

# Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Meeting Minutes March 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  
Guest – Cori Death, Parker Gauld, Luben Blagoa,

## 1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment – revised acknowledgment

1.3 Guests and Exec were introduced

1.4 Agenda – Moved by Robert, second Paul

1.5 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none

1.6 Minutes of Last Meeting , February 11th, 2023 – Moved by Neil second by Don

1.7 Review of Action items from February 11th, 2023

## **ACTIONS from February**

- Tara to arrange next BIA meeting
- Mandates to be submitted for those committees that have not so far
- Paul attend March development meetings
- Development committee to meet
- Safety Network TBD

**1.8 Financial Status** - \$4,304.51

## 2 Committee Reports

### 2.1 Councillor's Office - Marzio Silva – report

- Meetings – confirmed AGM will be March Councillor, to be booked June, Sept and Dec.
- Update was sent out on Linear Parks and shared with exec.
- Update on YongeTO was sent out and shared with exec.
- Received email from Corporate Security – CS will make request for increased patrols from MLS and TPS
- And increase daily and nightly patrols of the park
- Connie asked about the 1 million dollar expenditure for safety at BHP and Moss Park for 2022. We tried to get a report out from the project. The only report we were given was from the six week pilot project at the end of the summer into the fall 2021. No one has been upfront about how the funds were spent. Vanguard Security was useless, they did not enter the park but pulled up to the curb in front of the park and snapped pictures. Connie asked how Corporate Security can again be used. Policing and Corporate Security are not the answer to the issues at the park and in our community. Connie asked Marzio if he could cesure a copy of the report, data from 2022.
- Tara asked as well about better alternate uses for the money that would be more helpful.
- Marzio reported there will be a Community Group meeting about Sherbourne, Marzio asked if CWNA was interested.
- Stated the Upper Jarvis Study should be done by June. Community members can participate. Don let Marzio know he would like to be on the committee as a rep for the co-op. Connie asked that Peter Small and Adam Wynne be added as a rep from CWNA. Don and Peter had been told the Councillor's office is in charge of selecting members.
- Tara asked if the Councillor's office had information on the footprint for PRIDE. Marzio said he did not have any information but will inquire and get back to us.
- Paul again asked Marzio to keep us updated about developments and community consultations. Tyler Johnson in the past kept us informed. Paul's pointed out the Councillor's office is the first to know and asked Marzio to please keep CWNA updated on current development issues. Marzio said he would
- Neil pointed out that when BH Park is cleared the issues tend to spread out across the neighbourhood. Tara asked Neil to forward her any issues and she would bring them forward to the Safety Network.
- Connie asked about Councillor's website Toronto Centre Projects, reflected it has little traffic, is cumbersome to use and there is little hope for ever reaching the 60 vote threshold.
- Marzio said they have just started the site and will be updating in constantly. Connie asked if maybe a think tank can have a look at it.

- Paul raised the question about the large amount of information the website requires to use it and as it is not a city site, governed by city rules, there is a question of security about information and why so much info is needed. Tara said there were inquiries about site and some do not want to participate.
- Marzio agreed to look into it
- Marzio left the meeting.

## **2.2 Placemaking - Connie**

- Nancy Chater, responsible for the redevelopment of Norman Jewison and George Hislop Parks will begin in April and hopefully be finished in the fall. Signs will go up soon
- Waiting for the next steps on the revitalization of Barbara Hall Park. When we have more information community will be notified.
- We will be nominating the AIDS Memorial for heritage designation, Adam Wynne will be of great help, community will be involved. This will start after the AGM.
- Tara had a great idea to do gardening in 15 Dundonald, the new green space beside James Caning Park. The land was given by Mizrahi as a dedication for development.
- Tara pointed out grants are available for community gardening and activation. This is a good way for new members and community to rally around something tangible. Placemaking meeting will be held after the AGM.

## **2.3 Safety – Tara**

- The addition of more Corporate Security is of concern and will be forwarded to the CW Safety Network meeting. Tara gave a brief outline of the committee. Service providers, TPS, 519, Streets to Homes, Here to Help to discuss issues in the community and discuss possible solutions. The meeting will be the next week
- Connie has asked that the Downtown Yonge BIA be invited to a Safety Network meeting to discuss their practices. They have their own safety network and are highly visible in the downtown.
- Potential Hate graffiti in the community has been flagged for TPS. It related to the holocaust, It has been removed.
- In general the level of activity in the community is rather constant.
- Luben asked about Corporate Security or TPS move people out of BHP do they just move them on to somewhere else? Also asked about people who occupy the sidewalks.
- Tara explained if folks are just sitting on the sidewalks there is little that can be done but if someone begins to erect a tent, become aggressive etc then actions can be taken by Street of Homes, MLS and TPS. In the park it is technically closed after 11pm if people are in the park after it is a bylaw infraction. Corporate Security is only interested in tents being put up. Tara reflected Corporate security has been ineffective.
- Luben agreed they did not seem effective and thanked Tara for the information.
- Tara acknowledged that people in crisis are on the streets but the parameters for helping them are strict and it is difficult to help these people.
- Adam flagged the safety issues on 26 Alexander St. where the old Carmen's Steak house is being used by squatters and the chimneys are falling. Adam asked who at Parks is in charge, He was told Margaret Beast and Grant Drygas. Adam has reported to multiple city services for help. His main concern is someone dying or a fire. He will continue to follow up.
- Neil commented that those who frequent the park are not housed. TTC street cars and subway stations have turned into shelters.
- Tara pointed out that about 90% of the people in the park at night etc are housed.

## **2.4 Communications & Membership**

- E blast sent out Jan 23.
- Website and site map are up to date.
- Mailing list eblast to 700 members went out
- Working on the AGM
- Trevor will concentrate on website and interactive map going forward.
- Someone is needed for Membership Committee.
- Trevor will continue on the Placemaking Committee

## **2.5 Development & Heritage - Paul**

- Donation of \$500 from CWNA to be returned to us.

- Paul noted Maitland id the new Charles St , full of potential developments. There are currently
- Adam pointed out at 34 Maitland the original boiler is still in the building and it might make an interesting art installation. It is also the site of arson fires.
- The Marriott site is not approved yet.
- The Children's Aid site is approved, 41 stories. Other developers will probably have added height approved based on increased height at this building.
- Adam pointed out odd statements from developers. They can't excavate under heritage buildings etc. but Adam pointed out other developments that move entire buildings to accommodate development of the site.
- Adam has tried to get a copy of the Archaeology Study on 33-37 Maitland site but no luck, he will ask Marzio Adam showed a map that outlined potential archaeology sites in the area.
- Discussion around archaeology followed.
- Paul asked if there is salvage potential, he is working on this with Heritage.
- Sam asked if there is anything that needs to be done concerning 34 Maitland, 61 stories? Adam stated community in currently open, it was filed in late Dec 2022. It is a complete application. Paul said a potential meeting with the planner and Sam to go through the application.
- Robert reference the Block Content diagram available online.
- General discussion about scattered developments ensued.
- 88 Isabella St, Don stated co-op is putting together a committee. Their interest is on the Upper Jarvis Study and the height and traffic plans.
- 33-37 Maitland meeting was held, productive. Community consultation is in the near future. The building can not be listed as the application had already gone in.
- Paul gave an overview of FoStra, it is made up of 25 associations, active in planning. Advocacy Committee and ---- Advocacy Committee is join in on the building of the Ontario Line group because of impact on the communities. They are looking at joining the Ontario Place group to spa.
- As a group they will have more leverage.
- FoStra is also looking at holding an all candidates meeting
- Paul asked if \$500 from our donation to the BCC to help with Heritage be reclaimed as it is no longer needed and donated to FoStra to gain some heft with the group. Trevor pointed out we ask for the money back and decide if we want to give to FoStra directly not in combination with BCCA. Paul will ask for the money back and ask BCCA to donate to FoStra as well.
- Tara said it could be a lead for a marketing challenge.
- Peter spoke about the Upper Jarvis Study the need for a meeting to consolidate ideas before participating
- Connie asked Peter to call a meeting for the Upper Jarvis Study

## **2.6 AGM**

- 5 new people interested, 3 have submitted applications.
- Board members Connie and Robert have submitted paperwork. Neil has unti Monday to submit papers
- Tara will take care of the back end of the AGM, Trevor will take care of the slides.
- The group will meeting 30 minutes early.
- Neil asked if nominations are taken from the floor. No, all applications must be in by Monday evening.

## **Other**

- Neil asked about asking for affordable housing in new builds. Robert pointed out that CWNA does push for affordable housing but it is not an issue that can be done without other levels of government and pointed out there is no one to take over the affordable housing responsibility. Neil was encouraged to hold a AH Committee meeting.
- Donn stated we need a Needs Assessment on various areas of our community to identify what the community needs. Don said their needs to be a clear ask from developers.
- Guests, all appreciated participating and look forward to future engagement.

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

- Peter to call meeting for Upper Jarvis Study
- Marzio to ask that Peter, Adam and Don be included on the Upper Jarvis Study
- Paul to call meeting for 34 Maitland St development, invite Sam Laredo
- Next CWNA meting April 15, 10am via Zoom