

## Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Meeting Minutes August 13, 2022

Zoom Video - 10am – 12pm

Present – Connie Langille, Don Altman, Tara Schorr, Robert Packham, Trevor Hennig

Attendees - Paul Farrelly, Jolene Warner, Adam Wynne, Peter Small

Regrets – Neil Gibb

### 1. Administration

#### **1.2 Land Acknowledgment**

**1.3 Agenda** – move Development to top to accommodate Adam Wynne, passed – Trevor & Robert

**1.5 Declaration of Conflict of Interest** - none

**1.6 Minutes of Last Meeting , August 13th, 2022 –**

**1.7 Review of Action items from August 13th, 2022**

#### **ACTIONS from August**

- Tara contact Stephanie McCracken BIA and set up regular meetings
- Connect w Councillor's office, some discussion as to availability due to election and Buxton-Potts running

**1.8 Financial Status** - \$3,531.43 + \$197.38 = \$3,728.81

### 2.1 Check-ins

- Round of who all were doing was completed

### 2.2 AGM Planning

- Meeting to be called – Trevor, Tara will take part.

### 2.3 Development & Heritage - Paul

- 88 Isabella – 82 units in 14 story building, replaced with a 62 story building with 701 units, zoned mixed use neighbourhood. Planner is Abraham Plunket Ladimer, new to the city. Planner is interested in meeting w CWNA to learn about the neighbourhood. Height is taken from Charles St. just east of Yonge. CWNA will meet w planner to discuss. History of site discussed. 92-94 Isabella St have significant heritage, large semidetached houses. Paul to meet with Heritage Planner as well. Paul to convene Development committee.
- 510 Yonge St – At the OLT, Oct. date. Kingsette made an offer to settle without prejudice. CWNA met frequently with CWNA and BCCA to draft a settlement agreement. The city turned down all the community concessions drafted. There are no Section 37 funds with development now.
- 625 Yonge Heritage designation – Rabba site – 2 properties south and properties up the the Rabba building. Hone Fitness 1902. Developers wants a tall tower w 10 stories on both sides of the tower.
- Heritage Walks – Adam Wynne has been hired to do walks around the neighbourhood. They are excellent, informative and historically sound. Walks run to November on a variety of subjects. Adam reports that about 50 people take place.
- Adam gave an overview of a proposal on Jarvis and Earl St.
- All buildings proposed are condos, the replacement rental units will be built into the development.

## **2.4 Placemaking - Connie**

- Street Scape Master Plan – still waiting
- BIA – Tara to communicate w Stephanie
- 519 running a range of programs fitness, music etc. Partnering with others ei Queer Market, CWNA partnered for a yard sale, another one will be in September. Smaller activation in the dog park. At times info of events comes out too close to the event to advertise. It was commented that the activation did not move dealers etc from the park just displaces them temporarily. The events are of an hour and often attended by 519 staff or volunteers. It will be interesting to see the numbers after the season.
- Update on no new benches in BHP. Tara commented that Tyler Johnson said the city will not move forward with any improvements in BHP as it will be redesigned. It was restated that the neighbourhood has be subject to Parks/city's negative impact on our community.
- AIDS Memorial – have it designated National Monument. This would add funding to the memorial. It is a two year process and members of the community have voiced great interest. All exec agree the it is beyond comprehension how the city tolerates the abuse of the memorial. Robert commented that the addition of occupied space in half the park would be of benefit to occupy the park. Others gave their insights.
- Sandwich boards along Church St were reported to 311.
- Open Streets – Paul commented we are ancient and can't turn a rope....would prefer we all go for a walk. It was arranged that we would participate. Tara, Jolene and Connie will organize

## **2.5 Safety – Tara**

- Usual summer situation, more displaced folks in the Village. Safety Network meeting having a bit of an identity crisis, trying to figure our mission. Meetings will be in the evenings, alternately meetings will be 45 minutes one month and +45 minutes the next meeting at which we will take taking a deeper dive on issues. Looking to have more results come from discussions. Emad is from the city but takes a hands off role. Majority of safety issues are not about gangs and guns but more about things that make people feel unsafe. Kate Rabinowicz is from the city but quiet at this time. We are unsure of her role.
- Tara would prefer to have more community members attend. Tara reflected that CWNA Safety committee is different from Safety Network for the larger area. Don suggested Jolene be involved as she is active on safety at the co-op.
- Paul reflected that there is open opportunity for others to be come involved.
- Tara noted service providers have been dropping off from the meeting as the city has backed off.
- Talked turned to the Downtown Yonge BIA, consideration was push back from the Village BIA.
- It was suggested the DYBIA to attend a CWNA safety meeting, invite Village BIA and 519 and give an overview of how they operate. Looking to learn what works.
- Don pointed out Safety Meeting are sporadic, little leadership, often cancelled etc.
- Paul suggested a pre-meeting info session with the DYBIA say we want to learn more about they manage safety issues etc. All agreed.
- Paul reflected that the Heritage committee from the city is organized by the city but the city does not offer any support, much like the Safety Network, if you want it, do the work.
- CCC – report out. Looking how to engage community in a positive way, bursaries are available and open to youth in the 2SLGBTQ community.
- Tara mentioned there is potentially drinks being spiked in the community. Business are working on best practices.

## **2.6 Communications & Membership - Trevor**

- Eblast to go out Tues-Wed. Talks about Crews approval, BHP activation, tower at Jarvis and Earl, Heritage walks etc. Draft to be sent shortly.

## **Other**

- 81 Charles owner has taken care of building, locked, weeds down etc.
- Asked about Beer Store and when it would be built. Ask the developer.
- All were asked to send in feed back for PRIDE debrief.
- Safety Network next meeting is still undetermined.
- Paul – elections, all candidates meeting, meet candidates individually first. Paul to contact candidates and make arrangements. Tara, Peter, Don and Paul to meet and make arrangements.

## **3 Recap of Actions & Upcoming Events**

- Tara to connect with Stephanie
- Paul - development meetings with proponent, heritage planner, city planner
- Take Kate Rabinowicz on a walk of Yonge St and community
- Connie write to DYBIA and ask for a meeting
- Tara, Peter, Don and Paul to meet and make arrangements for interviewing candidates.