

**GWNA Board Meeting (Virtual)
Tuesday, December 14, 2023 7pm**

Board Attendees

Neil Betteridge
Ute Lischke
Greg Papp
Catherine Schryer
Mark Wagner
Alison Burns
Christopher Needles

Regrets

Anastasia Moskvitina
Diana Belshaw

1. **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement: Neil Betteridge**
2. **Approval of Minutes of October 10,2023: Moved by Ute Lischke; seconded by Neil Betteridge**

Approved with the following change : *Motion: to approve \$1000.00 for equipment and materials to assist in clearing the area, and \$500 for consultation fee regarding re-planning in the Spring, for a total of \$1500. Moved by Ute Lischke; Seconded by Neil Betteridge. Carried.*

3. Treasurer's Report : Greg Papp

Total Assets: \$10,761.40

October and November's income totalled \$960 from individual memberships primarily received at social functions. With the combination of website fees, special events and meeting expenses, our October and November's expenses total \$1679.49. This leaves us with an 11 month deficit of \$347.75. It is clear to me that in order to at least balance our income and expenses year-over-year, I must make a more concerted effort to collect the Corporation membership fees.

So far we have received payment from 33 Mill St. and 39 Parliament St. I sent reminders to all other property managers yet have not received replies nor cheques.

Discussion: regarding payment cheques sent by condo corporations that have not been received by the Treasurer. The mailbox 101 at 39 Parliament for GWNA is shared with that building's property management which may be contributing to cheques for GWNA going astray. Greg to ask the Property Manager at 39 Parliament if there's a box available that could be dedicated to GWNA.

4. Membership Report

- To date we have 61 memberships for 2024 – 13 of those are new
- At the 39 Parliament Street renewal event on November 5,2023, 30 memberships were signed up, At the Neighbours Night Out 27 memberships

- I had a few people who had signed up in early/mid October complain to me about having to sign up/pay again for their renewals for 2024. I rolled over their memberships to 2024.
- The new system with electronic cards seems to be working very well; I would like to find a better way of how to streamline the process of signing up members in person when we have line ups
- We need to discuss the cut-off date to take non renewed members off the mailing list. Perhaps do a write up in the GWNA newsletter to remind people to renew or risk not receiving further newsletters,
- Having an event early in the year for 2024 may have the benefit of renewing/signing up more memberships for the current year
- I would like to find volunteers for each of the GWNA buildings to undertake a membership drive early in the New Year
- It would be ideal if we could do a membership drive among the businesses located in the Distillery.

Discussion: It was agreed that the cut-off date for renewals would be March 1st. Catherine Schryer agreed to assist with a membership drive at 80 Mill St. Mark Wagner agreed to develop a QR code to assist with payments.

5. Committee Reports

a) Development Committee: Neil Betteridge (see report on GWNA homepage)

b) Communications: Mark Wagner

Continued to work with membership chair, Ute Lischke, who is equipped to create and send electronic membership cards to members. Neil Betteridge created an automated process to generate the membership cards from a spreadsheet which is easier than modifying the card template. Paper cards are still available upon request. Ute also has access to the master mailing list and is updating with new member email addresses so they will receive the newsletter.

- As previously reported, in early 2024 (which is a month away!) we will begin reconciling the master membership list against the Google group distribution lists. Expired memberships can be contacted via email to encourage their renewals, and those should no longer be on the list will be removed.
- On November 7 the website subscription with Squarespace was renewed for another year.
- Incremental updates and improvements to the website continue.

c) Living Long in the Distillery: Diana Belshaw (see report on GWNA homepage)

d) Greening Committee: Diana Belshaw

The Greening Group has made a good start towards the naturalisation of the Mill St. Boulevard. Many thanks to Mark Wagner who has kept on top of the equipment needs as well as to almost 14 members who assisted.

To date, we have:

1. Completed the first stage of preparation of the boulevard over two weekends by removing as

many seeding weeds as possible and cutting down the first rank of unwanted bushes and suckers. We also picked up as much garbage as we could.

2. Connected with City Waste Management in order to remove the green waste. They have been splendid!

3. Received formal permission to garden the site from FCA Canada (Stellantis) who hold the lease from Infrastructure Ontario

4. Held a very successful 'seeding bee' during which we removed thousands of tiny seeds from the seed heads gathered from the 39 Parliament St. native garden. They are sitting in jars waiting for spring.

e) Halloween event

Approximately 70 children attended this successful event.

6. Community Updates

a. West Don Lands Committee

This successful committee is winding down as much of its work is completed. The new Canary District Neighborhood Association will be taking over any remaining tasks.

b. FOSTRA

This group continues to emphasize affordable rentals and attention to noise by-laws.

c. Metrolinx Ontario Line Corktown CLC

See development report.

d. Winter Village

Traffic complaints are down. Issues have emerged regarding UBER picking up residents. Taxis can still do pick ups. Buses are parking on Mill St. despite restrictions.

7. Upcoming Board and Community Meetings

a. January 8—Winter Village community feedback and open Board Meeting

This virtual meeting will require a moderator.

b. February 12—Guest speakers (Anishnaabe Health and Re kai)

Alison Burns to reach out to secure speakers.

c. March 11 —A possible tour of Soul Pepper.

d. April 8 —AGM —possibly at Old Flame Brewery

8. AGM preparation

a. By-Law Changes

- i. **Motion: To recommend to the AGM that the GWNA reduce AGM quorum size from 30 to 20 resident members in attendance. Moved by Neil Betteridge; seconded by Catherine Schryer. Approved**

The intention to make this change to the By-laws will be circulated to members prior to the AGM.

- ii. **Motion: To recommend to the AGM that the GWNA remove the requirement for 3 corporate directors on the Board. Moved by Neil Betteridge; seconded by Catherine Schryer. Approved**

The intention to make this change to the By-laws will be circulated to members prior to the AGM.

iii. Motion. To recommend to the AGM that the Board consist of a minimum of 7 elected resident members and a maximum of 9 elected resident members. Moved by Neil Betteridge; seconded by Catherine Schryer. Approved

The intention to make this change to the By-laws will be circulated to members prior to the AGM.

b. Board elections

i. Directors remaining for year 2 of term

Diana Belshaw
Alison Burns
Ute Lischke
Anastasia Moskvitina

ii. Directors at end of term (eligible to run again)

Neil Betteridge
Christopher Needles
Catherine Schryer
Mark Wagner

All of the above agreed to run again.

9. Other Business

Motion: To donate \$100.00 to Waterfront for All. Moved by Neil Betteridge; seconded by Chris Needles.

10. Motion to Adjourn at 8:40 pm. Next meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024.