

## Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

### Minutes

Monthly Meeting 13 February, 2021

Zoom Video - 10am – 12pm.

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

#### 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 , January 16, 2021** - none

##### **1.6 Review of Action items from January 2021**

#### **ACTIONS from January meeting**

- 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 – ongoing
- Tara: convene Safety Committee to discuss the co-chair position for the Church Wellesley Safety Network in full and give a definite answer – discuss below
- Trevor: look into way to track committees so external communications are coordinated – please try using current methods (meeting communications and emails)
- Paul and Robert: Development & Heritage Committee meeting – held; discuss below
- Don: Governance Committee meeting – to be held
- Neil: Affordable Housing Committee meeting – to be held
- Sam: Fundraising Committee meeting – held; discuss below

#### **1.7 Financial Status** - \$3,542.36

#### **2. Activities Report Out**

##### **2.1 Development & Heritage - Robert & Paul**

Met on January 21, 2021; minutes emailed to Board members

Present: Paul Farrelly, Robert Packham, Neil Gibb, Donald Altman, Peter Small

*Among topics covered:*

**YongeTOMorrow** plan approved by City Council on Feb. 3, despite some opposition from downtown Yonge BIA and Cadillac Fairview. Now it goes to province for approval. Construction should start in 2023.

##### **Official Plan Amendment 183 (North Downtown Yonge Site and Area Specific Policy 382 - SASP 382)**

- developers, led by Kingsett Capital, will be taking the Phase 2 appeal of OPA 183 to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, asking for greater density than allowed under the policy, very likely this year. CWNA Development Committee will meet with City Planner and Manager, and also with BCCA Development Committee.

**475 Yonge (Marriott)** Kingsett held informational meeting with CWNA and Bay Cloverhill Community Association (BCCA) sounding out change from 65-storey approved building to two 85-storey towers and more “park”. Consensus that idea is an attempt to get increase in height thus setting precedent for other Yonge properties. Resolve to meet with BCCA and agree on position.

**20 Maitland** Catholic Children’s Aid site 45 storeys. LPAT hearing 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 for eight days. Challenge is whether that density is permitted in Wellesley Wood character area. Current proposal casts a large shadow on Paul Kane House Parkette. Tara will work with her tenants association (**address?** Wellesley Street) re appearing as a participant to the hearing; Tara will meet with Paul to go over process.

**510 Yonge St** Kingsett has proposed a 59-storey tower at Bredalbane and Yonge, with parkland dedication at 431 Yonge. Shadow will be cast on linear parks.

**625 Church (at Charles; Traders' Building)** Working group in progress; Paul attending. Interest in ensuring open space on south elevation

**506 Church (Crews / Tangos)** Working group in progress. Paul and Robert attending. Issues of colour, Donna Shaw Lane access, recess front entrance on Church and leave room for heritage interpretation, breach of angular plane. A revised plan and Community Consultation expected within a month.

**2 Carlton** 72-storeys. City received a settlement offer from the developer. A case management conference/settlement hearing has been scheduled at the LPAT for March 18, 2021. CWNA will have some input on the site plan.

**Heritage** Met with Alex Corey, Senior Heritage Planner, members of Toronto, East York Community Preservation Panel and Adam Wynne. There is an LPAT hearing on Historic Yonge Heritage Conservation District in the 2021 Work Plan. Planning a project, along with Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and ArQuives, to get a batch listing of heritage buildings in North Downtown Yonge (including Church Street), which requires less documentation per building. Listing provides the first layer of protection, which is 30 day hold on demolition.

## **2.2 Placemaking - Connie**

- ShowLoveTO art installation in Barbara Hall Park (BHP) - March 4th installation
- Benches – waiting for information on new benches for BHP
- Parks Redesign (George Hislop, Norman Jewison, Alexander Street Parkette) Community Resource Group Meeting Feb. 9
  - Connie, Paul and Trevor attended
  - plans have evolved greatly and there was a lot of detail in the resource documents;
  - some CWNA comments were on relation to neighbouring properties
  - public meeting is on February 17
- CafeTO 2021
  - City will roll out CafeTO this summer; CWNA supports opening up Church Street, but would like to revisit the idea of a street closure with a park-like setting as was proposed by Kyle last year.
  - Kyle informed the Board about the Healthy Communities Initiative, a federal grant program aimed at creating safe and vibrant public spaces. Deadline for the first tranche of grants applications is March 9. Both the Councillor and BIA would have to be in agreement with CWNA on the project. CWNA Board agreed that a project to improve the public realm of Church Street over the warmer months, by making it more pedestrian friendly and green, is something we should work towards. Tara said that a grant writer would easily cost several thousand dollars and we'd need someone who was qualified in this type of grant. Sam said that asking someone to volunteer to write a grant is a huge ask. Connie is going to take a look at the application and ask Jane Farrow for advice. (Related: Tara said Farmers' Market could be a candidate for the next tranche of grants.)
- Church Street resurfacing (Gloucester north) & traffic light installation at Gloucester scheduled for the spring

## **2.3 Government Relations - Kyle**

- Review of draft community survey on government relations priorities
- January 22 GR Committee meeting Minutes: <https://tinyurl.com/1bdp8vip>
- Policing: Tara to forward background info; it will take some time for CWNA to formulate a statement or endorsement on this issue.

## **2.4 Affordable Housing – Neil**

- no report at this time

## **2.5 Governance – Don**

- will schedule a meeting before next Board meeting

## **2.6 Fundraising – Sam**

- Committee met on January 26 to plan for CRA application for charitable status
- Will be collecting docs on shared Google Drive that illustrate CWNA is a charitable organization
- Sam asked Kyle to requesting letters of recommendation from MP / MPP
- Right now it is taking about 6 months from application to get processed

## **2.7 Communications & Membership - Trevor**

- website updated
- MailChimp members database enhanced with Date of Join field.
- e-blast going out Tuesday

## **2.8 Safety - Tara**

- Safety Network is continuing to meet and decide on priorities for the year; a rep from Streets to Homes has joined the Safety Network
- Crisis De-escalation Team pilot project will not have police but nurse, social work, health support workers
- Another set of Teams has uniformed police and a nurse; these are already in pilot project.
- At least one of Tara, Paul, Sam or Don (with Connie as alternate) will attend Safety Network meetings the first Wednesday of the month, 10am to noon.
- Co-chair of Safety Network: at this time, no one from CWNA is willing to step forward.

## **2.9 BIA Meeting Report Out**

- CafeTO
- Art installations on Church

## **4 Recap of Actions & Upcoming Events**

### **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: forward background info re policing
- Paul & Robert: meet with City Planner and Manager, and with BCCA, re OPA 183
- Sam & Kyle: correspond re requesting letters of support from MP, MPP in CWNA application for charitable status.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- February 16, meeting with Councillor
- February 17, Linear Parks Public Meeting
- March 13, CWNA exec meeting