

## Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes Monthly Meeting November 9th, 2024  
560 Church St & Zoom - 10am – 12pm.

**Board members present** – Connie Langille, Phil Parsons, Madison Charlton, Luben Blagoev, Peter Small, Scott Morrison

Via Zoom - Paul Farrelly, Don Altman, Neil Gibb, Tara Schorr

Regrets – Wasim Ghani

### **1. Administration**

#### **1.2 Land Acknowledgment**

**1.3 Agenda** - moved by Madison, 2nd by Phil

**1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest** - no conflict was declared

**1.5 Minutes of Last Meeting - Oct 12th** - moved by Madison, 2nd by Phil

#### **1.6 Review of Action items from Oct. 12th**

- **Actions carried forward from October**
- Paul to arrange development meeting to discuss potential fund raising for 68 Wellesley E OLT hearing. Paul to call meeting. Approx \$50,000 needed. Tara will work with Paul on the fundraising plan.
- Connie to ask Councillor about leadership of Safety Network. How can it function better? c/o
- All exec to attend Greywood open house on Crews-Tango development re-submission. See Devel.
- Scott to arrange website meeting. Access to info@ account to be sorted out so Scott can access. Done.
- Luben to complete draft newsletter. Done.

#### **1.7 Financial Status**

- \$7,702.66

### **2 Activities Report Out**

#### **2.1 Councillor's Office** - no report out from Stanley

1. Crews Tango, how can CWNA support city planning?
2. 68 Wellesley E, how can CWNA support city planning?
3. Bike lanes are heavily used by gig workers all year round, does city acknowledge vital roll bike lanes play to local economies? Are there stats how the removal of lanes would impact local businesses? Not to mention there would be a flood of e-bikes in car lanes if bike lanes removed. How can CWNA support the city's position?
4. Safety Network - can the city permanently lead the committee so there is more consistency, clearer vision and more productivity?

#### **2.2 BIA**

- BIA - Jaret Sereda - no report

#### **2.3 Development & Heritage**

- 506 Church open house Tues. Oct 15. Report out Paul  
Well attended. Developer heard CWAN does not support changes, additional height and lack of set back.
- 2-12 Cawthra BV Realty meeting - report out Paul  
BV Realty presented their refined proposal. Center row houses will be retained and the inside first & second stories will be amenity space. Height will increase to 60 stories. Only 26 parking spaces. Proposal to shorten Cawthra Sq to half, incorporate west end into park green space. Montieth will be opened at the east end. No design ideas for heritage wall where it ends on the east end. Developer heard that CWNA supports the retention of heritage buildings and trees, there was serious question about the lack of parking and the increased height. Paul said we would need to see the city's position on the proposal.
- FoStra - dues \$35.00. Discussion ensued, it was decided to make a donation of \$100 to FoStra for membership. All supported the motion.
- 88 Isabella St. development. The site is now empty and they are preparing for demolition.

## **2.4 Safety**

- Safety Network meeting update. There is the ongoing feeling that the city needs to take ownership of the group. The 519 no longer has the capacity to chair as Megan Poole no longer works there. Tara feels a better fit for the Safety group is with the Safe TO department as our neighbourhood does not fit the profile that the network was designed to help. SafeTO has more resources that fit our neighbourhood's needs.
- Bike lanes - BCCA letter, support? Some members supported the bike lanes but others felt bike lanes should be on secondary roads. Paul pointed out it was an over-reach by the provincial government interfering in city planning decisions. CWNA will support the BCCA letter and further discuss safety issues at the next Safety meeting.

## **2.5 Membership - Luben**

- Newsletter sent.
- Next call for membership renewal is Dec, Jan.
- Note was made to pass on email correspondence to others if need be. A message for Phil was recently received, he was notified of the email and responded. It was an acquaintance who is an author, writing a book about life on Isabella St. from the point of a young office worker and here life on Church St. The author will send Phil a copy which he will share with the group.

## **2.6 Communications - Scott**

- Web site meeting. - Productive, changes were discussed to update info. Scott asked if anyone had more edits to contact him.
- Scott will ask Neil for an updated bio for the site.
- Scott will correct error on interactive map to erase test development block placed on Gloucester St.

## **2.7 Placemaking**

- Dates of Significance for Nightshift? - There was a list made previously, Paul will retrieve it and circulate.
- Halloween - All felt the event was busier than in years gone past. There was some question of stage location and accessibility to crowd. It was also suggested future Halloween festivals would benefit from a larger footprint. Note was made of toilet placement and the need to be sensitive to areas such as the Garden for Lost Boys.
- Dave Cook - Dave sent a proposal to build a solid metal fence behind Dudley's Hardware on the east and south side of the property, black cloth would cover the existing chain link fence between Dudley's and BH Park. Dave has rented the space on the north of the property. He would like to put an adult film and art space on site with a backyard patio accessible in good weather. There was questions about safety, access for tenants and EMS 24/7 and stored pallets. All agreed that the Village would benefit from a new business and CWNA would support the new solid metal fence providing all safety precautions were addressed.
- Parks opening - Friday, December 13th at 3:30 pm. GH plaza
- Rainbow sign unveiling, Nov 19th 3:30pm Yonge & Gloucester St. Paul asked that Councillor invite Carrie Chestnut to play at the unveiling. If Councillor is not able to pay the cost CWNA will cover a \$200 honorarium.

## **3. Other**

- City Ward Council reps - Tara and Don - Agenda and Terms of Reference. Both Don and Tara suggested CWNA review and adopt some terms and behavior code. This will be on Dec. agenda.
- Letter of support John Hodgson - John is applying for a grant to make a documentary about the Village. Though there was concerns about the finished product it was agreed to write a letter to support the grant application. A letter will be drafted and circulated to the board for comments.
- Seasonal donations? \$200 x? - Don suggested the donations be \$250. All agreed. Three local agencies where chosen. Progress Place, Sanctuary and the 519.

#### **4. Actions to carry forward from November**

- Paul to arrange development meeting to discuss potential fund raising for 68 Wellesley E OLT hearing Tara to attend.
- Paul to meet with Scott to update him on development issues for the website.
- Mittens to be delivered to Church St School
- Letter of encouragement for John Hodgson grant proposal for his documentary to be written.
- Dave Cook to be updated that CWNA approves the metal fence if safety concerns are addressed.
- All members to provide feedback on website content they are responsible for to Scott.
- Tara to look for the previous list of significant dates for the illuminated fence on Church Street.
- Connie to draft a letter to the counselor regarding Dave Cook's fence proposal, addressing safety concerns and expressing support for the business endeavor.
- Connie to email Tyler on Monday about invitations for the rainbow sign unveiling and ask about Carrie Chestnut's honorarium.
- All members to send Connie their list of suggested invitees for the rainbow sign unveiling by Monday.
- All members to read the Ward Council terms of reference, particularly the code of conduct section, for discussion in December.

#### **5. Upcoming Events**

- Next CWNA exec meeting **December 14th, 2024**
- Rainbow St sign unveiling - **Nov 19th 3:30pm, Yonge & Gloucester St.**