

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes

Monthly Meeting 17 October, 2020

Zoom Video - 10am – 12pm.

1.Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Agenda – passed

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest – missed

1.5 Minutes of Last Meeting 19 September, 2020 – missed (passed later online)

1.6 Review of Action items from September 19 2020

ACTIONS from September meeting

- Paul: share docs re structure of CWSN, especially role and responsibilities of the Chair / co-chair. (will do)
- Paul: get Adam to share the heritage slides with CWNA Exec via the shared drive (will do)
- Connie / Robert: work to come up with ideas for walkway through George Hislop Park (Parks has no interest at all in this project, so it's a no-go)
- Tara: send thank-you's to anyone who donated more than \$5 in our recent membership renewal drive. (has started; not completed)
- Tara: send invoice to Church Isabella Co-Op for building membership, Attn: Don Altman (will do ASAP)
- Tara: prepare invitation for new Board members to apply (will finish today)
- Trevor / Paul : confirm director terms for next vote (almost finalized; Trevor will share when complete)
- Connie: share Adam Wynne's Heritage work with councillor, including omission of How; intent to request a Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment of Church Street (was not discussed at Councilor meeting)
- Tara and Paul: pursue the first steps in writing a grant for a strategic plan (Tara has received an okay in principal from Stephanie Mazerolle (Safety Network)
- Robert, Paul, Peter and Don: meet regarding 66 Wellesley to strategize and decide on submissions for LPAT hearing. (done; update below)

1.7 Financial Status - \$2,323.53 in bank, plus \$486 in PayPal

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 AGM Planning

- Election: Tara: Recommends Zoom Webinar. Zoom polls won't be appropriate for a director's vote. ElectionRunner would work for a contested directors vote. Will fully test before election. Bylaw says members must be at AGM to vote. While we could not allow the vote to start before the meeting, we could let members who attend vote during *and after* the AGM. We should strongly urge those invited to the AGM to renew or join CWNA so we have quorum of 25.
Moved / Approved: funds needed for Zoom Webinar and possibly ElectionRunner paid version to be reimbursed.

2.2 KWT meeting

- Stephanie Mazerolle (Safety Network) participated and provided initial go-ahead for funding a CWNA visioning session. [Connie clarify?? How the focus table could blend in better with the Safety Network ??]
- Park Ambassadors: They have the authority to issue trespass notices to individuals who are breaking bans they agreed to as a condition of parole, bond or bail.. However, the ambassadors don't have up-to-date information because Toronto Police Services has not been forwarding the info to them. (Tara brought this up at a Safety Network meeting and was told that because an officer had to work from home for several days he was able to do a blitz and get updated info together. There was no indication of procedural reforms at TPS that would keep ambassadors up-to-date on an ongoing basis.)
- Connie & Tara expressed frustration at the incredible complexity of the community safety issue, which impedes immediate practical solutions. Seeking a straightforward solution to a specific safety issue soon becomes mired in multiple levels of complexity as to causes and solutions.
- Café TO – CWNA would like to see more of the street space available for free public use, rather than so much being dedicated to private business. Councillor acknowledged issue; will take experience forward next year.
- Status of 110 Maitland (at Mutual) vacant apartment building. Tenants had been evicted illegally. Minto purchased in early 2017 for \$13 million. We don't know if Minto still owns it. Any new build would have to include the same number of rental units.
- Why was ActiveTO north of Dundas cancelled? TPS said they did not have enough staff. CWNA should advocate more strongly next year.

2.3 Development

- 66 Wellesley E – CWNA will withdraw as a party; we do not have funds for a lawyer to call expert witnesses and the City Planning Dept. is a party and will be arguing for all the same issues we would be arguing for. 8-day OMB hearing is scheduled for December. CWNA will still have input at the site plan stage of the development. Many of the CWNA's issues with the development have been addressed, though there is still shadow on BHP.
- ASAP Paul and Robert will write up statement of CWNA's intent for lawyers to share with parties and LPAT. Once that is done, Trevor will write up an article to update CWNA members and community at large. Include our fight on NDTY Planning Framework, which went to OMB and is essentially the City's position now.

2.4 Safety

- The Independent Civilian Review into Missing Person Investigations Town Hall Oct. 12 (Paul & Tara attended meeting). The meeting itself was a reach out to affected communities and one issue that came up repeatedly was poor police relations with racialized, trans and intersectional people. Tara also pointed out that the TPS LGBTQ liaison has no transparency. This is a very thorough review, with access to police files. The work has already been done and the final report is due to come out before the end of the year. Paul recommended CWNA formulate and disseminate a response to the report once it is issued.
- We will soon have a Downtown East Community De-escalation Team (funded by Downtown East Action Plan). A team of four professionals (social work, psychiatric - not police) will be assigned to our area. The community de-escalation team that will provide an under 15 minute response to calls related to individuals in crisis or escalated (non-violent) conflict.

2.5 Communications

- E-blast going out in November
- Working on Zoom Webinar invites to AGM

2.6 Placemaking

- Gay Games 2026 meeting 23 Sept (Kyle) – The bidding process is happening now and part of this is a one pager describing the cultural component of what the Village can offer (history, footprint, programming etc). The 519 (Curran) will take a lead regarding this component and will be consulting with others. CWNA take part in consultation process with Kyle responsible for sharing info with rest of executive as it comes in.
- BH Park -- Connie and Robert did a walk-about and created a plan with 25 new benches; Parks has sourced rainbow colored benches. In all likelihood the park will get a full redesign in the next few years.
- Linear park redesign – not much to report as things are in early stages. Paul to ask (the person) Norman Jewison and a rep from 30 Gloucester St. to join committee
- Church Street Redesign – BIA did have a regular Board meeting at which some preliminary design elements were discussed, aiming for consistency; Kyle attended the meeting and was assured CWNA would be included in further design meetings.

2.7 Heritage - Paul

- October 8 fire at 28 Maitland Street (unoccupied white brick house immediately east of former Catholic Children's Aid site). No report on fire/water damage yet.
- St Lawrence Heritage Conservation District ruling – First LPAT ruling under new rules for Heritage Conservation Districts. St. Lawrence does not have a Secondary Plan. Attempted to get secondary plan-like rules in place, but LPAT rejected the approach. Historic Yonge HCD will come up eventually but it is not clear what the implications are (a there is a Secondary Plan (North Downtown Yonge Planning Framework) in place in this instance)
- Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment of Church Street – would be useful to know the ownership of Church Street properties (including any new sales. Trevor will contact Stephanie McCracken regarding landlords on Church between Wellesley and Alexander, aside from Kingsett, in order to have this info available for heritage purposes.
 - Alex Corey, who is a district heritage planner, would be a good person to have as a guest at a future meeting.

2.8 Donation

- Decided: \$250 donation to 519 fundraiser

2.9 Deferred motion from August (opening online meetings)

- Tara and Kyle to work on for November

3 Recap of Actions & Upcoming Events

- Next CWNA meeting November 14th, 2020
- AGM November 18th, 2020
- Actions:
 - Paul and Robert: 66 Wellesley E.: write up statement of CWNA's intent for lawyers to share with parties and LPAT. Once that is done, Trevor will write up an article to update CWNA members and community at large.

- Trevor and Tara: continue work towards AGM
- Trevor: eblast for November
- Trevor: inquire with BIA as to landlords on Church Street
- Kyle: keep exec advised as to Gay Games bid info
- Paul: invite Norman Jewison and a rep from 30 Gloucester St. to join Linear Parks Committee
- Paul (carried over): share docs re structure of CWSN, especially role and responsibilities of the Chair / co-chair.
- Tara and Kyle (carried over): motion to include non-exec at online director's meeting
- Tara (carried over) send invoice to Church Isabella Co-Op for building membership, Attn: Don Altman