

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes

Monthly Meeting 13 March, 2021

Zoom Video - 10am – 12pm.

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

Regrets: Sam Katz

Guest: Pat Chen

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 , February 13, 2021 - approved

1.6 Review of Action items from February 2021

ACTIONS from February 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: forward background info re policing – *working on it*.
- Paul & Robert: meet with City Planner and Manager, and with BCCA, re OPA 183 - *done*
- Sam & Kyle: correspond re requesting letters of support from MP, MPP in CWNA application for charitable status – *Sam and Kyle will work on*.

1.7 Financial Status - \$3,590.41

1.8 Guest - Pat Chen

- resident of Massey Estates, east of Jarvis; seeking advice re a possible future condo application for property north of The Keg and The Massey Mansions; and on dealing with behaviours of street-involved people. The Upper Jarvis Residents Association appears to be inactive. Advised to contact Councillor's office to see what they know about a possible condo, subscribe to Councillor's email, look into Downtown East Action Plan. Paul and Robert will follow-up regarding to advise on condo.

2. Activities Report Out

2.1 Placemaking – Connie

- Barbara Hall Park benches - Some new benches coming in by late March; others later in the year.
- Friends of Barbara Hall Park Founding Meeting – we have sent an eblast and are keeping track of individuals who are interested in attending a future online founding meeting. We will expand our canvas, as will BIA and 519 over the next while. CWNA, BIA, 519 will meet to map out the meeting.
- Renaming Alexander St Parkette – we have sent an eblast to canvas subscribers to see if there is support and are keeping track of responses; will proceed to next step if there is support for the idea.

- Spring resurfacing of Church Street north of Gloucester & Traffic light installation
- Funding for BHP animation 2021 - \$100,000 made available from two City sources. Connie will be meeting with BIA, 519 and Councillor's office to discuss possibilities. [BIA will go ahead with Music in the Park this year].
- The Green P Parking lot to the south of the Wellesley subway station will be transferred from Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) to the City. The most likely usage will be parkland on the north part and, as per the City's Housing Now policy, affordable housing on the south part. (Part of the reason TPA is holding onto the strip of parking on Gloucester Lane rather than ceding it to Parks and Forestry for an expanded Norman Jewison Park, as per the Official Plan, is that TPA is "trading" some spaces at Wellesley east of Yonge.) There is no concrete proposal at this time and CWNA will engage with the City to work for the best possible outcome.

2.2 Government Relations - Kyle

- Working on the community priorities survey
- Meeting next Saturday, March 20
- David Morris, Provincial Liberal candidate has requested a meeting; Kyle will book once priorities are decided

2.3 Affordable Housing - Neil

- Neil shared a TVO documentary on how other jurisdictions have dealt with making housing affordable and has received replies from some other Board members. He will be using this feedback to set an agenda for an Affordable Housing committee meeting.

2.4 Governance – Don

- Will set a meeting for Saturday, March 27; first priority is to agree on a mandate for the Committee.

2.5 Fundraising

- Report deferred to next meeting

2.6 Communications & Membership - Trevor

- Church Wellesley Update E-blast sent out Feb. 15
- FaceBook (Tara) – the Group is working well under the posting guidelines.

2.7 Safety - Tara

- March Village Safety Network Meeting – Tara, Paul and Don attended
 - Downtown East Action Plan will be reporting to Council this summer with recommendations, new and emerging priorities, including enhanced response to crystal methamphetamine usage, which is particularly acute in our neighbourhood. (519 now has four crystal meth addiction peer support workers).
 - a weakness with the system is that there are few resources available for longer term addiction / mental health treatment and rehabilitation, which depends on provincial funding.
 - coming end of March: a 3 day a week pilot for needle and drug detritus clean up service (including from private property). Workers recruited by Pasa, Dixon Hall and StreetHealth.
 - in April we will have four Community Police Officers that are exclusively assigned to the Church Wellesley neighbourhood (St. James Town will get its own team). Connie observed that the

boundary should go up to Charles in order to include Sanctuary and requested this be brought up at the next Safety Network meeting.

- De-escalation Teams

Special Response Teams for Church & Wellesley and Moss Park are hiring now for an April launch. Five partner agencies will be participating. Clients will be offered continued services after first response.

- Dundonald Wellesley Subway Entrance – there have been issues with individuals occupying the entrance area in an aggressive manner. Police will be walking through with TTC staff.

- co-chair of the Committee is still open, but CWNA wants a job description first

- 7/11 Application to serve liquor – Discussion over what exactly this means; it was agreed that this should not be a round about way for 7/11 to obtain a beer takeaway licence. Most members felt that if the province has the goal of allowing retail beer and wine sales, provincial regulations should be changed to allow all convenience stores to sell. Others stated that they did not agree with retail beer / wine sales in convenience stores. Tara to draft a letter against the 7/11 Application.
- Tara will post an update on relevant Safety Committee news to the FaceBook Group

2.8 Development & Heritage – Paul / Robert

- Meeting with planner Matthew Zentner and manager David Sit – Paul, Robert, Connie attending
 - **510 Yonge St** Kingsett has proposed a 59-storey tower at Breadalbane and Yonge. This is in the Bay Cloverhill Community Association (BCCA) area, with parkland dedication at 431 Yonge. They are trying to resolve issues regarding shadow.
 - **Church (Crews / Tangos)** Emphasized that Donna Shaw Lane must be used for loading / servicing so Church does not get backed up; angular plane is still an issue as only part of the proposed building conforms to a 45 degree angular plane.
 - **60 Wellesley** (at Church) – parties satisfied with the LPAT hearing; waiting for decision.
 - **475 Yonge (Courtyard Marriot)** – at an informational meeting with CWNA the developer had floated the idea of a single 80-storey tower with a larger park space than the currently approved application for two towers of 58 and 48 storeys. The City has not heard or seen anything on this and it would require a new application.
 - **100 Wellesley East** – application had been to infill on east, north and south sides of the existing tower, but parties have now agreed in principal to new townhouses on the north side (Cawthra Square) only.
 - **20 Maitland** (Catholic Children’s Aid site) 45 storeys. Planner could not speak to this as it is at LPAT (however we believe there is a settlement offer forthcoming).
 - **2 Carlton** City received a settlement offer from the developer (original 72 storeys reduced to about 60) which should be finalized this month. CWNA will have some input on the site plan.
- Forthcoming meeting with BCCA
 - 510 Yonge - shadow impact on Church Wellesley neighbourhood
- **4 Recap of Actions & Upcoming Events**

Actions

Tara:

- forward background info re policing
- post Safety update on Facebook Group

- draft letter re 7/11 liquor licence application

Paul / Robert:

- meet with BCCA

Upcoming

- CWNA Government Relations Comm. March 20, 10am
- KWT meeting April 6 - 10am
- CWNA Board April 10 - 10am