

GWNA Community and Board Meeting (Virtual)

February 12, 2024

Board Attendees

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

Regrets

Anastasia Moskvitina
Mark Wagner

- 1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement: Diana Belshaw**
- 2. Presentation from Re kai Centre on Cherry St.**

The Centre will provide long term care facilities including several floors dedicated to dementia care. It will also offer services to the neighborhood including meeting rooms, health assessments for seniors, and the training of PSW workers. Members asked if the developers for the centre would create a neighborhood liaison committee in order to address any communication issues during the construction phase. The Centre expressed some interest in such a committee. Members also asked if meeting space or programming space would be available. The Centre said that such spaces would be available for time limited events.

- 3. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Neil Betteridge; seconded by Christopher Needles. Approved.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2024. Moved by Neil Betteridge; seconded by Ute Lischke. Approved with some corrections.**
- 5. Living Long in the Distillery Committee report: Diana Belshaw (see full report on GWNA website)**

A successful community event was held at 80 Mill St. Another meeting is being held with Woodgreen and UHN to work on possible planning for next year. Another community event will be held sometime in the Spring.

- 6. Financial Report : Greg Papp**

There is currently \$10,039.95 in the bank.

- 7. Membership Report : Ute Lischke**

1.To date we have 71 members

-New 15

-Renewed 56

2. I would like to thank Mark Wagner who has created a QR code for the membership page. The code has been added to the poster for membership renewal for GWNA.

3. I'm looking for volunteers to set up a membership renewal table in their lobby for March for the following buildings:

- 33 Mill
- 390 Cherry
- 80 Mill
- 70 Mill
- 70 Distillery Lane

This would entail setting up a date, advertising for the building and staffing a table for 2-3 hours to catch residents and speak to them regarding the role of the GWNA and the benefits of membership.

The following agreed to assist: Catherine Schryer for 80 Mill St; Chris Needles for 70 Mill St; Neil Betteridge for 390 Cherry; and Diana Belshaw for 70 Distillery Lane.

8. Development Report: Neil Betteridge (see full report on GWNA website)

Highlights include the following:

- GWNA provided feedback to Councillor Malik's Office that a request by Graywood to renew/extend the developer's Noise Exemption Permit beyond January 11 for early morning work at 33 Parliament should not be allowed. Councillor Malik's office confirmed that they would reject the permit. A Construction Liaison Committee has been meeting periodically with developers Graywood and Lanterra. Noise complaints have been raised repeatedly.
- King Street Priority Transit Corridor – GWNA made a submission to City Council in November pressing for actions to remedy the slowdown in King Streetcar service caused by the large numbers of cars violating traffic laws to block the street. The City's interim plan of deploying traffic agents at key intersections along King Street on weekdays demonstrated that keeping law breaking drivers out cut streetcar travel time down by about 2/3 and now the city is looking to extend traffic agent coverage hours.

9. Communications: Chris Needles

Activity has been increasing on the Facebook.

10. West Don Lands Committee

The West Don Lands committee is ceasing to exist after many years of achievement. The new Canary District is developing its own neighborhood association that will take over any unfinished tasks of the Committee. A celebration of the many achievements of the West Don Lands Committee will be held sometime in the early summer.

11. Motion to adjourn: moved by Neil Betteridge; seconded by Chris Needles