

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes Monthly Meeting June 8th, 2024
560 Church St & Zoom - 10am – 12pm.

Board members present – Connie Langille, Don Altman, Tara Schorr, Luben Blagoev, Scott Morrison, Wasim Ghani, Phil Parsons

Via Zoom - Matti Charlton

Associate members - Peter Small

Guest - Jonathan Grimm

Regrets – Paul Farrelly, Neil Gibbs, Robert Packham

1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Agenda - moved by Luben, seconded by Phil

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - no conflict was declared

1.5 Minutes of Last Meetings – May 11th - moved by Tara, seconded by Phil

1.6 Review of Action items from May 11th.

Actions to carry forward from May

- All committees update website information – Send updated info to Connie, she will forward to Trevor
- All committees call meeting prior to June 8th meeting - Placemaking met
- New exec send in photos and bios for website, continuing exec refresh pics and bio if needed. Some exec info still needed.

1.7 Financial Status

- \$7,037.38

1.8 Appointment of Committee Chairs

- Heritage - Development - Don Altman was chosen as chair
- Safety - Tara Schorr was chosen as chair
- Communications - Scott Morrison was chosen as chair
- Memberships - Luben Blagoev was chosen as chair
- Placemaking - Connie Langille was chosen as chair

1.9 Associate Members

- Invite Jonathan Grimm to be an Associate member - Jonathan accepted

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 Councillor's Office - Stanley Jonathan attended for Councillor Moise

- Date for Community Safety Meeting at the 519 as per Councillor's promise. Stanley gave the date Sept 17th for a community safety meeting. Details to follow.
- Update June 5th meeting - Parks, Anndore House, Sanctuary
- Other - Councillor's choice – New branded street sign for Church Wellesley area, Charles to Carlton and Yonge to Jarvis. There was a discussion on the cost and if there were other items more important to use section 37 funds on. Stanley will look into it. Some suggestions were an art installation in the Wellesley E planter near Yonge St? Tara noted the Church Wellesley area is not officially marked and that the rainbow street signs are from the BIA and only mark their catchment. It may do well to identify the entire Church Wellesley area.
- Stanley was updated on the plaque for the Nightshift and temporary signage for the AIDS Memorial
- Stanley asked about CWNA board, it was explained there are 9 directors plus additional associate members. Associate members either live outside our catchment or have been on the exec and are still involved but not to the same degree, they do not vote on items but bring years of knowledge to the group.
- Peter asked about the Upper Jarvis Study. We have had zero confirmation that the advisory committee

will be activated at all. Stanley will look into it.

2.2 BIA - Adam

- TTC mural - Is a no go building, owner no longer agreed to the project. Allocated funds will be returned to the city.
- Pride update - VillageFest 2024 Saturday 22 June and Sunday 23 June - new mural to be completed
- Community Information Session was held on Thursday, 13 June 2024 at the Pop-up. Bobby MacPherson from Pride outlined the 2024 event and took questions. Adam Wynne outlined the VillageFest event and took questions. The Q Musical producers were in attendance, their production will take place at the north stage near BH Park. At the south stage near Maitland St opening ceremonies and event will take place. Everyone is looking forward to the event.

2.3 Development & Heritage

- Update website – work in progress
- FoStra – no update Paul was not present
- Graywood - Crews Tango – Eddie LaRusic, oversees all development for ward 13, emailed 580 Church St. resubmitting application asking for more density.
- 2-8 Cawthra resubmitting application July, will retain 2 heritage properties. Finalize green space going forward and the city will look into who will fill the community space offered.
- City Planning was asked when the last Community Needs Assessment was done and is there a plan to do a new one? Did not receive any reply, will ask again.
- 68 Wellesley E was refused by the city will probably go the OLT.

2.4 Safety

- Update website – work in progress
- Safety Network May 3rd – Currently still experiencing challenges. Some people attending are not clear on the work the Safety Network does and how professional partners operate. Folks are coming and expecting to have their individual issues heard and that is not what the Safety Network is about. This tends to bog down meetings. Stanley was introduced to the group. He outlined that the city is working gone a way to better coordinate services within the city so departments communicate worth each other to have better more efficient outcomes. TPS reported a homicide at Sherbourne, being resolved. Here to Help's hours now begin at 10pm not 12am. They will operate 7 days a week. The Safety Network is working on a new framework but nothing has been decided so far.
- Public Washrooms – discussion – A letter came to CWNA asking for support for public washrooms, pros and cons were discussed. Tara pointed out public washrooms are not winterized and pose a problem for people using the parks for recreation in the winter. Also noted seniors, kids may need easier access. It was discussed that they may be used for drug use, who would maintain them etc. The suggestion of corporate sponsorship and the sponsor being responsible for daily maintenance came up. Don reflected there was a plan to have public washrooms, it was linked to bus shelters. Connie will ask Stanley. It was decided to support the request and be involved in any action going forward ie public consultations.
- New Encampments City Protocol – Stanley has not sent reply to request. Tara pointed out there is a difference between public and private spaces.

2.5 Membership

- Update website
- Nikki for City Co-op was contacted about membership but no reply as of yet.
- Luben signed up 86 Gloucester again, his building
- Luben explained how there is a cap of buildings. In apartments tenants can join individually if they do not have a tenants association.

2.6 Communications

- Update website information
- Next newsletter was discussed. 3-4 per year is sufficient. Add calendar with up coming meetings, department reports, number for services ie Here to Help, ad hock items, etc.

2.7 Placemaking

• Meeting w Councillor, Anndore House and Sanctuary - Paul report out - Paul was absent today. It was noted that in the past the relationship with Sanctuary was more positive pre-covid. With encampments etc there has been a culture of blaming and presuming the worst when George Hislop Park reopens. It is hoped this will change.

- Biscuit Lane – Anndore House has taken a role in advocating to have the site cleaned up. There are 7 blue barrels that have been abandon. City staff is on it.
- Gloucester Lane – Al Rezoski has put forward a letter asking for support for a pedestrian walkway to replace the parking spaces for a safer pedestrian space. Add designated pedestrian space, bike share planters single seating etc. With 2 walkways from the park entering the parking spaces it is even more a potential safety concern. It was agreed to put the issue on FB and ask members to support. Other possible ways to promote is via an e-blast to members. A draft will be written.
- 83 Charles St E green space - advocating for upgrade, major issue is with Right of Way piece owned by the city. In progress, article done by Michael Smee for the CBC to highlight issue. We are asking the city to maintain the right of way where the Bike Share sits. Ongoing emails to find out who is in charge.
- Wasim - food proposal - It was discussed how the 519 and other community agencies provide food support to the community. Connie will forward contact information to Wasim to look into possible engagement.
- Update website - met with Trevor, changes will progress as committees send in their information for changes.
- Community ownership of Wellesley planters 80 & 100 W.E. plan? - c/o to next Placemaking meeting
- Public Art in Wellesley planter at Yonge? - discussion c/o to next Placemaking meeting
- AIDS Memorial signs - in the works
- Nightshift plaque - in the works. Fence programmed this year and will be going forward.
- Next Placemaking meeting - June/July

3. Other

- Add Associate members to website – agreed

4. Actions to carry forward from June

- All committees update website information – Send updated info to Connie, she will forward to Trevor
- Draft newsletter
- Continue to monitor Biscuit Lane & Gloucest Lane issues
- All committees to meet
- New exec send in photos and bios for website, continuing exec refresh pics and bio if needed

5. Upcoming Events

- Next CWNA exec meeting **August 10th, 2024**
- June Pride month
- June 22 to 23 VillageFest
- June 26 to 30 Green Space
- June 28 to 30 Pride festival