

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes

Monthly Meeting May 15, 2021

Zoom Video - 10am – 12pm.

Board Members Present: Connie Langille, Tara Schorr, Paul Farrelly, Robert Packham, Trevor Hennig, Neil Gibb, Donald Altman,

Regrets: Kyle Iannuzzi, Sam Katz

Guests: Tyler Johnson; Peter Small; Randy Weinstein

1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Agenda

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none

1.5 Minutes of Last Meeting , April 10, 2021 - approved

1.6 Review of Action items from April 10, 2021

ACTIONS from April

- **Committee Chairs:** Hold meetings for Development; Safety; Placemaking; Governance (May 8); Housing; Fundraising.
Paul / Robert: Letter of support to Queen's Park Heritage Precinct Coalition (*deadline passed*); / attend 33 Isabella Site Plan meeting (*done*); arrange meeting with BCCA (*will do*).
- Kyle & Connie:** correspond re: level of support for Ontario Place for All (*not done*; *Connie will ask Kyle about*)
- Connie:** ask the BIA / Councillor's office about 1) the status of the Church Street Redesign project and 2) a place at the table before the design goes out to general public consultations (*done*)

1.7 Financial Status - \$3,707.32

1.8 Welcome Guests – Neighbourhood Rep. from Councillor Wong-Tam's office, Tyler Johnson; Randy Weinstein

2. Activities Report Out

2.1 Affordable Housing - Neil

- Meeting to be held

2.2 Governance - Don

- Meeting to be held

2.3 Fundraising- Connie

- Received business number, completing application for charitable status

2.4 Communications & Membership - Trevor

- News e-blast to be sent within next two weeks
- will talk with Tara and Connie about volunteer recruitment / management

2.5 Safety – Tara / Connie

- CWNA Safety Committee to meet (Tara, Don, Paul)
- Recent Community Safety Network report out
 - encampments at BHP have been cleared, with individual relocated to accommodations
 - Henry Dick updated on incidents of stranger-on-stranger violence; most noise complaints should go to 3-1-1 rather than the police.
 - Community Crisis Response Program and Social Planning Toronto is putting together training packages for everyone involved in the safety network.
 - Safety Network now has committees; looking for members
 - local Crisis Response Team is coming along, but hiring is taking time because the jobs are very specialized.
- Toronto Police Service LGBTQ2S+ Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting
 - the TPS LGBTQS+ CCC has been revived; liaison is Charles Payette. Missing and Missed Report is a touchstone for meetings; one of CCC's aims is to keep TPS accountable.

- could use some outreach to community for more participation; Tara is interested in attending next meeting
- good conversation with Kira Ballan of Anishnawbe Health, speaking of struggles of Indigenous 2 Spirited people. Board voted to give a \$200 donation to Anishnawbe Health for basic needed items.

2.6 Development & Heritage – Paul

- Tyler explained that section 37 funds are currently allocated at one third each to affordable housing, childcare and community/cultural recreation centres *in Ward 13*, though a small portion may be allocated to immediate neighbourhood-level capital improvements. Don and Tara said they believed all section 37 funds should be earmarked for the neighbourhood where the new building is erected. Tyler explained this would be difficult as each project only produces so much s.37 money, usually not nearly enough to complete a single major project, and that flexibility is needed so that resources are allocated within the Ward logically. Importantly, having the Ward-wide allocation means that s.37 money for developments that occur *outside of* the Church Wellesley neighbourhood can then be used *in* the Church Wellesley neighbourhood.
- 33 Isabella infill Site Plan meeting report out – The meeting was supposed to be about the infill Site Plan, but was more focused on the landlord’s plan for renovations to the 33 Isabella building itself (garage is being redone and windows will be replaced). Tenants had several concerns including having to vacate their apartment for 12 hours a day for a period of one week, as well as construction noise. The City Councillor’s office is holding up approval of the infill Site Plan until these issues are resolved and will be meeting with the owner and property manager. Another Site Plan meeting specifically on the infill project will take place at a later date.
- 20-26 Maitland (former Catholic Childrens’ Aid) Settlement Agreement
- No big box stores: Councillor Mike Layton pioneered a requirement that bans big retail chains (including banks) at the base of new development. Other councillors are following and it is being applied to the Crews / Tangos project. However, the requirement has not been tested at LPAT.
- Yorkville Community Heritage Resource Assessment – Paul was invited to participate in this CHRA, which will identify all heritage resources in the area.
- 625 Church (Traders Building) has been appealed to the LPAT. The Heritage Board has moved to designate the property.
- FOSTRA (Federation of South Toronto Residents Associations) had their first organizing meeting, which Paul attended. The CWNA Board voted to join (\$25). Paul will be our primary delegate; Neil will be secondary delegate.
- Paul spoke with Nancy Chater on linear parks. Alexander Street Parkette: about half of the south part of the concrete path on the south east section of the parkette (adjacent to the restaurant) may be eliminated. The restaurant’s side-door, at the galf-way point, is used to dispose of trash)
- Joint Bay-Cloverhill / Church Wellesley Green Loop – meeting with Councillor’s office on Tuesday as to wayfinding on the Loop. Paul and Connie will attend.
- Bumpkins Restaurant, which is beside James Canning Gardens, is for sale for \$12.8 million.
- 2 Carlton settled at 73 storeys - \$14m in s.37 benefits.

2.7 Placemaking - Connie

- Church Street Redesign – Tyler informed the Board that the architects would be presenting a draft plan at the monthly BIA Board meeting on May 31; Connie will attend; BIA will hold two online consultations in June: one for BIA members and the other for the general public. Consultant will submit a draft report to the BIA Board in August. The final (90%) design to be presented to the BIA Board in September. Plan will go to the BIA AGM for approval in November. Actual construction will be coordinated with YongeTOmorrow construction.
- Tyler noted that there would be an opportunity after the June consultations for CWNA to have input on extending some of the design elements from the plan beyond the BIA boundaries to the rest of the neighbourhood.
- April meeting report out:
 - Café TO modifications discussed; improved this year with more areas for people to sit and parkette with mural.
 - James Canning Gardens – planted, waiting for playground to open
 - Friends of Barbara Hall Park; meeting soon with BIA and 519 to get on the same page; CWNA would prefer to wait until the fall to bring an organizing meeting together.
 - renaming of Alexander Street Parkette. We will move forward to get more input, though renamings are on hold at the City level until the pandemic lets up.
- Wellesley Green P Parking Lot – Tyler asked for CWNA’s input on the future use of the parking lot: affordable housing and parkland or all parkland. The Board will discuss further and submit a letter to the Councillor. Don asked for more info on where the subway line lies below the parking lot.

- Laneway standards: Robert will find correspondence regarding what was agreed on standards for laneways for future reference whenever there are new developments or rebuilds of lanes.
- Mural on north side of Dudley's has been approved by Dudley's owner.
- Pride is proposing that Toronto Pride be held on Canada Day weekend for 2022-2024. CWNA Board members who spoke were for preserving the traditional date of the last weekend of June. It historically coincides with the Stonewall riots; many people want to take Canada Day as its own holiday – a separate restful weekend after the frenzy of Pride, or use Canada Day as part of a week off (and travel elsewhere). Other festivals (Jazz, Luminato) can move their dates if they so desire, so as not to clash with Pride week. Pride should not be scheduled so as to maximize tourist dollars.

2.8 Government Relations – Kyle

- Political invites – will report next time

4 Recap of Actions & Upcoming Events

- CWNA Board meeting June 12 - 10am
- Meeting with Councillor: June 15
- Paul / Robert: Next Development meeting: invite Tyler and Connie; s.37 discussion; laneway standards
- Paul / Robert: meeting with BCCA
- Committee Chairs: meet if you ought to.
- Connie: let Tara know about next TPS CCC meeting
- Connie: agenda item / meeting: Wellesley Green P parking lot's future
- Connie / Tara: meet with 519 / BIA re Friends of Barabara Hall Park
- Trevor: compose call-out for Alexander Street Parkette names