

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes

Monthly Meeting March 12th, 2022

Zoom Video -- 10am – 12pm.

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

Attendees: Jonathan Grimm

1. Administration

1.1 Land Acknowledgment

1.2 The agenda was approved

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - No conflicts are declared.

1.4 Minutes of Last Meeting - Minutes from Feb 12th passed

1.5 Review of Action items from Feb 12th meeting

- Committees to meet
- Tara & Ryan to meet re FB moderator
- Arts festival letter of support - Tara

1.6 Financial Status

- \$3,541.18 + \$34.74 PayPal = \$3,575.92

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 Placemaking - Connie

- Art Project Church St – Tara reported on the Passing Bi+ art festival. She connected the organizers with neighbourhood partners, 519, Progress Place, BIA etc. The festival would install art pieces in various windows (businesses and private) as well as Barbara Hall Park. The event will be a great addition to the Village.
- Trees and Pollinators in the Village. Trevor gave an overview for programs in Toronto to increase the tree canopy to 40%. Trevor talked about PollinateTO and The Suzuki Foundation's Butterflyway Project and how CWNA could promote the enhancement of our tree canopy and the creation of pollinator corridors. A community walk about to audit trees in our catchment will be organized in the near future.
- Placemaking meeting report out, minutes circulated.
- Pride meeting report out – Pride presented their map for the 2022 Festival. There will be a dedicated food truck area south of Carlton with picnic table seating. There will be no food vendors in the Village. This will greatly cut down on garbage management. Paul Kane will be Safe and Sober again. Vendors have yet to be assigned. We asked that community space be available, benches etc.
- BIA meeting report out – A full discussion followed on the Alexander Woods statue. CWNA does not have an official opinion. Peter Small did write an excellent article on the issue. Paul made the point that if there is a purpose for removing the statue then make it clear, educate the public. Removing the statue will not resolve anything. The call to remove the statue originated with the BIA and clarification is warranted. Robert

proposed a change of plaques and suggested a Heritage Assessment. It was felt this was a good place to start. Connie will contact the city and ask that an assessment be done. We will review the city's input and revisit the issue.

- The 519 has been given a grant to animate Barbara Hall Park. No details have been released.

2.2 Communications & Membership - Trevor

- Trevor will send out an e-blast this week, updated developments etc.
- Reviewed Adam Wynn's amazing contribution to Heritage.
- Exec was reminded to send Trevor items they would like added to the e-blasts.
- Mandate for committee was sent to Don for review.

2.3 Safety - Tara

- Safety meetings are still inconsistent making attending difficult. Connie has contacted Curran at the 519 and Stephanie from the BIA and asked for a schedule. Awaiting their reply.
- Tara contacted Henry Dyck about police presence and the trucker convoy. He gave few details. There was no indication that police presence had an impact on community crime.
- Connie reported that the CCC had given out an educational of \$3,000 to a deserving youth in the community.

2.4 Development & Heritage - Paul

- Ryan reported that the proposed development at 100 Wellesley East will not be moving forward. The issues seems to be cost. At this time tenants were not informed. When they are officially notified Ryan will let CWNA know so the information can be shared with the community.
- 20-25 Maitland – Paul reported on the meeting with developer and KWT. Early stages. Of concern are north side adjacent to lane, east side park dedication is isolated and no guarantee when Green P will be developed and parkland added. There are work-live spaces on the east side and larger retail on the south, could be divided. There will be future meetings about the development. There was a question of the building being rental though their advertising states condo for sale. Robert expressed concern about having the south face all retail, doubted it would work. Felt live-work spaces would be a better fit. Robert gave the example of 411 Church St., retail is vacant on the Wood St side.
- Robert commented on the large amount of development that has been approved but not built. Feels there should be regulations/time-frame around when a development receives approval and when it needs to be built.
- Paul stated Tristan Downe-Dewdney, formerly from KWT's office, has asked for a meeting re the Rabba development. Paul will arrange.
- Church Wellesley corner, discussion about two building design. CWNA should push for the Church St building to be built at the same times as the taller tower. If not the developer may come back asking for more floors. Part of the development will be replacement apartments from 64 Wellesley E.
- Review of latest Crews & Tango site. Public art to be installed on Donna Shaw lane. Some space on the front of the building as well. This will be further discussed at the next development meeting.
- 475 Yonge St. Report from March 2 meeting. It is questionable the value of a park on the east side as it will be in shadow much of the time. Parks was not there to say if the parkland is

something they want. As to the community space, 5,000 sq' offered, KWT said it should be bigger to be of significance. It was asked if the developer would continue to work in partnership or go directly to the appeal process, the developer indicated he would continue to do the work. There is not the feeling would happen.

3.0 Recap of Actions & Upcoming Events

- Paul to arrange meeting with Tristan Downe-Dewdney, re the Rabba development.
- Development meeting to be called before April 9th exec meeting
- Safety Network – followup when meetings are – Paul suggested Ryan attend meetings
- Outstanding mandates to be submitted

Meeting adjourned 12:15pm.