

MINUTES--AWWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, December 8, 2014

Location: Home of Carolyn Kinsley
Present: Terri Bocz, Julianne Burgess, John Coakley, Shelli Eisenberg, Linda Ellis, Paul Faure, Cary Kinsley, Jay Parlar, Ira Rosen
Regrets: Shelli Eisenberg, Steve Metham, Ken Moyle, Kevin Russell
Guests: West Town Crime Manager A/Sgt Gino Ciarmoli, David Hitchcock, Councillor Aidan Johnson, Vinnie Welsh
Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by President Jay Parlar
Recording Secretary: Linda
Quorum? (eight): Yes

POLICE REPORT (Gino)

1 robbery
7 thefts from auto (all unlocked)
6 residential entries including 4 unlocked student houses and 2 other unlocked house
The volunteers in the Community Mobilization Unit were on campus giving out flyers and are waiting for the results from the Lock It or Lose It project.
Crime Mapping Tool - Citizens can now connect with the Service using an online crime-mapping tool to reduce crime and improve public safety in the City of Hamilton. Crime mapping helps the public get a better understanding of the crime activity in their area so they can make more informed decisions about how to stay safe. This online crime mapping tool allows users to conduct searches to identify when and where certain types of crimes have taken place in Hamilton during the **past 60 days**.

OCTOBER MINUTES

Cary moved and Paul seconded that the October minutes be accepted; the motion passed.

NOVEMBER MINUTES

Julianne moved and Terri seconded that the November minutes be accepted; the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

1. Bylaws and oath of office: Jay had reviewed the bylaws a year ago and did not find areas in need of major revision. The number of meetings to be held in a year, 12, should be reviewed to bring it in line with the current practice of 11 meetings. The proposed code of responsibility and oath of office, presented to the board in the fall, have been discussed and revised and are in general acceptance among board members. There needs to be a motion created for the AGM regarding the procedure for removal of board members. Jay will do this. These documents will be voted on by the board at the January meeting.

2. Churchill Park Clubhouse: Ira reported that the final meeting took place and their board is now preparing a report. In January there will be a public meeting to elect a new board, and Ira would like to be on it.

3. Remembrance Day wreath laying: Ken attended the Cenotaph Remembrance service and laid our wreath.

4. Licensing and land use (Terri):

81 Whitney – The owner is requesting permission to put on an addition and turn a single-family house (currently dilapidated and used as a rental) into a duplex with 15 bedrooms. We recommended this application be denied because there is insufficient parking, it is not in keeping with the surroundings (adjacent homes are small bungalows), and the house is not built to accommodate 15 bedrooms.

198 Broadway – The owner is requesting 19 minor variances for two new single-family homes with 10 habitable rooms each. The variances include lot width, parking-space length, floor-area ratio, and two parking spaces for each house instead of the required three spaces. The plans submitted seem in keeping with the neighbourhood; however, they appeared not to be correct. The plans submitted showed three front elevations but just two buildings to be built on site; the house plans did not match the site plans. We requested that the owner secure approval from the heritage planning department before municipal variances are granted; to use more glass (more windows, larger windows) on the side of the house visible from the road, as the side elevation looked unattractive with two small windows in an otherwise solid wall of siding; and to meet code with respect to parking spaces, especially in an area where street parking for the hospital and university is at a premium.

1098 and 1100 Main St. West – City bylaws require 16 parking spaces for 48 residents, but this plan only has nine spaces. We are asking that a warning clause be included in all rental agreements advising prospective tenants of limits to on-site parking and parking restrictions in the surrounding neighbourhood. We requested that a noise study be conducted. The noise study identified that, while the walls of the existing building were sufficient to attenuate the noise generated from Main Street West, the windows and spandrel components of the building would need to be upgraded to a minimum Sound Transmission Classification rating of 41. In addition, a central air-conditioning system would be needed so that residents could keep their windows closed against noise during warmer weather. Finally, the noise study stated that a warning clause would need to be registered on title advising future owners and tenants of potential noise issues. We also had concerns regarding the maintenance and management of the property since the bylaw department had to be contacted about garbage on this site. It was cleaned up, and the officer also had the owner board up the windows of the bottom two floors to prevent trespassing.

The owner, Collingwood Cambridge Holding Inc., is well known in Cambridge and has built several student residences. There is a hearing tomorrow, and we will ask Councillor Johnson to raise the question of how this property is going to be managed. David Hitchcock, who lives near this proposed development, attended our board meeting for this discussion.

Linda has resumed the role of recording secretary, and we are looking for someone to help Terri with the role of land use and development and the committee of adjustment. This person does not have to be a board member. It was suggested someone from Ainslie Wood East help with this role. **John C.** will inquire if someone would be interested.

5. Update on the Ward 1 AGM and new board members in Strathcona and Kirkandall: Ira said that the two new board members of the Strathcona Community Association, Connie Stefanson and Santo Barbieri, would like to attend one of our board meetings in the new year. **Ira** will contact them.

6. Donation to Joey Coleman: Jay made a \$100 contribution to Joey Coleman for live streaming the all-candidates' debate.

7. West Hamilton Seniors: John C. reported that many people are resigning from this group. They do not have the charitable status that SASH (Senior Activities in Southwest Hamilton) has, and he thinks they are struggling. He will attend another meeting before deciding whether to leave this group.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Cary)

11.6 E-mail from Jay to Kirkendall and Strathcona re a donation to Joey Coleman, who made the video of the all-candidates' debate

11.6 E-mail from Jay to Lois Freeman about her ability to continue on the board

11.19 Letter to CoA re 198 Broadway Ave. HMIA-14.74 (demolition application) -- opposed

11.19 Letter to CoA re 198 Broadway Ave. HMIA-14.295 (construction application) - listed concerns

11.19 Letter to CoA re 81 Whitney Ave. - opposed

11.25 E-mail from Jay to Lois

11.25 E-mail from Lois to Jay resigning from the board

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT (Kevin)

As of Nov. 30, there were 201 voting members, including 13 renewals representing 21 members received in November. Kevin thinks that renewal reminders in the Mailchimp weekly messages produced the bulk of these renewals. Thanks to Cary!

TREASURER'S REPORT (Steve)

TD chequing account balance: \$1,821.45. ING balance: \$2,943.35.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PACCR (Jay):

2. Town and Gown (Ira): The symposium will be held at the University of Toronto's Mississauga campus.

3. Police liaison (Ken): Gino had told us that Paul Morrison is the new superintendent and the next meeting will be held in January.

4. Licensing and land zoning: See agenda item 4.

5. Participatory Budgeting Advisory Committee:

6. Student liaison (Shelli):

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, at St. George's Church, 134 Emerson St.