

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes February 11, 2023

Zoom Video - 10am – 12pm

Present – Connie Langille, Don Altman, Robert Packham, Neil Gibb, Trevor Hennig, Tara Schorr,
Attendees - Paul Farrelly, Peter Small, Marzio Silva (Councillor Moise) Regrets – Jolene Warner

1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment – revised acknowledgment

1.3 Agenda – Moved by Trevor, second Tara

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none

1.5 Minutes of Last Meeting , January 14th, 2023 – Moved by Neil second by Trevor

1.6 Review of Action items from January 14th, 2023

ACTIONS from November

- Meeting w Councillor, Edward LaRusic and planners – Paul to arrange – Reached out to planner Alex T.
- CW Safety Network meeting TBD
- Tara to arrange next BIA meeting – email sent to Stephanie @ BIA

1.7 Financial Status - \$4,586.78

2.1 Councillor's Office - Marzio Silva – report

- Meetings w the councillor confirmed Mondays 9-5pm, asked for email 2 weeks prior. M
- 88 Isabella – planner told Marzio notices had been sent out, not sure why some residents were not updated. Will continue to advocate for better communication.
- Signage on Church St., budget has been improved but waiting for template for signage. Clarification was given that we are interested in the area coverage, not the smaller BIA footprint. It was recommended Tara bring this up with BIA in meeting.
- CafeTO – platforms are now necessary
- Safety – police budget, waiting for details. Councillor looking to divert funds towards mental health issues.
- Developments – Paul pointed out that the city city development site fails to have all current developments, only one on the city map..Paul pointed out there are several in the works and asked that the city site be updated. Paul also mentioned there are approved but not built sites that are not on the map. Paul asked that the site be updated to make it effective. Marzio agreed the update was needed. Paul stressed we depend on the city to keep CWNA appraised of the developments in the area. We asked that the area be extended when giving out notices of community consultations. Paul again stressed the need to show approved developments need to be on the city list/map.

2.1A OTHER

- Paul commented that Toronto Centre Projects Site is strange, to sign in you need to put in your age. Tara agreed they asked for demographic details for political purposes Paul stated the guidelines for the site need to conform the cities Privacy Guidelines. It was agreed Tara and Paul to send an email to the Integrity Commissioner asking about details asked on TC Project site. It was agreed that what they are looking for actual ward residents, name and postal code seems reasonable but not additional information.

2.2 AGM

- Thursday March 16, 2023 7pm – 9pm Zoom
- Slide deck was sent out from last year. All exec was asked to update slides. Tara will go through the deck when all are finished and touch up slides.
- Paul will work on Development slides
- Neil will have a Housing Committee meeting prior to next meeting
- Question do we invite Chris Moise to submit a video or come? Paul suggested both Moise and KWT both be invited and ask questions. Exec felt that Q&A would eat up too much time. Tara felt Moise needs to be there, Trevor agreed and suggested there be an informal Q&A take place. Neil suggested we clarify the AGM is a presentation so those invited understand. Don agreed a Q&A at the end of the AGM be set aside for guests so it is controllable.
- Paul prefers both Moise and KWT be invited and be given time for Q&A
- Acknowledge guests at the beginning and give guests time after the meeting is over to address those attending after we wrap the business at hand

2.3 Development & Heritage - Paul

- Donation of \$500 from CWNA to be returned to us. Paul to ask.
- 88 Isabella response – Don, a person attending had a solution for the access, instead of using the lane for access it was suggested that on Charles St. between the rooming house and hydro that the city get an easement and that the lane be extended to Charles St and access would be off of Charles. Don commented the usual concerns came up, dust, closeness of new building to present building, concerns were voiced about traffic as lay-by is being removed from 88 Isabella thus leading to standing for car pickups, deliveries etc. Don said the co-op is organizing to ask the lay-by be reinstated at the new development. The developer talked about building a daycare and having an additional playground for the daycare be the developers park donation.
- Rental replacements? Developer said they would have a meeting with present tenants about replacements, is the developer going to cover cost of displacement? Developers did not discuss but deferred to future tenant meeting.
- Paul pointed out that the 88 Isabella development is grandfathered and Bill 23 does not apply.
- Don is trying to reach out to Isabella residents Paxton Place board and others to join forces with the co-op to challenge the developers.
- Paul – as for other developments on the list Paul is waiting to hear from the city planner to set a meeting date to hear when next Community Consultation meetings are scheduled.
- FoSTRA – Mark Richardson did a good job presenting Housing, Neil attended, amazing meeting, great slide deck etc. There is a YouTube on line, Neil will circulate among exec.. Mark talked about the expense of building units. Paul clarified the meeting was about sites that are owned by other levels of government that are in the Housing Now program building Affordable Housing from scratch. Mark Richardson outlined the economics and funding attached, at the expense of other factors including Heritage.
- Paul talked about the 4 part webinar available online from Urban Land Institute, Rent Geared to Income and the finances involved with this type of housing.
- Paul – Mark talked about the challenge of affordable housing, ensuring maximum height for developments and finding organizations, Fred Victor, churches etc. to operate the housing.
- Don commented that Inclusionary Zoning also poses a great challenge. The bylaw that the city passed does not provide any risk sharing therefore it will be difficult to find operators.
- Paul mentioned FoSTRA the Green Belt survey online be promoted, Paul will circulate
- FoSTRA is looking to join the BOLD coalition Build the Ontario Line Differently. BOLD gave a presentation, Adam Vaughan, conditions of the federal money going into the Ontario Line is designated for community benefits. Metrolinks is authoritarian and no-responsive to community. There is support from FoSTRA to join the coalition to mobilize to improve conditions on the Ontario Line from beginning to end.
- Comment was made about Metrolink removing trees, Metrolinks has expropriated land around stations, Metrolinks then develops the land around to pay for their expenses, resulting in a massive development swath.
- FoSTRA and Regent Park Association met, very dynamic meeting, focus was bringing ward 13 development issues together.
- Connie – Met with Christine Dingemans and encouraged BCCA to form a collation on development issues to share information. Christine said they already share information, Connie pointed out they do not. It was stressed that with no BIA on the stretch of Yonge from Carlton to Charles and YongeTO coming Yonge needs to be protected and strong representation is needed.
- Paul confirmed BCCA and CWNA work on Heritage issues.
- Tara asked about the progress of YongeTO, Paul confirmed it is moving ahead with capital investment in current budget.

2.4 Placemaking - Connie

- BH Park revitalization – met with Daneil, information seeking, has met with other groups.....
- Nancy Chatter says there will soon be an announcement about the Linear Parks
- On Alexander Street Parkette Nancy says they are waiting on the condo to decide about the membrane replacement. Nancy is in contact with the property management.
- Paul suggested put Free George Hislop Park proposal on out FB, the group voted to post it. Tara made a motion to advocate for the Free George Hislop Park petition. Don said to amend the motion to petition the neighbourhood to achieve enough votes to move the petition forward. Tara will follow through with posting. Paul said to let people know that data is collected on the Councillor's site.
- Connie met with the 519 concerning the designation of the AIDS Memorial. The 519 asked for a one page letter briefly outlining CWNA's position. Peter was asked to help write the letter. Peter agreed.

- Tara pointed out there are many groups interested and they should be engaged. Connie assured all that groups would be involved
- CafeTO – the exec was asked about supporting additional parkettes in the cafeTO foot print. It was agreed they would be a good addition but maintenance would be the biggest issue. Tara will ask the BIA when they next meet to gauge their interest.
- Connie mentioned the 519 is looking for 600-800 sq feet in office space.

2.5 Safety – Tara

- Meghan Poole from the 519 will be the new co-chair of the CW Safety Committee.
- There has been little movement of the Safety Committee and little information shared.
- Tara commented that incidents illustrate that mental health supports are needed to support those in need.
- Neil talked about community officers being given a fob to his apartment building to more effectively answer security calls.
- Tara pointed out the apartment building should be in charge of their own security and police should not have open access to buildings. It is a concern for the marginalized community.
- Investment in CW Safety Network – Tara pointed out that a lot has not been accomplished. Don stated it needs to have a work plan that accomplishes something. It was suggested Tara talk to Stephanie from the BIA to see what their take is. Tara agreed to ask.
- Missing Missed Implementation Team – reported out at the CCC is working to refine the process of how to relay the information to the media and public. Tara noted that if the protocols could be put in place quickly that would be a plus.

2.6 Communications & Membership

- Interactive map has been updated.
- Website homepage and blog will be updated early next week.
- Church Wellesley Update eblast should be sent out in two weeks. Tara asked that Free GH Park be included. Trevor agreed.
- Tara noted that having looked through the website recently and found the information informative and up-to-date. Job well done and CWNA is proud of all the work Trevor has put into Communications. All agreed.
- Jolene will continue to volunteer for CWNA and will share some Membership and Communications duties with Trevor. Trevor will continue developing the website.
- AGM – Other details were discussed, call for nominations, opening on the exec. Don will check and share terms of current execs. and openings. Tara will post AGM on fb, Trevor will include in news letter
- The group talked about meeting one hour early to check everything is good to go.

The meeting ended.

3 Recap of Actions & Upcoming Events

- Next CWNA meeting March 11, 2023 – Zoom
- AGM Thursday March 16, 7-9pm.
- Don to circulate current exec terms and openings on the exec.
- Meeting w Councillor, Edward LaRusic and planners – Paul to arrange
- CW Safety Network meeting TBD
- Tara to arrange next BIA meeting
- Paul & Tara to draft letter to ethics department re info gathered on Councillor's Project page