

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Monthly Meeting October 16, 2021

Zoom Video - 10am – 12pm.

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

Attendees: Peter Small, Adam Wynne, Julia Fice, Ben Russell

1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Agenda (approved as amended)

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest (none)

1.5 Minutes of Last Meeting, Sept 18th, 2021 (approved)

1.6 Review of Action items from Sept 18th, 2021

ACTIONS from August

- Trevor: schedule AGM Planning and Comm / Membership Meeting - done
- Paul: schedule joint CWNA/BCCA development meeting – to do

1.7 Financial Status - \$4,284.93

2. Activities Report Out

2.1 AGM

- Planning - AGM Monday Nov 29, time to be determined
- AGM will be virtual; Tara and Trevor are working on it; Tara posted Google Slidedeck presentation so committees can start work on their portion; Don will be in charge of Board director's terms, nominating committee; Don added that the Rules of Procedure should be first thing on agenda.
- Don moved the Governance Committee act as the nominating committee – *agreed*.

2.2 Placemaking - Connie

- CWNA letter re BIA's Church Street Master Plan – Trevor working on draft; will distribute this week for final edits.
- Placemaking Committee Mandate draft - edits suggested; will recirculate before next monthly meeting
- TO Core Implementation Strategy report – city report details status of all parks and public realm improvements that are in the TO Core plan.
- 15 Wellesley E Park (Green P) is listed in Table 2 of the Implementation Strategy report "New Parks Secured Through Development and Acquisitions" (3800 square metres). However, it is not in Table 3 "Actions from the PPR Plan," which lists priorities to 2030.
- 519 Community Centre – Connie met with Curran Stikuts
 - meeting was about 519's community relations given its mandate; perceptions of the community vs reality; how to better educate residents about the role and activities of the 519
- Changes to Barbara Hall Park moving forward
 - a new sign with hours has been posted; shrubs around the AIDS memorial removed for better sightlines; park is going to be patrolled but unclear how often or form of enforcement; arborist is looking at some trees on south side of the park that are blocking the new mural.
 - Connie provided a 2017 list of BHP to-dos that had not been completed by Parks to Tyler Johnson (Councillor's Office); he met with Parks, the list was revised, and there is an understanding that things are going to get done by Parks.
 - at meeting with Councillor's Office next week will be asking about redesigning BHP; whether a redo is necessary given it was redone a few years ago; and if that is what must be done to address current issues in the park.
- Street garbage bins, benches, message kiosks - Astral is not responding to requests; Connie is following up.
- Travellers' Way naming is moving forward

2.3 Governance - Don

- Rules of Order, Governance Mandate final draft – *approved*
- Governance Committee will be working on succession planning for Board members and committee chairs

- Land Acknowledgement – is it desirable to have the acknowledgment at monthly meetings, or better to limit to AGM? Don will distribute an article re debate on land acknowledgements.

2.4 Communications & Membership - Trevor

- Mandate for Board approval – to be distributed
- Website: updated
- Will add links to Adam's work to Heritage section of website
- Next e-blast contents: 475 Yonge proposal; Church Street Redesign update; 15 Wellesley parkland; Safety: who to call

2.5 Safety - Tara

- Downtown Eastside Resident Grant – Board *approved* Tara to start application for a grant for a METRAC Safety Audit; priorities include Dapper Lane; if there are enough funds we could include some private property adjacent to the public realm. Agreed that the actual sign-off on the grant application should be approved by the Board (possibly by email) before submitting.
- Recent Community Safety report out – the monthly meeting was changed at the last minute so Tara could not attend
- New evening BHP Safety Plan – there will be patrols in Barbara Hall Park but details are forthcoming

2.6 Development & Heritage – Paul / Adam Wynne

- Heritage Nominations – Adam reported that he had nominated the following for heritage listing: 481-483a Church Street at Maitland (owned by Kingsett); 585 Church Street (SE corner of Church and Isabella); 26 Alexander Street. He also discovered a land assembly at the SW corner of Church and Hayden (640, 642 and 644) owned by the Shui Pong Development Corporation. Paul noted that the Crews / Tangos property is not listed or designated, but that the developer is indicating it will respect heritage.
- This month the City is supposed to be providing an update to the Yonge Street Heritage Conservation District in preparation for a January hearing at the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- CWNA recognized the immense contributions of Jane Beecroft, who passed away on Oct. 11. Jane was a talented artist and poet and was known to many for her passionate advocacy of heritage preservation and Indigenous history. She was founder of the Community History Foundation and instrumental in the naming of Wabenose and Chechalk Lanes.
- Feedback to BIA Church St redesign – Trevor is working on a draft to be shared with Board: sidewalk on east side should be wider.
- Ownership of east side of Church Street - Trevor is compiling information on ownership on Church to get a better idea of potential land assemblies. Will continue work and provide full report on east side of Church between Maitland and Alexander.
- Paul and Peter will meet again regarding the cataloguing of Yonge Street properties.
- Courtyard Marriott (475 Yonge) – Kingsett Capital submitted a new development application for 475 Yonge Street, replacing the Courtyard Marriot Hotel, between Wood and Alexander Streets, with two towers of 78 and 75 storeys. This despite the fact that it had been approved to build two towers of 58 and 48 storeys. Kingsett is making an all out assault on the Official Plan Amendment 183. Another example is its proposal for very tall tower at 510 Yonge at Breadalbane. The Bay Cloverhill Community Association is launching a fundraising campaign against the 510 Yonge proposal at the Ontario Land Tribunal. The CWNA Board approved a \$500 donation to the fund.

2.7 Affordable Housing - Neil

- Oct 7th survey meeting by the City on affordable housing – Neil and Connie attended
 - affordable housing is caught between the City's plan for intensification, NIBMYism and real estate speculation
 - the City will soon be announcing some affordable housing initiatives
 - Neil will send link to the meeting
- Tara noted that the City's proposed reforms to multi-tenant housing rules and regulations that would treat tenants more fairly did not have the support of enough councillors to pass at council and so was kicked down the road to next year.

3 Recap of Actions & Upcoming Events

- Events: Church Street JPS Illuminated Fence launch - November 12, 6 pm

CWNA exec November 13th., 10am

- Actions:
 - All committees: get your Mandates done: circulate among Committee members and then to Board members. These should be completed and approved by the Board well in advance of the AGM.
 - AGM Planning: committees start working on your content. Trevor, Tara, Connie, Don continue work and meet again soon.