

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes Monthly Meeting February 10th, 2024

Zoom - 10am – 12pm.

Board members present – Connie Langille, Don Altman, Tara Schorr, Luben Blagoev

Associate members - Paul Farrelly, Peter Small

Attendees – Adam Wynne, Jonathan Grimm, Wasim Ghani

Regrets – Matti Charlton, Robert Packham, Neil Gibbs

1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Agenda – moved Paul, second Tara

- Request from Tara to add the Alexander Wood statue to the agenda. Tara would like an update from the BIA as promises were made when the statue was removed and the community has had no update. Adam said he can not speak to the item today but will ask the BIA board to provide comments for the March CWNA meeting.
- Paul would also like Social Development Plan to be added. The SDP helped Regent Park increase the community participation through grants.
- Connie asked that the Affordable Housing committee be dissolved as it is dormant. This will be carried forward to the March meeting

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none

1.5 Minutes of Last Meeting – Dec 18th, moved - Luben 2nd, Don, passed. Jan 13th, moved Don, 2nd Tara, passed

1.6 Review of Action items from January 13th , 2024

- **Action Items January**
- Tara - contact Megan, 519 re next Safety Network meeting - TBD in March
- Connie - Meeting with Eddie LaRusic - TBD end of Feb.

1.7 Financial Status

- \$6,513.26

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 Councillor's Office

- Tyler Johnson – Will arrange to invite Maria Guardado, our new contact for Councillor our catchment, to March meeting. The 519, Megan Poole and CWNA, Connie Langille were part of the interview process.
- Eddie LaRusic - Eddie has been off ill. A date later in February for review of developments in our community will be made.

2.2 BIA - Adam

- The BIA will be requesting Dapper Lane be closed to the public because of safety concerns. One Property has no issue with the request. The request to be considered by Toronto & East York Council and Councillor's office.
- Adam said the BIA is looking to refresh the art work on the One Property site. Tara asked if that included the Beer Store mural. Adam said they are in contact with the artist who has offered to refresh the mural. Tara said she can help with artist contact information.
- Extortion & harm threat to local business. An email was sent to a local business in the Village and 6 others in downtown Toronto. The letter asked or payment harm would be done to owner and staff. The due date for the payment passed without incident. Police were notified and issue investigated.
- Increased fires. There has been a spate of fires set around the Village, many by those trying to keep warm. TPS and the fire department are aware. BIA will be sending a notice to businesses re fire safety.

2.3 Annual General Meeting Planning - all exec needed on deck.

- Zoom or In-person? - Discussion was had, it was decided to have an in-person AGM at the 519 community centre this year. Potential dates in April or May depending on availability of the 519. Don put forward the motion that the AGM be in person, all agreed.

- Format? - The meeting will cover CWNA business in the first part, introduction of exec and associate members, review of committees, calling for nominations from the floor and elections. The second half will include brief comments (live or video) from MP Marci Ien, MPP Kristyn Wong-Tam and Councillor Chris Moise. We will then have a Q&A with guest speaker, to be determined. Don noted a guest speaker can be a good draw to the AGM. Paul suggested Walid to speak about the Social development Plan that he is involved with as well as FoStra. Luben supported speakers and suggested Sgt. Rob Chevalier from TPS speak to safety, Tara pointed out that Henry Dyck, TPS, would be the person to ask. It was suggested we hold a separate Town Hall with TPS as safety is of interest to the community. Peter suggested we invite the MP and MPP, they will be contacted and invited to participate or send in a video. Wasim asked if the AGM could be used to reach out to community and inform them about CWNA as confirmation that there is a group looking out for the community. All agreed that it is important to inform the community. The AGM is publicized through flyers in businesses and community partners sharing our AGM information. Discussion was had around who would be able to create the AGM flyer. Tara suggested Matti or herself.
- The AGM includes a slide show, in the past Communication and Membership were not included but they can be.
- Nominations from the floor were discussed. Membership and community will be asked to submit nominations prior to the AGM through our newsletter or FB. Nominations can be sent to the info@cwna.ca and reviewed by members. A job description of serving on the board will be clearly written up by Don. The question of exec. members who do not fulfill the expectations will be explored by Don and if needed a bylaw written and presented to the board. The question of having bylaws updated by Oct 2024 was raised. This will be an ongoing process, Don is the lead and will call a meeting.
- Ballots for election was discussed. A ballot would include those who have been nominated and exec. who's terms need to be renewed. Blank space will be left for floor nominations.
- After the business is concluded MP, MPP, Councillor will be introduced. Time will be strictly adhered to so as not to run over time.
- We will provide refreshments for those attending.
- Connie will contact 519 for availability, MP, MPP and Councillor to attend or send video.

2.4 Development & Heritage – Paul

- Cawthra development - report out on consultation from Development committee. Don has written a draft response to the planner concerning the proposed development. Development committee to review then send in to planner Derek Waltho. There has been no re-submission of the application by the developer that includes Heritage considerations and complete plans.
- Don has received comments on Cawthra from Robert, Don will forward Robert's comments to Paul and solidify the response to send to the planner.
- Pizza Pizza application N-E corner 68-78 Welles E application in. KingSett used the 519 Community Centre in it's public advertising and development application without their permission, this raised concerns about integrity of KingSett. More information is needed from Councillor's office via Eddie LaRusic to better understand their position on the development. Peter was concerned about the proposed height and the developers lack of compliance. Peter felt strongly that there should be push back to avoid the development becoming a precedent. Paul agreed it should be discussed the Councillor's office.
- Don asked about 90-94 Isabella. No update is available.
- Question was put out about apartment building on Charles St that was without heat for 6 weeks and if it will be vacated. Tara said the move by the owner is to encourage present tenants to leave so units are upgraded for students with different services.
- 33-37 Maitland, there is a case management conference 23 Feb. The city has designated both buildings so the heritage must be brought into the matter. CWNA hopes the city is able to save both buildings.

ALL ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Address	Stories	Units	Rental rep	Date	Developer	Planner
88 Isabella	62	751	82	26 Apr 2022	Capital Dev	Approved
90-94 Isabella	69	837		May 2022	Capital Dev	
15 Charles E	66	610		Dec 2021	Republic Dev	Report due
619 Yonge	57	606		Dec 14 2021	YI Developments	
645 Yonge	76	678		15 Sep 2022	KingSett Capital	
649 Yonge	75	548		22 Dec 2022	KingSett Capital	
33-37 Maitland	49	439		14 Sep 2022	Carlyle Communities	
34 - 42 Maitland	56	532	55		Studio	Christy Chow Consultation Apr., 23
475-1 Yonge	75	806		20 Oct 2021	KingSett Capital	
475-2 Yonge	78	806		20 Oct 2021	KingSett Capital	
2 -12 Cawthra	45	474		Initial Aug 2023	BV Realty	Derek Waltho
68-78 Welles E	28	258	?	Feb, 2024	KingSett	Jeremy Humphrey

2.5 Safety – Tara

- Next Safety Network meeting - Meeting is being arranged for March by 519 and BIA. Date and time to be determined.
- Downtown Yonge BIA TPS Town Hall - Community town-hall, Tara and Connie will attend. This meeting is open to the community at large.
- CCRP critical incident alert - there was a stabbing in the north area of CWNA, few details were available. Tara explained that the community alerts are intended for those impacted by the incident and as CWNA and the BIA are not service providers so information is basic.

2.6 Communications

- Newsletter in the works. Update on Cawthra development, AGM announcement, ask if member's building is part of CWNA. Article on the TPS Rainbow cruiser, Sgt. Robert Chevalier has been contacted.

2.7 Membership – Luben

- Luben along with Tara, Wasim & Paul will canvas the condo and apartment buildings in the area. The purpose is to make people aware of CWNA and increase membership and community participation. Any member with contact information for their building management is encouraged to contact info@cwna.ca to assist in the drive. Luben to arrange day and time of canvas.

2.8 Placemaking

- Waiting for progress on Barbara Hall Park.
- It was noted that the Heritage Designation nomination has stalled waiting for the park redesign. Adam said he could write a letter to expedite the nomination
- Adam asked about the Trans Memorial. Tara noted that Daniel Fusca was contacting the Trans Women's Association, stewards of the memorial. Daniel would coordinate with them and then bring to the community at large. Funding is available for memorial.
- Tara talked about 14 Dundonald St. and initiative to install a pollinator garden that was discussed last year. Grants are available. Connie commented that Parks should be first consulted about potential grant and CWNA moving forward if possible. Connie will contact Parks to ask permission. Tara sees it as a good way to engage community.
- The potential of taking care of the rose garden at the AIDS Memorial was also mentioned. A once a month call for volunteers to maintain the grounds around the garden. Tara suggested Sam from ACT be involved as well.
- Paul mentioned Park People Grants are also available to beautify the community.
- Tara will write grants for support of the 14 Dundonald St project and the rose garden in Barbara Hall

Park. Don knows a community member who can help with writing grants and Peter can also be of help.

Other

- Paul reviewed the Social Development plan from Walid Khogali of Regent Park for the group to consider for future involvement.
- Paul asked for the groups feedback for the AGM.

Actions to carry forward

- Connie to contact 519 re availability and invite MP, MPP and Councillor
- Luben to organize canvas of buildings
- Connie to arrange meeting with Eddie LaRusic to discuss development
- Tara to confirm next Safety Network meeting.
- Don to check exec. terms of office and finish Cawthra submission.

Upcoming Events

- Next CWNA exec meeting March 9th,. 10Am via Zoom, all are welcome to attend
- AGM - Friday 3 May 2024, 7-9pm at the 519 room 200