

## MINUTES – AWWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Monday, Jan. 10, 2013

**Location:** St. George’s Reformed Episcopal Church, 134 Emerson Street  
**Present:** Shelli Eisenberg, Paul Faure, Cary Kinsley, Jay Parlar, Ira Rosen, Kevin Russell, Vinnie Welsh  
**Regrets:** Barb Mansfield, Ken Moyle, John Wigle  
**Call to Order:** 7:04 p.m. by president Jay Parlar  
**Recording Secretary:** Paul Faure  
**Quorum (seven)?** Yes  
**Guests:** Lois Freeman, Councillor Brian McHattie

Vinnie moved and Paul seconded that the Dec. 10 minutes be accepted; this motion passed.

Jay was presented with a thank you gift from Sgt. Moira James (Hamilton Police Service) for speaking at a meeting held in Ward 8. The goal of this meeting was to encourage the community to form a community association.

**Police Report:** None.

### **Councillor’s Report (Brian McHattie):**

1. Mr. McHattie reported that the City of Hamilton planning committee held a public meeting Dec. 11 to hear submissions about the proposed rental-licensing bylaw. He had no updates.
2. Mr. McHattie and Tim McCabe of the city’s (planning and economic development department) met with Coldwell Banker from Kitchener Waterloo about two months ago. This developer purchased the property at 925 Main St. West (intersection of Main Street and Longwood Road, presently the site of an Acura dealership) to talk about developing purpose-built student housing there. Vinnie reminded Mr. McHattie that design guidelines for the area near that intersection include plans for light-rail transit.
3. 17 Ewan Raod: This file is currently with the OMB. The AWWCA has been given the status of “interested party” in Group 4 for the hearings.
4. McMaster University has submitted a site plan to the city for the new humanities building on campus. A meeting is scheduled later this month.
5. Mr. McHattie mentioned the possibility of a registry of vacant buildings. He also said that intensification south of Main Street would only be suitable north of Whitney.
6. Municipal law enforcement is short staffed so cannot do proactive enforcement of snow shoveling. Complaints should be sent to his assistant, Nikola, with specific addresses.

**Agenda Items:** No additional items.

1. Plan for outstanding (unpaid) members: Kevin will test call 10-15 people on our unpaid membership list to see if residents are still in the area and interested in retaining their membership. Paul offered to help Kevin make calls. Kevin added that the AWWCA received one (4) new membership in December 2012. He will send the board the names of unpaid members to review and update before calling.
2. Good student awards: Shelli has sent a letter to Gord Arbeau (public relations, McMaster University) regarding these awards. Ira suggested that Shelli also contact West Hamilton crime manager Sgt. Scott Moreton of the HPS.
3. Spring cleanup: Shelli is still considering two possible dates for a neighborhood spring cleanup: Saturday, May 4, or Saturday, May 11. The city will provide supplies.
4. Annual general meeting committee: Jay reminded the board about some of the issues/logistical problems with the September 2012 AGM. He will e-mail all board members about getting together earlier in 2013 to discuss the format, topics, and location. We should consider returning to Dalewood School because it is more centrally located in AWW. Paul will ask his department if a lecture hall could be used for the meeting, although pay parking on campus is a problem with using McMaster as a venue. Ira will see if other suitable venues (more centrally located in AWW) may be available, such as one of the synagogues or churches. Monday, Sept. 30, was suggested as a possible date.

**Follow-up:**

1. 71 Leland Street: Vinnie informed the board that KW4Rent has bought this property and is considering it for a four-storey purpose-built student-housing development. The proposal seeks to construct about 246 bachelor apartments. The lot is not currently zoned for that density, so the developer will have to apply for zoning changes.
2. 102 Ainslie Avenue: The city likely will recommend denial of this application for conversion to a legal triplex from an illegal triplex. It could be a legal duplex according to the zoning.
3. Vinnie reported that she had met with two developers from London, ON, who want to convert or build duplexes from existing single-family homes that are in need of major repairs or razing. These men are used to building duplexes with four bedrooms in each unit and are interested in AWW as a potential area for intensification.
4. Regarding the letter asking the city to examine traffic patterns on Dalewood Avenue between King and Main, Mr. McHattie reported that he had not yet seen the letter. Did John Wigle send it? Ira said he would resend his e-mail (from October/November) to the councillor.

**New Business:** Ira introduced Lois Freeman, who lives on Dalewood Avenue. Lois, a 24-year resident of Westdale and former McMaster health researcher, was asked if she might be interested in joining the board, possibly as recording secretary. She said that she was.

**Treasurer's Report (Barb):** None.

**Membership Secretary's Report (Kevin):** As of Nov. 5 we had 639 members, 619 voting members and 20 friends. Of the 639, 484 were paid members eligible to vote and 155 were members with outstanding invoices. From Dec. 11, 2012, to Jan. 7, 2013, he processed 12 renewals for 18 members. One new membership was processed for two members.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report (Cary):** The draft of our Dec. 11 presentation to the planning committee's hearing on the proposed rental-housing bylaw was prepared by Vinnie, circulated to the board for comments, revised by Ken, presented by Ken at the hearing, and sent out to AWWCA members via Mailchimp. Cary copy edited it.

**Committee Reports:**

1. PACCR (John). No report.
2. Campus Town (Vinnie). No report.
3. Police Liaison (Ken). No report.
4. Bylaw/Licensing and Land Zoning (Vinnie). Rental-licensing bylaw was discussed on 11 December 2012 at COH Planning Committee public meeting. Most presenters were landlords, real estate agents, or their representatives, who voiced opposition to the proposed bylaw. The McMaster Students Union presentation supported the bylaw by highlighting renter safety and the poor living conditions facing many students in AWW.
5. Student Liaison (Shelli): No report.

Jay adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, Feb. 4, 7:00 p.m., at St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church, 134 Emerson Street