

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes

Monthly Meeting May 14th, 2022

Zoom Video -- 10am – 12pm.

Board Members Present: Connie Langille, Donald Altman, Trevor Hennig, Neil Gibbs, Robert Packham
Attendees: Peter Small, Tara Schorr

1. Administration

1.1 Land Acknowledgment

1.2 The agenda was approved – Ryan Carlsen, Trevor Henning

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - No conflicts are declared.

1.4 Minutes of Last Meeting - Minutes from March 12th passed

1.5 Review of Action items from Feb 12th meeting

- Committees to meet
- Paul to arrange meeting re Rabba development

1.6 Financial Status

- \$3,537.28 + \$63.26 PayPal = \$3,600.54

2 Activities Report Out

- Proposed meeting with Tristan re Rabba development needs to be scheduled still

2.1 Communications & Membership - Trevor

- E-blast this will go out the first week of June.
- Updated website with newest lane name, Travellers' Way
- Conversation about the removal of the Alexander Wood statue. Don pointed out that it was not only about removing the statue without any community consultation but destroying a piece of art. The group agreed, Paul stated a plaque could have been affixed to the statue or the piece moved. It was commented that the BIA is not the arbitrator of our artistic or cultural life. Trevor will craft a brief piece. An update on the 519 activities for BHPark will also be included if there is any news and Trevor will ask Stephanie McCracken, BIA, for the Church Streetscape Plan.
- Don has reviewed and approved the Communications mandate. Outstanding is the Development Committees mandate.

2.2 Development & Heritage - Paul

- The Rabba site, info meeting was had with architects, construction manager and Tristan Down-Dewney. Of issue is the developers wish to remove all the heritage from the Yonge St side. Developer seems flexible. Adam Wynne brought forward the LGBTQ2S+ history, developer was open. Robert Packham was not in attendance but feels the proposal is completely against the city's stand on heritage preservation. The building is listed as part of the HCD, clarification needs to come from the city Heritage dept. The development committee will work on a response to the proposal.
- 510 Yonge St. - The buildings on each side of the proposal are designated heritage. Kingsett has put forward a proposal package, 5,000 sq' of community space, park land across Yonge St. etc. BCCA is a party to the proceedings. Ian Flett will arrange a meeting with the city to hear their position before getting back to Kingsett. BCCA and CWNA are both part of the proposed developments. Paul commented that there should be a way to combine small offerings from the developer into a more sizable package. The question of finding appropriate space from developer for a community deal needs to be explored. All decided a Needs Assessment of the neighbourhood is necessary to better understand what the community needs.
- 508-510 Church St. Adam Wynne added depth to the history of the site which was not in the assessment. The developer see keeping the heritage site is a positive for the community. Question about keeping the mural came up, it was not accepted. Paul commented that the city Heritage department is now woke to LGBTQ2S+ issues.

- Fostra wants all groups to be banned together against Garden Suites. CWNA does not see them as a negative. There are rules outlined by the city that regulate them ie all utilities must run from the main house etc. A draft letter will be done by Neil and circulated for approval within a week.
- Community Consultation for NW corner did not go forward. It will be rescheduled.

2.3 Placemaking

- Trevor to ask Stephanie for Streetscape Plan.
- The lane naming of Travellers' Way was the final event of Councillor Wong-Tam's tenure.
- BH Park cleanup – many attended and had a great time.
- Meet Your Neighbours will not go forward this year but Placemaking will discuss partnering with the 519 going forward. This will make it easier for CWNA to participate, not having to secure permits etc. It was agreed to pursue this with the 519.
- PRIDE has sent out their info sheet but not everyone has received it, it will be circulated.
- Trevor talked about the ban on gas blowers and writing a letter to support the city's efforts to control them. Trevor will circulate the draft.

2.4 Safety - Tara

- Safety Walk – The walk lasted 2 hours, well organized and well attended. All major groups from the city were there, Streets to Homes, Here 2 Help, TPS, Park Ambassadors, Parks staff etc. The walk covered all aspects of the parks safety and again reviewing the deficiencies of the park. When the 519 goes ahead with their renovations it is hoped many of the deficiencies will be corrected.
- Safety Network Meeting – It was in the evening however the meeting were scheduled for every other month and only in the mornings. There is still some question as to what the focus is, Service providers or community. It seems the city has backed away from the group wanting community to take more of a role. As for the Terms of Reference Don would like to work with Tara on a draft to be put forward to the committee for consideration. The 519 did put forward a Terms of Reference written by a new staff but it did not seem inline with the Safety Network. A clear definition of the committee needs to be stated. It is of value to have the committee and continue to build on it.
- The new Crisis Response team is currently 6 days a week but building to 7. How to access the Crisis Response team was in question and who would respond. If no weapons, no threat then the Crisis Team would respond. The Gerstien recommended calling 211 for immediate crisis.
- Tara reported that the fire in George Hislop park was arson and an arrest was made.

3.0 Recap of Actions & Upcoming Events

- Trevor to draft letter re:leaf blowers
- Letter of support for Garden Suites, Neil to write
- Paul to meet with city chief staff of KWT's office on outstanding developments and a Needs Assessment of the area.
- Safety meeting re terms of reference and other issues. Tara to meet with Curran.

4.0 New Business

- Don reported he has a new neighbour who is interested in CWNA, we will invite her to the next Placemaking meeting.
- Election candidates – reviewed the candidates

Meeting adjourned at 11:50a.m.