

# GWNA Board Meeting May 8, 2023 7:00 PM via Zoom

#### **Board Attendees**

Diana Belshaw (Chair) Neil Betteridge) Alison Burns Ute Lischke Christopher Needles Greg Papp Catherine Schryer Mark Wagner

# Regrets

Anastasia Moskvitina

- 1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement: Diana Belshaw
- 2. Approval of Agenda of April 11, 2023 Motion made by: Ute Lischke Seconded by: Neil Betteridge Motion carried
- 3. Approval of April 1, 2023 Minutes Motion made by: Greg Papp Seconded by: Neil Betteridge

# 4. Membership Report

Ute Lischke reported that the organization currently has 182 members. She and Greg Papp will be working together to seek corporate memberships from the condo buildings in the Distillery. Alison Burns agreed to help write a letter explaining the role of the GWNA for the condominium boards.

#### 5. Financial Report

Greg Papp reported that the organization has a total of \$11,276.46. A donation (\$5,265) was received from the estate of Jane Robinson. The donation was intended to support a community project related to gardening.



Motion: That the GWNA investigate the possibility of supporting a gardening project to improve the north side of Mill St. Moved by Ute Lischke; Seconded by Mark Wagner. Approved

# 6. Meetings and Events 2023 – General discussion and planning

The possibility of a new format for meetings was discussed. It was agreed to have fewer community board meetings (2-3 a year) and more community content focused events. It was agreed to aim for 4 community events a year and also hold more events directed at specific communities.

The first event, directed at seniors, will provide information about aging in place. This event, called Living Long in the Distillery, will be held at 39 Parliament on May 23. Other possible events include an Ice Cream Social (for the Fall) and an event directed at understanding the new developments around the area.

A possible social event at Old Flame was also discussed for early July.

# 7. Communications discussion and update

The board discussed the possibility of a centralized directory and membership list. Mark, Ute and Dena Taylor will get together to discuss a co-ordinated membership list.

# 8. Winter Village/Roundtable Committee Report

The committee asked for the actual parking spaces for each of the Distillery condominiums.

A walk-about was organized for the police and traffic co-ordinators.

# 9. Development Committee Report

Neil Betteridge provided a development report (see GWNA website). Here is a summary:

- Construction on schedule for Blocks 3,4,7 (behind 70 and 80 Mill St)
- Start of construction for the hotel at 60 Mill St. is unclear
- Occupancy for Block 8, Maple House, will begin soon
- Occupancy for the Indigenous Hub is delayed until 2024
- A new Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) has been established for Triangle lands ( 31-33 Parliament)
- Embridge gas installation work to start on Parliament in May
- Intersection of Cherry and Lake Shore to open soon
- Cycle path north of Parliament Square Park is delayed



# **10. FOSTRA report**

FOSTRA continues to advocate for housing for all. A meeting is planned for the Build Ontario Line Differently organization.

#### 11. New Business

An Email was received from PASAN, an organization connected to harm reduction, asking if we wanted their services. It was agreed that we do not need their services at this time.

# 12. Adjournment and next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm ; the next meeting to be held on June 12.

