



**GOODERHAM & WORTS
NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (GWNA) INC.**
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MINUTES OF MEETING held
Monday, September 12th, 2016
70 Mill St, 1st Floor, 7:00 P.M.

Directors present:

Phylis Coles (Past President Ex-Oficio)
Claudia Pardo (Secretary & Social Committee Co-Chair)
Corinne Bryers (70 Mill Street Representative)
Jane Robinson (Representative for 80 Mill Street)
Alan Coles (33 Mill Street Representative)
Michael Brewer (Development Committee Chair & VP External)
Parrish Offer (Communications Committee Chair)
Sheila Iseman (Treasurer)
Keith Veira (Director at Large)
John Tran (Constitutional Review Committee)
Ilda Caldwell (Representative for 70 Distillery Ln)
Hamida Jamal (Director at Large)
Jose Castillo (Membership Secretary & Representative for 390 Cherry St)

Regrets:

Samantha Anderson (President and Constitutional Review Committee)
Salim Jamal (Director at Large)
George Hume (Representative for 39 Parliament)

1. WELCOME AND APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE TAKER

Michael Brewer, VP External, chair this meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m, Claudia Pardo was appointed Recording Secretary for the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A **MOTION** was made by Phylis Coles and seconded by Claudia Pardo to approve the Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. MINUTES OF JUNE 13TH and JUNE 27TH MEETING

A **MOTION** was made by Jane Robinson and seconded by Ilda Caldwell to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on June 13th, 2016. **MOTION CARRIED**

A **MOTION** was made by John Tran and seconded by Jane Robinson to approve the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on June 27th, 2016. **MOTION CARRIED**

4. REPORTS:

5.1 Treasurer's Report: Sheila Iseman

Treasurer's Report to September 12, 2016

Opening Bank Balance Jan 1, 2015	\$4,774.73
2016 Income	\$2,988.95
2016 Expenses	\$3,267.47
Balance September 12, 2016	\$4,496.61

We're still working on the 2016 budget in order to figure out what money there will be available for activities such as sponsoring teams.

5.2 Membership Report: Jose Castillo reported there are 179 to date.

5.3 Development Committee Report – Michael Brewer

Many things going on, specially the 2 development applications for 60 Mill St and the Ribbon Building. Pre-hearing on August 2nd. We registered the GWNA as a participant. City Escape, City of Toronto and the owners of 31 Parliament Site were the parties involved. The latter are also planning to build at their site. City Escape asked for a mediation session. If mediation takes place, the participants will be taken into consideration as parties (that includes GWNA).

Height, massing, heritage, servicing and transit concerns are included. The DC sat down and went through the list.

Development Committee Report

1. Distillery Development Application –

- a. OMB pre-hearing took place August 2, GWNA has registered as a participant in the proceedings. The appellants requested that a mediation session be scheduled in advance of the hearing. The City has requested that participants be included in any mediation, if this request is not granted then GWNA will meet with City staff to ensure our concerns are well represented.
 - b. The Development Committee has begun compiling ideas and examples to support items outlined in the issues list, which can be found in the most recent Distillery District News. If anyone can provide concrete examples (ie. pictures of traffic congestion, unsafe loading, illegal parking to support our claims that there are existing traffic issues that would be compounded by the development) that could be presented at the hearing to development@gwna.ca.
 - c. The Development Committee is recommending that correspondence be sent to local MPs, MPPs and Ministers responsible for Heritage to seek their support with regards to heritage preservation issues.
 - d. A second pre-hearing has been scheduled for March 7, 2017.
 - e. Hearing has been scheduled for the two weeks starting May 8, 2017.
2. 31 Parliament Development Application – Application has been submitted for a 49 story mixed use tower. City Planning staff consider this application over-development and have said further consideration of this application is premature until the built form study and Official Plan Amendment process is complete. Owners have registered as a party for the hearing currently at the OMB as the outcome will likely impact what they are able to build.
 3. Gardiner East – Voluntary public feedback period has closed for comments on the Draft EA. Final EA will be submitted to MOECC which will trigger a mandatory public consultation period, the Development Committee is recommending that GWNA provide formal feedback on the EA at this time with particular focus on ensuring quality of public realm and mitigation of construction impacts.
 4. Acura Dealership Signage – Variance request was raised to Toronto and East York Community Council, GWNA submitted a letter continuing to oppose. The matter was deferred to a later TEYCC session.
 5. Ward Boundary Review – Public consultations will be held at Metro Hall on September 14 and there is a survey that can be completed on-line or in hard copy until September 23.
- Heritage Conservation Study: there will be a consultation meeting on Monday, September 26th in this regard at 6PM at Enoch Turner School. Ilda recommends attendees to go early, as they will not allow more people than permitted per fire code.

DC recommended that the Board supported them to write to our MP, MPPs voicing our concerns and looking for their support in this matter.

A **MOTION** was made by Jane Robinson and seconded by Sheila Iseman for the GWNA to write to our MP and MPP's voicing our concerns and looking for their support in this matter. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A **MOTION** was made by Jane Robinson and seconded by Keith Veira for GWNA to provide our formal feedback to the final version of the Gardiner East EA when it is posted.. **MOTION CARRIED.**

What's the status of the New Parliament Site? They're still figuring out how to work around the contamination in the soil.

5.4 Communications Committee Report and Distillery District News

- Transferred facebook group to a facebook page
- We transitioned from a Yahoo Group to a Google Group without many real issues
- Distillery District News:
 - Online and offline version are now running.
 - Sheila expresses that the offline version is the biggest expense.
 - Thanks to Parrish with Google Analytics they've noticed that majority of people who are looking at the website are between the ages of 25 and 34.
 - The percentage of female and male are 45% and 55% correspondingly.
 - They will continue to continue creating a good product.
 - Keith encourages people to send messages with observations and feedback.

5.5 Constitutional/By-Laws Review Committee report – John Tran:

The plan is to meet with the Committee later this month and then they'll consult with the members, the proposed by-law changes in December or early January.

5.6 CPLC report – Corinne Bryers:

The CPLC hasn't met during the summer but Corinne has been pushing in regards the aggravation of tour buses in the area. She encourages people to report any unusual activity from these buses and get as much information as they can about the type of bus, driver, plate etc and send an email to the contacts that Corinne will post on the website.

5.7 Social Committee report: All social activities contemplated for the second half of the year are on hold as no further feedback was received. The usual holiday celebration which is part of the December meeting, is still in agenda.

Other Business:

Looking forward to the next year and laying out the dates for the meetings for 2017, one thing that was flagged is that the December meeting, we don't have a speaker for this meeting. We'll potentially use it for a more business focused meeting. The meeting in April after the AGM is also flagged as a business focused meeting, so the Board has more time to talk through issues.

A **MOTION** was made by John Tran and seconded by Phylis Coles to accept Schedule 8 which lays out the meetings for 2017. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. GUEST SPEAKERS:

6.1 Allison Paradis, Manager, Canary District Running Room.

The Running Room is a retail store focused on running and walking needs as opposed to general sports stores. It's a Canadian owned and operated company which sells walking and running shoes, as well as accessories for walking and running.

They offer running/walking clinics from 5K to Marathons. There's a fee for each clinic. They provide not only the clinic, but information related to running/walking that is relevant.

How many weeks do the clinics take? Usually 10 weeks for most of them. The marathon clinics take 18 weeks.

Does it change if you walk/run in the winter or summer? Yes, the only time they don't run is if there's a lightening storm or ice storm in the winter. The RR takes into consideration all gear and recommendations that are necessary for runners/walkers during different seasons.

Do you have any programs with the Y? Still in the making.

Are there any special events/programs for disabled people? Not yet. They don't have the trained staff to do so but they're open to explore this option.

The Running Room is offering a special shopping event “VIP Sales Event” on September 29th and with your membership card you’ll get 25% discount for any items, except for Tronics which is 10%.

The flyer has been posted online on our website.

6.2 Claudia Calabro – From Pam McConnell’s office

- Cherry St median situation: transportation staff looked at it but there’s still no response in this regard. It’s still in process.
- Mill St: jobs on the St are on track, as the Christmas Market approaches the site will be demobilized.
- NHL World Cup of Hockey: Partial road closure of Cherry St for bringing in and out the hockey players on Friday, September 16th. It’s not a full closure and it’s only for a few hours.
 - What’s happening behind 80 Mill St: it’s a media area which will be used for press conferences.
 - Until what time will the concerts go? 10PM
 - Is there any idea about the number of people that are expected? Not exactly.
- Land that the City has declared surplus in our neighbourhood such as the foundary building, the land behind 70 Mill St among others which belong to the Province: The City has expressed interest to purchase it in order to avoid any other parties or private developers to have access to them.

Questions:

- What’s happening with the heritage building in Canary District? That’s the foundary building.
- We don’t have composting/green bins, wondering if we have any update in this regard? Claudia Calabro will look into that. It’s usually a condo thing.
- Use of streetcar lanes on Cherry St by particular vehicles? They’ve noticed this situation and some small signage.
- Who’s in charge of deciding where shelters and benches go? There’s Right of Way and Street Furniture for benches. For shelters there’s a combination of TTC and Transportation.
- Corner where the DVP comes off on Lake Shore, coming as a jogger, biker or walker, you have to press the button or you’ll never get a turn to cross but there’s no sign

saying you MUST press the button for you to have the right to cross. Suggestion from an attendee to have a sign saying this.

6. Next Board Meetings

October meeting:

October 3rd at 80 Mill St, with Guest Speaker Lana Vukelic, General Manager at the Distillery District

November meeting:

November 14th, at 39 Parliament with Councillor Pam McConnell.

7. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 8:35 PM.