

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes Monthly Meeting September 14th, 2024
560 Church St & Zoom - 10am – 12pm.

Board members present – Connie Langille, Don Altman, Wasim Ghani, Phil Parsons, Tara Schorr, Matti Charlton
Via Zoom - Paul Farrelly, Adam Wynne
Regrets – Luben Blagoev, Scott Moore, Neil Gibb

1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Agenda - moved by Matti, seconded by Wasim

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - no conflict was declared

1.5 Minutes of Last Meetings – Aug 10th - correction needed c/o to Oct.

1.6 Review of Action items from Aug 10th.

Review of Actions from September

- Draft newsletter - Luben
- All committees to meet

1.7 Financial Status

- \$7,352.66
- It was noted that a lawyer or an expert witness may be hired.

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 Councillor's Office - Stanley Jonathan sent the following report

1 What is involved in having a Needs Assessment of our area done. It has been years and each time a developer offers space we have no clear directive as to what is needed in the community. How do we start the ball rolling?

Regarding question one, Councillor Moise understands that there are demand from agencies and community organizations for space in the Village, and he is committed to ensuring that with new development coming up in our area, community space is provided as part of their CBC. Our office will be handling the needs assessment, and we are now asking for input from organizations we know are interested in having additional space in the Village, or looking to move their offices into the village such as the 519 and Pride Toronto. Councillor Moise is also looking to start a Village Land Trust, although it is still in the preliminary stages.

If you know someone who is interested in having community space in the Village, and is eligible for one, you can go to: <http://chrismoise.ca/communityspace> and under "Request Community Space" you can fill out a form. When spaces come online, we will match you if there is one available.

NB - It was noted to Stanley that CWNA is looking for what the community needs not what providers need. There needs to be a look at community and what the community lacks. Wasim pointed out the community needs should come first.

2 Is the 66 Wellesley E site, One Properties for sale? Rumors are swirling.

Regarding question two, we just met with One Properties, and they have not said anything to indicate that they will be selling the plot. It looks like the project will be moving forward. They did have a few hiccups on the project, such as the fact that there is an orphaned section of Dapper Lane that is not owned by the city, or anybody else that is alive in the past 100 years. These things usually would delay the project, although not necessarily stop it.

3 Onslaught of development and increasing height - OPA 183. Councillor's position? Will the city defend OPA 183? Who is the lead?

Regarding question three, Councillor Moise will continue to work with City Planning to ensure that our

city policies are being followed by developers, and that we secure community space in these new developments. However, as you know, the OLT might feel differently and from then on there's nothing we can do about it. Our office will continue to keep a very close eye on the developments in the village, including the KingSett property that is under OLT review.

NB - Don noted that there is nothing to negotiate that the planning rules for the area should be strongly defended. Paul stated that going to the OLT CWNA has a long time lawyer who is familiar with the history of development in our arew, Ian Flett. Ian suggested an expert witness. Ian will get bak to us next week to discuss.

2.2 BIA

- BIA seeking status re 68-78 Wellesley E, Pizza Pizza and 505-509 Church St, Crews & Tango
 - CWVBIA Updates
- Staffing
- Jay Moore has been brought on in the role of the Interim Office Manager to help in the office with the day to day operations.
 - Adam Wynne will be focusing on Events & Grants
 - Board hopes to hire a new Executive Director soon. Posting has gone out.
 - New office hours effective August 6, 2024 are Tuesday to Friday from 11 AM to 4 PM EST. Subject to change with when new Executive Director is hired.

Events

BHP 50th Anniversary & screening of Any Other Way: The Jackie Shane Story - Sept 14, 2024

Upcoming events include Pumpkins In The Park and Halloween on Church

Graffiti

- Continues to be an ongoing issue in the area.
- Please report any hate crime graffiti to TPS. Please inform the BIA office so they are aware.
- All other graffiti can be reported to office@churchwellesleyvillage.ca and we will work with our vendor or the City for removal.

2.3 Development & Heritage

- Cawthra update -expected new application will soon be filed, dealing with heritage elements. Eddie to update.
- Crews Tango meeting with Jordan Kemp - Developer is lookng for increased height, 46, and ommission of the angular plane. Jordan pitched the idea of Pride To having community spac. Paul pointed out this is not a selling pointJordan stated they can not afford to build the project already approved. CWNA was clear added height and ommission of angular plane is not an option. The developer is expected to go to the OLT.
- OLT case conferance at the end of the month. Paul said Ian is not available so an alternative will go. Robert Freedman was recommended as an expert witness, Paul to investigate. Paul believes the cost will be quite high.
- One Development is not for sale
- FoStra has inagurated a Planning and Housing group pulling development committes from the broad area. It will begin with ward 13, intro to Eddie LaRusic, the planners to have an early warning of devlopment coming down and harness the capabilities of those involed. The development committees of each ward will be contacted about future meeting.
- Rabba 67/69 stories - Paul attended OLT, development was approved. There is a 6 month period to finalize. Hone Fitness building will be restored as a heritage building.
- 33-37 Maitland - 2 heritage buildings, both may be saved. To be continued.
- 103 Gloucester St. vacant - private residence for sale.
- 56 Maitland #101 - info on tenant to TPS

2.4 Safety

- Update website – work in progress
- Last Safety Network meeting - TPS with organized crime arrested 9 people extorting clients of the OW program and local dealers. Some were released and some held. There was conditions of not being in the area.
- A prolific burglar was arrested. He had a long history of crime. He was not unhoused. He is being held.

- It was asked if there is a question for the Town Hall in this to be sent prior to the meeting?
- Phil noted that Casey house had shut down the automatic dispensers. It was thought that they were just out of service as folks saw them being refilled recently. Phil will contact Casey House to inquire.

2.5 Membership - Luben absent

- Update website
- Newsletter, suggestions were made for the fall newsletter.

2.6 Communications - Scott absent

- Update website information
- Transfer of website to Scott He will keep us informed of progress

2.7 Placemaking

- Potential Fall event - ideas - social, use the pop up, snacks and invite community. Oct?
- Biscuit Lane was cleared of large barrels finally. It is now being used for drug consumption. Tara will have it flagged by the Safety Network.
- Pigeon feeder at BHP - the group thought about alternatives to feeding in the park ie in Dapper Lane etc. away from where people sit. The feeding is distressing to the community at large. Matti will followup.
- New Church Wellesley Village street sign - It was noted there has been little discussion from the city ie does CWNA have any impact on the design. Numbers will be included on all signs.
- Sample from the city does not include the proper colours and order. It also is not the most upto date flag. The progress flag is the most current.
- Discussion was had about options for the sign.
- Stanley will be contacted about concerns and how can CWNA be involved in the design.

3. Other

- Matti reflected on his time away and that he has time now to go through the Goolge Drve now or any other jobs CWNA needs just ask.
- Phil talked about CWNA shirts. The tee shirt palce on Yonge was suggested. Matti has access to an online store for stock.
- Questions for Councillor Town Hall - It was agreed that the community should have the lead on questions and CWNA participate whaen there is a lull in the questions.
- No questions were decided upon at this time. Questions can still be emailed to Connie to forward to Councillor.

4. Actions to carry forward from September

- Tara to contact Safety Network about monitoring Biscuit Lane for possible safety issues.
- Tara to forward DEAP grant info re street cleaning to CWVBIA
- Phil to contact Casey House to ask about vending machines and if the are in operation.
- Connie to contact Councillor's office re involvement in new street sign design.
- Web site meeting to be arranged - Scott
- Plan fall event
- Draft newsletter -Luben

5. Upcoming Events

- Next CWNA exec meeting **October 12th, 2024**
- **Thanksgiving Oct 14th**
- **Halloween on Church St Oct 31st**