

**GWNA Open Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 10,2023, 7:00PM  
College Boreal, Room 3005**

**Board Attendees**

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

**Regrets**

Anastasia Moskvitina  
Greg Papp

- 1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement: Catherine Schryer**
- 2. Introduction to College Boral, Gilles Marchildon, Campus Director**
- 3. Overview of Winter Village plans, Rik Ocvirk, Vice President, The Distillery Restaurant Corp**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**  
**Motion made by: Neil Betteridge**  
**Seconded by: Ute Lischke**  
**Motion carried**

- 5. Approval of minutes of September 11, 2023**

**Moved by Ute Lischke**

**Seconded by Mark Wagner; Carried**

- 6. Planned Events**

- a. Greening Group

The group will start cleaning out the area between Trinity and Parliament in preparation for Spring planting.

The organization has a \$5,000 donation to support this initiative.

**Motion: to approve \$1,000.00 for equipment and materials to assist in clearing the area, and \$500 for consultation fee regarding re-planning in the Spring. Moved by Ute Lischke; Seconded by Neil Betteridge. Carried.**

- b. Living Long in the Distillery

The group is organizing a meeting with potential stakeholders that could facilitate the development of a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) across the Distillery.

c. Hallowe'en Event for children

Distillery retailers and Soul Pepper Theatre have indicated support for a Hallowe'en treasure event for children.

**Motion: To provide \$200.00 to buy treats for children: Moved by Catherine Schryer; Seconded by Chris Needles. Carried.**

d. Neighbour's Night Out -- Nov 13 @ Mill St. Pub

**Motion: To provide \$1000.00 to cover cost of food, Moved by Mark Wagner; seconded by Neil Betteridge. Carried.**

## 9. Committee Reports

### a. Membership Report: Ute Lischke

1. We currently have 141 memberships
2. Will begin our membership drive for 2024 in November.

### b. Financial Report: Greg Papp

We currently have \$11,600.39 in assets.

We still have not received any more cheques from our corporate partners, despite knowing that at least two have been approved for processing.

### c. Development Report: Neil Betteridge (see GWNA Website)

### d. Communications Report: Mark Wagner, Chris Needles

Membership process flow diagram was created and shared with membership chair (Ute Lischke) and treasurer (Greg Papp) for review and input. Key features include:

- Membership chair controls review of applications, updating master membership list, sending electronic or hard copy member card to members, updating master email distribution list.
- Membership chair confirms payment with treasurer.
- Master membership list, electronic membership card, and email distribution all to be kept in @gwna.ca realm (not on personal computer storage).
- Meeting with Ute October 11 to review access to drives, documents, distribution

lists, etc. Final version will be posted to shared drive.

- Upcoming activities include:
- Reconciling the master membership list against the Google group distribution lists, to be done in early 2024 after member renewals.

It was agreed that we will use the Facebook page to handle any emergency issues that surface during the Winter village. We will urge residents to check our page and the Winter Village Facebook page. We will also develop a list of phone numbers for residents to contact during the Village to deal with specific issues.

**e. Round Table : Diana Belshaw**

1. Hallowe'en Event: The Distillery has agreed to organise a Hallowe'en event in conjunction with Soulpepper and the GWNA. Diana will meet with Michael Strathmore at the Distillery to start planning.

2. Craft Fair: The GWNA is interested in sponsoring a small craft fair for resident artists. The Distillery agreed to look at possible dates in the new year to activate a weekend that is otherwise dark and allow GWNA to use some of the existing booths. The GWNA will curate and manage. A reminder that we should not compete with Distillery retailers.

3. Lighting along Distillery Lane: Diana reported that a large number of lights along the south side of Distillery Lane are burnt out and need replacing. David will speak to Luke and ensure it is done.

4. Mill St. Boulevard: The GWNA is planning to revitalise the garden along the north side of Mill St. Between Parliament and Trinity. Permission has been given by Infrastructure Ontario who owns the land and the City Councillors' Offices have agreed to assist with providing compost and earth. GWNA will be working with a landscape designer who specialises in native plants to create a pollinator garden. A request was made to the Distillery to have the water truck (which waters the planters along Mill) also water the proposed garden; David thought this would be possible.

5. Winter Village: Rik shared the traffic plan prepared by BA Group for comment by the Roundtable. A number of issues were identified which Rik will take back to the BA Group. There was further discussion:

- a. Dates will be November 16 to January 7

- b. Price slightly raised – and express entry pass added
- c. Tree lighting will be a ticketed event

Concerns expressed about lack of communication through Construction Hubs to development sites circling the Distillery; do they know about the impact of the Winter Village? It is suggested that the traffic plan be circulated directly as soon as it's finalised. Rik has agreed to come to the next Community Meeting to explain the traffic changes and answer any questions from members.

Rik and David asked if there was anything that could be done to thank residents. Ideas Included:

- a. A thank-you event in January or February
- b. Support for craft fair
- c. Watering the Mill St. garden

6. Traffic Issues: It was agreed that all of us would like to deal with the following - GWNA will follow-up with Councillors:

- a. Investigate the installation of a left turn onto Cherry from Lakeshore travelling east
- b. Extend the timing of right turn lanes off Cherry between Mill and Eastern
- c. Remove the no-right-turn on a red light from Mill to Parliament (pedestrians are tending to use the south crosswalk now because of the bicycle lane change)

7. Living Long in the Distillery: A quick update on the Living Long in the Distillery Project which hopes to bring a network of services together to develop a support hub for senior residents in the Distillery. Perhaps the Distillery can assist us in finding space for outreach workers? To be discussed in the future.

## **10. New Business**

**1. Discussion around postponing AGM from March to April to allow for revising by-laws**

**Motion: To move AGM to April; Moved by Ute Lischke; seconded by Marg Wagner. Carried**

**Next board meeting Dec 11 at 7pm.**

**Adjourned.**