane – Meaning “Man-Woman.” The co-op submitted the name Nahnebahwequa - which means standing-upright woman.

2.5 Communications

-Trevor added a button for donations on the CWNA home page and membership page

2.6 AGM

AGM, slated for May 7, 2020. We will decide at the next board meeting, April 18, whether to go ahead, in light of COVID-19. Tara asks if someone from BIA might be suitable as the guest speaker, considering the controversy over Crews and Tangos. Kyle recommends having Susan Gapka as the guest speaker to talk about becoming engaged in the community. Kyle will contact Paul regarding who to ask to be the guest speaker.

2.7 CWNA 10th Anniversary celebration

A donation has been promised by Stanley Condos developers.

3 - Additional items:

Pride update: An April 21 consultation was planned with three residents' associations, including CWNA, at the Pride Toronto office on Berkeley St. A community consultation at the same Pride office that was planned for of March 25 is certain to be cancelled. Connie to email Bobby MacPherson to ask what consultations are being done in the community.

Covid response: Tara to send health guidelines from the government and/or University Health Network. She will post safety guidelines helpful to the community on the CWNA Facebook page. Tara suggests posting messages seeking or offering help on our closed group.

4 - Recap of Actions & Upcoming Events

- Community Consultative Committee meeting with police is on March 18, 5 p.m., at police headquarters, 40 College St.

- Connie will contact Paul to find out who the new city planner will be. Paul and Robert are to meet with the new planner then create an issues list and get back to Ian Flett.

- Next CWNA meeting April 19

- Connie to email Pride's Bobby Macpherson re its community consultations

- Kyle to try to develop a communications strategy to publicly push for more involvement on crime issues from the federal and provincial governments.

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