

## Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Director's Meeting 13 June 2020

Zoom Video - 10am – 12pm.

DRAFT – MAY BE SUBJECT TO MINOR AMENDMENTS

Present: Connie Langille, Paul Farrelly, Robert Packham, Tara Schorr, Trevor Hennig, Neil Gibb, Don Altman, Peter Small

Regrets: Kyle Iannuzzi

### 1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Agenda – approved

Starting now, action items from previous meeting will be reviewed in Admin.

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

1.5 Minutes of Last Meeting 16 May, 2020 – approved

1.6 Review of Action Items from last meeting

- Tara: Start a draft of a response to the community from CWNA re violence and safety in the Village: a full response not done, as situation has changed; BHP encampment has been removed; Tara did send emails to mayor & councillor re urgent need for public washrooms.
- Tara: Set up an online training session for FaceBook Forum: working on it.
- Kyle: Draft a response to MP's letter: Kyle not present
- Paul: contact City planner to find out position on ONE Development mediation: to be covered further in agenda
- Trevor: add more links and ways to renew and join: done
- Connie (& Robert): request a signage bylaw officer to inspect Hasty Market, making sure he knows it's a heritage building: Connie sent email to Heritage, no response
- Tara: provide Trevor with 2019 members list: done
- Paul: arrange online meeting with housing expert Sean Gadon (Don and Neil to attend): deferred
- Everyone: Read the [Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness report](#)

1.7 Financial Status - \$2,266.33

## 2 Activities Report Out

### 2.1 KWT meeting

Report of May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting – attended by Paul, Don, Trevor

Cresford (599 Yonge / Halo) / – Project is stalled until a new developer takes over; new developer will be responsible for completing James Canning Gardens renovation; no timeline.

14 Dundonald (demolished house beside James Canning Gardens) – handover to the City from Mizrahi Development will be a while; City must reassess One Bloor Street to calculate how much is owed. Mizrahi will be re-fencing and sodding the site.

One Properties / Church Wellesley – see Development, below

Village Businesses – KWT has called property owners and asked them to take the federal commercial rent subsidy, but reception has been luke warm.

George Hislop Park Encampments – Councillor expressed frustration that when the City successfully relocates someone to proper, supported housing, the vacated space in the park is soon occupied.

Proposal for a Green Plan for the Neighbourhood, like the Grange Green Plan

- Councillor said any plan would have to have an operational and maintenance plan that would prevent social disorder. That would include animation programming and security.
- At College Park the residences are providing some extra security and animation.
- Look at what happened to Barbara Hall Park, which was renovated before World Pride.
- Grange Community is quite different with AGO; OCAD; large daycare etc.

Trevor is okay with not commencing a master Green Plan, continuing our current work on improving parks and adding to greenspace and working on a project by project basis on smaller scale neighbourhood projects.

Tara noted that tax dollars ought to be paying for the ongoing maintenance, animation, safety and security of parks, and that these responsibilities should not be transferred to private sector or community groups.

## **2.2 Placemaking**

- WellesleyPlanters – June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Trevor: original date was delayed; Connie and Tara recommended doing a volunteer call out; placemakers will figure out the details. Decide on CWNA signage later.
- Barbara Hall Park – 29 people living out of doors have been relocated to better accommodations; there has been one Sunday morning community cleanup and another planned for tomorrow. Park has returned to more regular community use.
- George Hislop Park – Connie: City obligations vs Sanctuary obligations; City should be taking more responsibility for ensuring the park is free of litter at all times and that there are washroom facilities, regardless of the park's usage. Connie has emailed the mayor and received a response. Sanctuary has been providing portapotties and has paid for some litter removal from the park.

Paul said that the Toronto Office of Emergency Management is in charge of deploying resources. On the recent Community Safety Network call he asked for resources for George Hislop Park. Robert believes the situation is such that Emergency Management should create a defined area in the park for the encampments, as managing encampments is beyond the purview of the Parks & Forestry.

Regarding public washrooms in parks, Don said that there had been a pilot project to get the media company that builds transit shelters in trade for advertising space to build 10 public

toilets, but after one, it stalled. Tara said that the City should be responsible for services rather than trying to job them out to the private and non-profit sector.

Paul said the Downtown East Action Plan can help but we must press the urgency and make specific asks of the leaders who make resource deployment decisions (contacts Emily Martin, Head / Monica Gupta, Exec). We should request a meeting with them.

Tara will work on a draft statement asking for more resources from the City (Downtown East Action Plan) We can then decide on the form (letter, press release, petition)

- PRIDE Consultations – we have no particular recommendations
- PRIDE Partnerships. PRIDE have asked about providing support for a community project. Tara suggested asking for support in closing Church to traffic for the summer. Robert suggested doing something on the south west sector of BHP, like a mural or enhanced design to replace the chain link fence. Connie and Trevor will bring up with Bobbie of PRIDE.
- BH Park cleanup – one successful Sunday cleanup; another scheduled for tomorrow.
- BIA will not be sponsoring Music in the Park this year because of COVID-19. We are looking into the possibility of CWNA hosting.

### **2.3 Heritage**

The Hasty Market signs in the heritage building are probably legal.

### **2.4 Membership**

- Discussion of concrete actions we can take to ensure racial diversity of the board (recruitment, anti oppression framework, etc). Tara thought that in future rounds of Board recruitment we could explicitly say “BIPOC strongly encouraged.” Connie said to start out why don’t we ask our community, “Are there things that CWNA can do to better reflect our community?” Let’s hear what they have to say and take the next step from there. Tara volunteered to work on a couple of catch-lines.

### **2.5 Development**

One Properties (Church / Wellesley) update

- CWNA will participate in June mediation; CWNA is a party; Paul Kane Co-op is a participant (Paul, Robert and Don are our team; they will meet with lawyer Ian Flett to strategize.

- 2-8 Gloucester; demolition continues;
- 506 Church St (Graywood: Crews / Tango) input on web site. Robert, Paul and Peter will be on the 506 Church Committee and set up a meeting with Graywood.

### **2.6 Safety**

- Community Safety Network – Paul thanked Tara for attending the last meeting; most issues already discussed ; if we want to have a public consultation or town hall about community safety there is money available to pay for a facilitator or other expenses.
- Parks: discussed in above items.
- Homophobic preacher David Lynn was at Church and Wellesley briefly, but community police officers moved him along very quickly. Previous charges against him, along with the ban of him from the Village, were dropped by the Crown. Henry Dyck was to meet with prosecutors and we

hope to see a statement released; if not we will let the community know.

## **2.7 Communications**

- An alternative Church Wellesley FB Group split off because they don't agree with our moderation, but it crashed and burned. Our FB Group is now much more positive and civil, with more members participating. Tara and Connie ask that other Board members post to FB and moderate.
- Eblast (Trevor) Park Encampments, Church Street this Summer, Wonderful Wellesley

## **2.8 AGM**

- Within 2020

## **2.9 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration**

- on hold

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

- Tara: - work on a draft statement asking for basic resources from the City (Downtown East Action Plan) (litter cleanup, toilets). We can then decide on the format (letter, press release, petition);
  - formulate FB post in which we ask "Are there things that CWNA can do to better reflect our community?"
- Paul? or Connie?: - Request an online meeting with Downtown East Action Plan decision makers (Emily Martin, Head / Monica Gupta, Exec) to make our requests for action on George Hislop known.
- Paul: - One Properties: meet with Robert and Don to strategize mediation; they will meet with lawyer Ian Flett.
  - Greywood (Crews / Tango); arrange for preliminary meeting with Graywood (Robert and Peter to attend)
- Connie (cc Trevor): contact Bobbie from Pride regarding offer to contribute to a placemaking project; for example southwest part of BH Park.
- Trevor: send eblast, update website

Next CWNA meeting July 11