

GWNA-The Distillery Round Table
Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
70 Mill Street - First Floor Community Room
Minutes

Attendees:

Jane Robinson, chair; Diana Belshaw (39 Parliament); Gillian Kerr (70 Mill); Jade Lee Hoy (The Distillery District); Nader Daouk (The Distillery District); Phylis Coles, Bushra Mir, Councillor Cressy's office, Ward 10; Elle Alconcel (The Distillery District)

Regrets: Sheila Iseman (70 Distillery Lane); Don Carvalhal (70 Mill); Corinne Bryers (70 Mill); Richard Gruchala (390 Cherry St); Dena Taylor (33 Mill); Ike Dewji (70 Distillery Lane);

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am.

Welcome and additional agenda items

Updates from Christmas Market - meeting on May 30

- Discussion about the proposed plan options for traffic and parking – final report to be discussed at a meeting on June 27
- Unclear about the business reason for the Christmas Market – is it just marketing the Distillery, providing retail tenants with customers, enjoyment of the market itself? Or all of the above
- Is it possible to increase the entrance amount – this may be good or bad. Increasing the entrance may offset the cost of changes to traffic plan
- It is necessary to increase the communications to keep people from driving – use media and wayfaring signage and also to keep residents informed – Gillian offered to help and advise with communications
- Residents would like a shorter period – suggest an end date of Dec 19 so residents can entertain guests, especially those from out of town who come to share Christmas

Follow up on Distillery Items from last meeting

- Noise Signage – once again, requested some signage on Gristmill and Tankhouse Lanes to request patrons respect the residents - the “Heart” – there is a suggestion to wrap it in rubber to muffle the noise
- Music in the laneways – walk-around with Jade and Scott Brachmayer on May 25th was very helpful to identify what can be done to mediate – Gristmill almost complete – Jade is getting a better understanding of the area
- Fire Lane issues at 70 Distillery Lane – security is increasing patrols of the area and monitoring
- Drainage pipe repair in P2 of 390 Cherry St garage – mirror adjustment? – follow up required - Nader
- Accessibility in areas identified – is there a plan for when any of these? Nader has reviewed the suggested improvements. This will start with making the washrooms more accessible and quotes for this have been requested. The breezeways may require working with condos (39 Parliament and 33 Mill) to share of the expenses
- There was an issue with an event on Distillery Lane that blocked access for a resident of 39 Parliament who requires a wheelchair to move around. This is not a one-off occurrence – retail tenants often allow barriers for rental events. Jade is aware of the issue and will discuss this with the retail tenants

Distillery Events planned for Spring/Summer – outdoor events

Weekly recurring events – Flower Market (leftover flowers are donated), Summer Buskers – placed randomly throughout the Distillery with beautiful moments – the only amplification allowed is on Trinity, Sunday Market, Family Yoga

Leslieville Flea – third weekend of the month throughout the summer

Tirgan Festival – Iranian art and culture July 25-28

Artfest – August 31 to September 1

Francophone en Fete – French Music Festival – September 20-22

Jaipur Literary Festival – September 28-29

Other business

- Vehicle parking in the lot north of 70 and 80 Mill – Everyone had a taste of what we at 70 and 80 Mill experience daily. The use of this area is temporary. Nader will follow up about the end of this use
- Lighting at the Trinity St gates needs to be amplified. Several residents have complained about the darkness in the evening and at night
- Request for Justina Klein from the TCM to come to the next meeting for more insight/discussion on the plans and issues raised from last year’s market

Need to have a discussion with TCM staff on issues other than traffic dealing with issues of:

- Congestion on Distillery Lane
- Lineups on the sidewalks
- Washroom/warming access for people waiting in line – entering condo lobbies
- Control of access to resident parking in garages – thefts in cars
- Garbage clean-up inside the Distillery and outside of condos on Mill – also in the parking lots
- Music from before the market opens until past market closing affecting residents within the Distillery and often too loud
- Lighting in the Cluny tunnel too bright and enters resident windows

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 11 at 10:30 am, at 70 Mill Street, First Floor Community Room.

Meeting closed at 11:28 am.