

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes

Monthly Meeting 16 January, 2021

10 am – 12 pm (virtual)

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

Non-Board: David Saad (presenting)

1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Agenda – *approved as amended*

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest – *none*

1.5 Minutes of Last Meeting, December 14, 2020 and Special Meeting, November 2020 – *approved*

1.6 Review of Action items from December 2020

- All Committees: Meet before the next CWNA directors meeting (Jan. 16) to map out goals and objectives for the year, including broader participation – *item not discussed*
- Trevor / Tara: AGM Video – *Tara is working on it and we will get them published.*
- Robert / Paul: Send letter to 506 Church (Crews / Tangos) developer regarding ideas on courtyard, etc. – *done*

1.7 Financial Status - \$3,544.31 – Church Isabella Co-op membership received.

1.8 Presenter David Saad had requested to present re: Cabbagetown South (Moss Park) private security – east of Sherbourne, west of Parliament, from Dundas to Shuter; Primary Defence Corp.; 3 night shifts per week.

- not funded or organized by residents association

- no contact policy; security observes behaviour, asks questions, parks in marked car with flashing light in front of active corners

- started because they believed they were not getting enough police patrols

- would like to see more arrests by police, even if there are no charges laid

- has stats to show property crimes in patrolled area have dropped significantly

- not meant as a permanent solution; systemic changes re drug legalization and housing for all is needed

In later discussion, the CWNA Board decided it would not encourage a plan for private security patrols on public property in our neighbourhood.

2. Activities Report Out

2.1 Meeting with MP Marci Ien – Dec. 15

- attended: Tara, Sam, Neil, Connie
- MP Ien apologized for lack of community engagement in the past and would like to meet on a regular basis going forward
- meeting was mainly about information sharing, what she has heard about the neighbourhood from other groups and what CWNA sees as some of the current issues

2.2 Safety - Tara

- CWNA Safety Committee Visioning meeting
 - attending: Tara, Connie, Sam, Paul
 - continue to work with CW Safety Network
 - fact-checking when safety incidents are reported on FaceBook Group
 - support more frequent safety audits
 - construction site safety, bike lane safety and sidewalk safety, as well as community safety
 - host townhalls on specific safety issue, with appropriate resource people attending
 - advocating anti-poverty and pro supportive housing
- Meeting with SURJ TO (Standing Up for Racial Justice Toronto) – Jan. 7
 - attended: Tara, Connie
 - US/Canada-based, anti-racist group

- they are asking for support for 50% defunding of Toronto police and a full re-think of policing and society
- they provided research and resources re police bias, which Tara will share with rest of executive
- Kyle noted that an important related issue is the oversight of police.
- Kyle moved, "That the issue of policing be sent to joint Government Relations & Safety Committees to review with community stakeholders; determine the goal of the community; investigate the depth of the call, clarify CWNA's position on policing and report back to the executive." Motion approved.
- On a related note, the neighbourhood crisis response team pilot project is going to commence very soon and the data coming out of this project will be very useful in any future plans on re-allocating resources.
- Church Wellesley Safety Network
 - attending: Tara
 - January meeting was the annual visioning meeting reviewing mandate. One goal is to set up subcommittees when appropriate. The Network may start meeting quarterly rather than monthly, with subcommittees meeting in between Network meetings.
 - considering expanding to include some neighbouring institutions (eg. Fife House, Casey House)
 - the Network is still seeking a community-based co-chair (currently Stephanie Mazerolle (Downtown East Action Plan) and Curran Stikuts (519)). They have asked CWNA to step up; requires availability for day-time meetings. Tara said she has no issue with CWNA taking a co-chair position; she cannot as she will be working days. Kyle is against, partly because this should not be put upon volunteers who can attend day-time meetings. Safety Committee needs to discuss this item in full and give a definite answer.
 - City staff will start to remove and dispose of drug paraphernalia from private property

2.3 Development & Heritage - Robert & Paul

- YongeTOMorrow (Robert)
 - Development Committee submitted a letter of support to Infrastructure Committee
 - plan approved by Committee on Jan. 11; goes to full City Council on Feb. 2
- Meeting with Mark Garner, Yonge BIA and Bay Cloverhill Community Association
 - attended: Paul and Connie
 - a relationship-building meeting
 - did not go deep into funding the Wayfinding project that BCCA had put forward (deadline for BIA application had passed)
- 625 Church St (Traders Building) Working Group (Paul)
 - Paul is on the Working Group; they will meet on Jan 18
- Development application 20-26 Maitland (Paul)
 - 45-storey mixed-use building containing 235 square metres of non-residential floor area and 596 residential dwelling units; does not include the white heritage house
 - going to LPAT in April
 - Development Committee will consider applying to LPAT for status at hearing, as will other affected tenant / co-op associations.
 - a public consultation will take place before the LPAT hearing
- Development application 506 Yonge at Breadalbane
 - 59-storey building
 - will work with BCCA on this, as it creates afternoon shadow on CW neighbourhood
- 66 Wellesley (ONE Development Church Wellesley tower)
 - LPAT hearing was in December
 - City opposed application
 - CWNA was not a participant because our positions aligned with City
 - Church Isabella Residents Co-op, represented by Don Altman, was a participant
 - article by Peter Small on the hearing has been disseminated to community
 - LPAT decision is pending
- committee to meet ASAP

2.4 Placemaking - Connie

- there will be an art installation at Barbara Hall Park, part of ShowLoveTO
- Linear Park Stakeholder Meeting Jan. 18
- Board approved \$100 expenditure for replacing sign on Dundonald planter

2.5 Government Relations – Kyle

- First meeting of committee Dec. 20
- Attended: Kyle [others?]
- Objective: The government relations committee, through consultation with stakeholders, membership and the executive, will organise feedback and initiate matters with the neighbourhood's government representatives and relevant government departments and service providers.
- Established methods of consultations to prioritize issues
Minutes posted: <https://tinyurl.com/vyy5cywg>
- Kyle brought up issue of process for committees to implement decisions. Consensus was that actions of consequence should be discussed by the Board first.
- Neil said that Zoom meetings with the City Councillor should be open to all Board members to observe; last meeting was closed at last minute.

2.6 Affordable Housing – Neil

- Neil submitted to executive that CWNA should start lobbying for affordable housing in all new construction developments
- Issue was not discussed further as Committee has not yet met; Robert, Tara and Don interested in attending

2.7 Governance – Don

- Don has distributed information on governance issues for Board members to review
- Committee will meet to discuss mandate before next Board meeting

2.8 Fundraising – Sam

- joint meeting with Comm. & Membership, Jan. 11
Charitable status:
 - this should be fairly straightforward and inexpensive
 - process is digital, starting with signing up for MyBusiness CRA account;
 - provide proof to CRA that our activities are charitable
 - do not need audited financial statements
 - aiming for March 1 to have our info ready to submit to CRA
 - CRA is processing applications slowly, but we could still do some fundraising without charitable status

2.9 Communications & Membership - Trevor

- Visioning Meeting, Jan 11
 - attended: Trevor, Connie, Tara, Sam, Peter Small
 - Memberships
 - renewals of individual and building memberships monthly, at anniversary of join – Trevor to undertake
 - recruiting new building memberships on a continuing basis – we have a dedicated volunteer (Steve Brown)
 - Communications (website, e-blast, FaceBook)
 - recruiting more editorial contributors; bylines if desired
 - increasing engagement on FB with posts, polls, themed photo call-outs etc.
 - Facebook moderation (Sam)
 - new guidelines: no shaming of individuals; no COVID-19 posts that run counter to public health initiatives
 - Sam will write up
- Kyle suggested limiting Facebook Group membership to CWNA members; the FB moderators (Sam, Tara, Connie) supported keeping the forum open to whoever is interested.
- Kyle asked about establishing a means of tracking committee intentions so that everyone knows what everyone else is doing, thus assuring that our communications with any person or entity outside of CWNA is coordinated. Trevor will look into this and report back.

3 In camera session

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4 Upcoming Events

- January 18, 506-516 Church St (Crews / Tangos) Working Group
- January 23, 10 am CWNA Government Relations Comm
- February 9, 1 pm Linear Parks Stakeholder Meeting
- February 13 CWNA exec meeting
- February 17, 6:30 Linear Parks Public Consultation

5 Actions

- Kyle and Tara: Joint Government Relations & Safety Committees to review with community stakeholders; determine the goal of the community; investigate the depth of the call, clarify CWNA's position on policing and report back to the executive.
- Tara: convene Safety Committee to discuss the co-chair position for the Church Wellesley Safety Network in full and give a definite answer.
- Trevor: look into way to track committees so external communications are coordinated
- Paul and Robert: Development & Heritage Committee meeting
- Don: Governance Committee meeting
- Neil: Affordable Housing Committee meeting
- Sam: Fundraising Committee meeting