

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes

Monthly Meeting 12 December, 2020

Zoom Video - 10am – 12pm.

Present: Present: Connie Langille, Paul Farrelly, Robert Packham, Trevor Hennig, Neil Gibb, Don Altman, Kyle Iannuzzi, Sam Katz
Regrets: Tara Schorr

1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Agenda – adopted as amended

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none

1.5 Minutes of Last Monthly Meeting, November 14, 2020 – passed

1.55 Minutes of Special Meeting, November 28, 2020 – deferred to January

1.6 Review of Action items from November 2020 – none

1.7 Financial Status - \$3,306.04 (\$400 transfer from PayPal)

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 Communications & Membership - Trevor

- AGM Attendance
The list of AGM attendees and proxy holders will be posted on our shared drive:
 - 69 people attended the Zoom webinar
 - 46 of the attendants were voting members of CWNA
 - 25 members had provided proxies, but 19 of them attended the meeting, so only 6 proxies were invoked.
- AGM Election
 - 45 ballots were sent; 40 ballots were returned
 - In reviewing the attendees list and the election database Trevor realized that he had not send ballots to seven individuals who were entitled to them. (This being an unusual year with an online election, he was juggling between last minute emails, the MailChimp members database, the Zoom webinar attendees report and the ElectionRunner database). However, given the 10% spread between the candidates in 5th and 6th place and the candidates in 7th and 8th place, we can say with confidence that the statistical probability that the 7 no-ballot voters would have deviated so far from the established voting pattern so as to change the outcome of the election are extremely low.
- Continue discussion on engaging membership in our committees
 - not discussed, due to technical issues with Kyle's microphone.
- AGM Video – Tara had volunteered to make videos for publication; Trevor will consult with her

2.2 Safety - Tara

- Connie had inquired with Sanctuary and Anishnawbe Health to confirm that there is some plan to vaccinate unhoused people.
- Connie distributed email from Detective Carol Ann Rock, Sex Crimes Unit -- grant for community consultation
- Monthly CW Safety Network – Paul did not attend; Tara not present today

2.3 Development & Heritage - Robert & Paul

- LPAT hearing 66 Wellesley (NW corner Church and Wellesley) started this past week, continues next week. CWNA decided not to be a party to the case because our positions largely align with the City's. Also, Paul Kane House is a party, represented by (CWNA Board member) Don Altman so that is another voice for the community at the hearing. The City's planning and urban design staff will appear next week. Some points at the hearing so far:
 - disagreements as conformity with the 45% angular plane guideline
 - developer arguing that the shadow on Barbara Hall Park issue should only apply to a building on Church, not a building on Wellesley. (To have no new shadow on the Park, the building would have to top out at 18 storeys)
 - developer arguing there is a precedent for tall buildings on Wellesley.
- 506 Church (Crews / Tangos) Working Group. The Working Group, which includes the developer, stakeholders including the CWNA, and the Councillor's office, has met once. Much of the meeting dealt with how to keep the frontage, preserving more of the Crews/Tango building, rather than just the façade, considering the 2nd floor as much of the streetscape as the 1st floor.
 - since the meeting Robert had the idea of a courtyard in front of where Boutique Bar is now, which would have a plaque or other remembrance of Hester Howe and information about the place of Crews/Tango in Village history. Another goal would be to save the large tree that grows there. Robert and Paul will write a letter to the developer documenting these ideas and send it out as soon as possible.
 - Kyle brought up the issue of idling cars and backed up traffic because site plans don't take into account the huge increase in deliveries and ride-shares. With 506 Church there ought to be deliveries and ride-shares at the rear.
- YongeTOMorrow – recent Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting had 40 attending. Plan is pedestrian-friendly, with restricted traffic lanes. Downtown Yonge BIA does not like it. Environmental Assessment Report will be submitted early in the new year.
- Heritage Nominations – Working towards getting a Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment (CHRA) for Church Street; then we

can get buildings listed on the Heritage Register and offer some protection from demolition. Paul is working with Adam Wynne to engage the Archives to make a joint proposal to the City that it undertake a CHRA.

2.4 Placemaking - Connie

- Report out from Dec 3rd meeting; accomplishments and future possibilities such as a farmers market (lead: Tara) and increasing tree canopy and protecting heritage trees (leads: Trevor and Peter Small)
- Friends of Barbara Hall Park: Tara will initiate a meeting with community stakeholders regarding establishing a Friends of Barbara Hall group.
- 4 rainbow benches installed at Barbara Hall Park; instantly adopted; 20 more to come.
- AIDS memorial defaced with paint; some idea from Parks as to covering the concrete with wrapper; CWNA does not support as it stands as a piece of art and there are ways to seal concrete to make it more resistant to paint.
- 14 Dundonald update (Mizrabi lot beside James Canning Gardens) is in still process of transfer to City. Though it had been sodded this summer, the reason it is all dug up now, is that the company must fully install infrastructure, such as drainage, before the handover.
- Bay Cloverhill Community Association request of Downtown Yonge BIA to make a grant application for park system wayfinding: Connie and Neil will attend Dec 16 meeting.
- Naming of Lanes and Parks: At Dec. 3 meeting, Trevor raised the idea of renaming Alexander Street Parkette when it is rebuilt, possibly after Hester How. Connie has brought up with Tyler Johnson at Councillor's Office and we now know the process. Connie also built on the idea: she will explore renaming other lanes that already have a street name, such as Gloucester.

2.5 Government Relations - Kyle

- First meeting will be Saturday Dec 19., 10am meeting via Zoom; on agenda is relation / protocols between the Committee, the Executive and the elected officials
- Introductory meeting with MP Marcie Ian on Dec. 15. It is encouraging that she is reaching out. This is the first meeting with the new MP and takes place before the first meeting of Government Relations Committee. Kyle emphasized the importance of coming to these meetings prepared with our main asks of senior government.

2.6 Affordable Housing - Neil

- To meet before next monthly meeting

2.7 Governance - Don

- Don stated that committees ought to fall within two types: standing committees, which meet regularly; and ad hoc committees, which meet as needed. Governance would fall in the latter category.

2.8 Fundraising - Sam

- Will meet before next Board monthly meeting; we ought to go through the charitable status process, which takes nine to twelve months and would cost under \$2000. Discussion ensued with consensus moving towards agreement.

2.9 Motion to open up meetings

- Kyle made a motion to formalize a policy for encouraging greater participation of the community at Board meetings. (text appended). Motion approved.

2.10 Harassment

- The Board member affected by the recent incident of written harassment by a community member believes the best plan of action is to let the single incident pass. The Board agreed and will revisit if there is a reoccurrence.

3 Recap of Actions & Upcoming Events

Action Items

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- All Committees: Meet before the next CWNA directors meeting (Jan. 16) to map our goals and objectives for the year, including broader participation.
- Trevor / Tara: AGM Video: Tara had volunteered to make videos for publication; Trevor will consult with her
- Robert / Paul: Send letter to 506 Church developer regarding ideas on courtyard, etc.

Dates

- Dec 15th., 12pm - Marci Ian
- Government Relations meeting Saturday Dec 19th.,10am.
- January 16 CWNA exec meeting
- February 9th., 1pm Linear Park Committee Meeting

2021 CWNA meeting dates - check for conflicts

- January 16
- February 13

- March 13
- April 10
- May 15
- June 12
- July 10
- August 14
- September 11 - 18
- October 16
- November 13
- December 11

Motion to open up meetings
Dec. 2020

Whereas the CWNA's core mandate is to represent the community of residents and visitors within its footprint, and;

Whereas transparency and accessibility are tantamount to representation, and;

Whereas the CWNA is interested in expanding its active membership;

Be it resolved that:

- i) - Board meeting date(s) and time(s) be announced (via CWNA website, social media and email newsletter) no later than 2 weeks before each meeting date
 - Guests can observe public portions of board meetings in real time
 - Guests may register to present at board meetings in accordance with the 'Presentation to Board' policy
 - No more than 3 guest presentations be permitted per meeting without the majority consent of the board

ii) 'Presentation to Board' policy be passed as below:

- Guests may apply to the chair to present to board meetings no later than 2 days before that meeting
- The chair has discretion over whether the presentation is relevant or timely; board members can appeal a chair's decision at a board meeting
- Presentations are not to exceed 3 minutes, with extensions granted at the discretion of the board.
- Following the presentation, board members may ask questions of the presenter for a total of 10 minutes
- The presenter agrees to use professional conduct throughout their period with the board and understands that the chair has the discretion to end the presentation for inappropriate behaviour