

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes

Monthly Meeting 19 September, 2020

Zoom Video - 10am – 12pm.

Present: Connie Langille, Paul Farrelly, Robert Packham, Tara Schorr, Trevor Hennig, Don Altman, Peter Small

Regrets: Kyle Iannuzzi, Neil Gibb

Non-board: Judy Young

1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Agenda -- approved

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest -- none

1.5 Minutes of Last Meeting 15 August, 2020 – approved

1.6 Review of Action items from August 2020

- Tara & Trevor to schedule an AGM Committee meeting before next directors meeting, to which all directors will be invited. Done.
- Trevor: news e-blasts in August and September. Done.
- Trevor: complete PayPal transition and edit sign-up instructions. Done
- Tara: write up item on hate preacher strategy. In process.
- Tara: start e-mail discussion with Board members regarding opening up Board meetings; include Kyle's motion as a starting point. In process.
- Paul: share docs re structure of CWSN, especially role and responsibilities of the Chair / co-chair. In process.
- Paul: contact Deepak Ruparell to clarify how he is connected to CAN-Alliance. We will be interacting with via linear parks consultations.
- Connie: work with Robert to come up with ideas for George Hislop Park fenced walkway. To do.
- Neil: take photos Luke P's garden. Done.

1.7 Financial Status - \$2,260.48

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 Heritage

- Resident Adam Wynn presented on his Heritage Property Nominations for nine properties (in 3 nomination packages): 506 Church Street and 508-510 Church Street; 467 to 475 Church Street
- While there are numerous heritage listings and designations along Church Street, there are -- until now -- none from the south side of Wellesley to Wood, the core of the Village which is under re-development pressure.
- 506 Church Street (c.1872) submitted 16 Aug. 2020 (now Boutique Bar, House of Glo)
- proposed for demolition by Graywood Development in its development application for 506-516 Church

- of great historical interest, this was the home of Frances Esther How (aka Hester How and HESSIE How) between 1875/6 and 1910. She was a progressive teacher, principal, settlement worker and social worker and was key in expanding educational opportunities for Toronto's residents, particularly the poor and immigrants, and introducing numerous other educational and social innovations and reforms.
- the Hester How Public School (1912; now demolished) was named after her; today the daycare centre at City Hall is named after her.
- potential commemorations: preservation / restoration of 506 Church Street; heritage marker or heritage plaque at 506 Church Street; naming of street or laneway; postage stamp; Heritage Moment; statue; marking of her unmarked grave at St. James Cemetery.
- The How family was not included in the ERA Heritage Impact Assessment submitted with the Graywood development application. Heritage Preservation Services has directed ERA to amend the HIA given the new information uncovered by Adam.
- Connie said she would share this information with the principal of Church Street Junior Public School
- 467 to 475 Church Street (1864; currently Woody's to Church Mouse)
 - the original design of 4 houses appears to be extant with a symmetrical exterior design. Adam concluded from the architecture and history that these buildings should be preserved
- Paul recommended CWNA use Adam's research as a basis for writing to Heritage Preservation Services to request a Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment for Church Street; this would allow for a batch listing of the properties.
- CWNA will send Letters of Support as the Heritage Property Nominations proceed further
- CWNA will take up with the Councillor at our next meeting with her.
- Adam will share the slides with CWNA via the shared drive.

2.2 Safety

- CWNA's role in Safety Network
 - Paul, Connie and Tara met with Emily Martin (Downtown East Action Plan) and Stephanie M of the Safety Network. DEAP has money to address issues in the neighbourhood (via the Community Crisis Response Fund) and the meeting centered on whether CWNA had a role to play beyond its current one of consultation.
 - Paul's idea was to obtain support for the creation and management of a database of multi-unit buildings with contact info so as to have an effective safety communications network.
 - Tara suggested a database of volunteers would also be helpful, though without a cohesive vision it is challenging to direct volunteers.
 - Another option was to apply for funding for CWNA to create a strategic plan or mission confirmation policy. Given that directors are not fully aligned in priorities or a vision of how best to move toward goals, this idea garnered support.
 - Paul will share the previous strategic plan (it is on the shared drive)
 - Tara and Paul will pursue the first steps in writing a grant for a strategic plan
- 519 meal program meeting
 - Connie will be meeting this week with the BIA, 519 and community policy officer Dyck regarding the 519 meal program and its effect on the larger community.
 - a discussion ensued as to whether there was a causal effect between the 519 providing a daily lunch service to those in need and an increase in antisocial and violent behaviors in Barbara Hall Park and environs. The BIA believes this to be true. The 519 has taken several steps to address community concerns since it started the meal program. The CWNA directors came to no consensus regarding a direct causal link, especially when considering there are

other pandemic-related factors contributing to an increase in antisocial behaviour in the Village; and that the overall park design may contribute as well. The CWNA will take the opportunity at the upcoming meeting to listen and work toward a solution with the other parties.

- Meeting with the Sanctuary
 - Connie and Paul met with Alan Beattie and Theo ???? of Sanctuary
 - Alan was candid that he believed if George Hislop Park was opened that people would start to camp again, because of their need for a place and space. Sanctuary is not an advocate for tents in the park. However when clients are housed, because of rules in the supported housing residences, Sanctuary sometimes cannot visit them for counselling. (They also said that food and televisions are not allowed and that the full supports that they were told they would get were not always available)
 - Sanctuary will be participating in the linear parks Community Resource Group meetings
 - Sanctuary is considering building a hospice in their back yard (which had been criticized as an after-hours hangout).

2.3 AGM

- Tara reported on this week's planning meeting.
 - AGM DATE: Wednesday, November 18, 7 pm
 - the AGM will be via Zoom
 - notifications will be done with emails, FB and website posts.
 - no guest speakers, but Councillor and MPP will be invited to submit a brief video
 - voting will be with a Zoom feature; rather than individuals declaring themselves at the AGM meeting, we will ask those interested to apply (starting October 1, ending 2 weeks before AGM).
 - Trevor working with Paul to update the list of current position terms (ready before next monthly meeting).
 - each committee is responsible for putting together their presentation, with around 5 slides. Presenter can control slide advancing, or Tara will do. (Tara will create a basic template and will be a resource if anyone needs help). After each presentation there will be a brief Q&A which Kyle will moderate).
 - Agenda:
 - Land Acknowledgement
 - Hellos and Intros
 - Chair's Report, including partnerships
 - Councillor / MPP videos
 - Safety (Tara)
 - Communications / Membership (Trevor)
 - Development (Robert)
 - Heritage (Paul or Connie or Don TBD)
 - Placemaking (shared Connie, Trevor, Tara)

2.4 Communications & membership

- News eblast sent Sept. 3
- Next news eblast: early November
- Tara will send thank-you's to anyone who donated more than \$5 in our recent membership renewal drive.

- Tara will send the invoice to Grace McInnis Co-op for building membership attn. Don

2.5 Placemaking

- Barbara Hall Park; new lights installed; getting more benches is a work in progress.
- First linear park (and Alexander Street Parkette) community resource group meeting is on Monday; new designs are proposed.
- Wellesley East planters were planted on September 11
- BCCA's green pedestrian loop meeting; Paul attended - CWNA not partaking in BCCA wayfinding vision.
- Wellesley TTC walkway naming glitch, now moving forward again, "Travellers' Way".

2.6 Development

- Update on 66 Wellesley (Church Wellesley NW forward)
 - ONE has revised their submission to 36 storeys, from 39.
 - LPAT hearings set for December
 - CWNA is a party to the case
 - CWNA has no expert witnesses as we do not have funds to pay for one
 - Robert, Paul, Peter and Don to meet to catch up on the file and strategize, keeping hearing deadlines for submissions in mind.
- yongeTOmorrow Consultation
 - there has been a lot of feedback from the public
 - last public consult on Sept 16 "Recommended Design Concept is 4c – Pedestrian Priority Zones with One-Way Driving Access (Gerrard Street to Walton Street & Elm Street to Edward Street) and Cycle Tracks (College Street to Gerrard Street).

2.7 Deferred motion from August – deferred again

- Tara and Kyle to work on

3 Recap of Actions & Upcoming Events

- Next CWNA meeting October 17th, 2020
- Safety meeting w 519 / Bia Sept. 22
- Linear parks meeting 21 Sept. Zoom
- Gay Games info meeting 23 Sept. Zoom
- Bi-monthly Councillor Meeting – Mon, Sept 28, 4 pm

Actions

- Paul: share docs re structure of CWSN, especially role and responsibilities of the Chair / co-chair.
- Paul: get Adam to share the heritage slides with CWNA Exec via the shared drive
- Connie / Robert: work to come up with ideas for walkway through George Hislop Park
- Tara: send thank-you's to anyone who donated more than \$5 in our recent membership renewal drive.
- Tara: send invoice to Church Isabella Co-op for building membership, Attn: Don Altman
- Tara: prepare invitation for new Board members to apply (by early October)

- Trevor / Paul : confirm director terms for next vote
- Connie: share Adams work with councillor, including omission of How; intent to request a Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment of Church Street
- Tara and Paul: pursue the first steps in writing a grant for a strategic plan
- Robert, Paul, Peter and Don: meet regarding 66 Wellesley to strategize and decide on submissions for LPAT hearing.