

MINUTES — AWWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monday, April 7, 2014

Location: St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church, 134 Emerson St.
Present: Terri Bocz, John Coakley, Mark Coakley, Shelli Eisenberg, Paul Faure, Cary Kinsley, Steve Metham, Ken Moyle, Jay Parlar, Ira Rosen, Kevin Russell
Non-board Members: Ed Sculthrope
Regrets: A/Sgt. Gino Ciarmoli, Councillor Brian McHattie, Lois Freeman, John Wigle
Guests: Vinnie Welsh; representatives from Cootes Paradise Elementary
Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. by President Jay Parlar
Recording Secretary: Linda Ellis
Quorum (Seven)? Yes

Mark moved and John seconded that the March minutes be accepted; this motion passed.

Police Report (A/Sgt. Gino Ciarmoli) – Gino was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report:

Theft from Autos – 3
Break and Enters - 2
Theft of Auto – 1

During St. Patrick's Day weekend, the logs for the 91 and 92 paid duties showed there were a few calls about house parties on Saturday night. They were quickly dispersed. During the afternoon of St. Patrick's Day itself, Gino made a proactive visit to a couple of the addresses that the police had been to over the weekend. The occupants were informed that, since the police had already attended over the weekend, if they had to return, charges would be laid; there were no calls about those addresses.

The police had two calls about addresses with a significant number of students, one at about 2:30 p.m. and the other just after 4:00 p.m. Both were quickly broken up, and there were no further calls.

Two other sergeants worked the afternoon-into-night shift and found one young man with an open beer in his hand walking by himself; he was trying to find a party and couldn't.

All told it was a very good weekend with no significant incidents, not really any busier than a normal weekend. Gino is now in the process of planning for move out, which hasn't been a real concern for the past several years.

Attached is the press release concerning the gun amnesty with information about how to turn in unwanted items. Also included is a link to the YouTube video that explains everything:

Facebook.com/HamiltonPolice

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyD79Z9US3c&feature=youtu.be>

Ken mentioned that lights for bikes are available from Steel City Surplus for \$1 each. He suggested that during the October cycling enforcement, students who are pulled over be given a set of lights along with a list of traffic rules of the road. The cost, \$120 for 50 pairs of lights, could be split between the AWWCA and the McMaster Students Union or the Society of Off-Campus Students.

Councillor's Report – Deferred to next meeting.

Additions to the Agenda

Good Student Awards and Neighbourhood Clean-up - Shelli
Letter from Tordis Coakley regarding more school closures – Jay
Aiden Johnson running for Ward 1 councillor - Jay

Agenda Items:

- 1.0 Picture of the board presenting a cheque to Cootes Paradise Elementary – Some representatives from the Cootes Paradise Elementary school council came to our board meeting to take a picture with the board members holding an oversized cheque in the amount of \$3,000. They thanked the board for the AWWCA's generous donation. The Hamilton Wentworth District School Board has designated the renamed school as a pilot project so the board can learn about outdoor space design and how to create an outdoor learning environment with nature and possible ecological learning. Evergreen Canada will mentor the board through this process. The idea is to then help revitalize other schools. There have been two design meetings with Evergreen and the board, and there has been extensive consultation with both school communities--the kids from the schools, parents, staff, and public forums.
- 2.0 Visit to the Eva Rothwell Community Centre (Mark) – Part of their funding comes from granting agencies such as the United Way. Cary said this centre will be part of Open Doors on May 4 and 5 if anyone else would like to see it. Mark said he does not want to head up the campaign to make Prince Philip School into a recreation centre and asked Councillor McHattie to play a public leadership role. He has agreed. Mary Kiss was told that Ted McMeekin has promised provincial money. Mark has been in contact with David Sweet and all four Ward 1 candidates. The first thing that needs to happen is to get the city to commit to buying the building. Funding is also needed for paid positions to help launch this. It was suggested that a subcommittee be formed to start doing the initial work. Subcommittees are separate from the board, and a representative reports to the board. There need to be Terms of Reference with a clear goal. It was suggested that Mark, Jay, and Ira, or whoever is appropriate, discuss details on how the subcommittee will work and bring this back to the board.
- 3.0 The city's rental-housing licencing subcommittee – It was requested that a member of our board be added to the committee. Dale Brown responded that Brian would be asking for three citizen members to be added. There has been no further information.
- 4.0 AGM – The synagogue will not be available for use for the AGM. Jay to contact St. Mary's school, Ira to contact Dalewood School. It was suggested that Westdale Secondary School might be a better venue than Dalewood.
- 5.0 Letter from Tordis Coakley – to support the city council's initiative on a moratorium on Hamilton school closures. It was suggested that Mrs. Coakley draft the letter, Cary would edit it, and Jay would sign it.
- 6.0 Aidan Johnson, Ward 1 candidate, contacted Jay and asked to speak with him. Jay can meet with him but will also contact the other candidates for fairness. Once all the Ward 1 candidates have registered, we can invite them to attend an upcoming board meeting and give them each 10 minutes to speak with us.

Follow-up Items

- 1.0 Playground meeting for Cootes Paradise Elementary - Jay
 - The people from the design firm did an excellent presentation showing designs of other school around the world.
- 2.0 SASH (Seniors Activities in Southwest Hamilton) meeting - Ira
 - There is not enough space for senior's activities or senior housing.
 - There is eagerness to develop in our three communities (AWW/Kirkendall/Strathcona)
 - Ira to contact Jonathan Therien, president, Strathcona Community Council, for further discussions.
- 3.0 Churchill Park clubhouse - Ira
 - The official opening is this weekend.
 - Looking at having security cameras installed.
 - Booking this facility is done through the city's recreation centre.

4.0 Good Student Awards and spring cleanup – Shelli

- The annual Good Student Awards were held March 24 at the McMaster Student Centre and went well.
- The neighbourhood cleanup will take place May 3, and co-ordinators are needed in the various areas. Shelli has 19-20 volunteers, whereas in the past she has had 60-70.

New Business

- 1.0 Discussion re the redevelopment of 1100-1096 Main St. West – This is the white building at the corner of Cline and Main Street and the parking lot across the street. The application is to convert the property on the north side from commercial to multi-residential. The white building would contain 11 units and the house behind it, one unit. Ira is waiting for clarification on this and will contact Brian's office, as the property will have to be rezoned.
- 2.0 Share the Road – Ira reported that there will be two stations for the cycle share at McMaster and the organizers would like us to help promote it when the time comes. There also will be bike share for all the Pan Am Games.
Volunteers are needed for the Pan Am Games.
Open Streets is still hoping to partner with McMaster in the fall.
- 3.0 Participatory Budgeting Advisory Committee (Steve) – PBAC will be added to the bottom of the agenda along with other committee reports. When the City of Hamilton amalgamated with outlying areas, part of the deal was that the original city would receive a reallocation of taxes every year. Rather than give individual property owners a small sum of money, each ward in the old city is given \$1.5-million. Councillor Brian McHattie decided to form a committee for Ward 1 to help decide how to allocate our share. The committee has been formed again this year and is calling for ideas. Idea submission will open in about two weeks and last until May 8; the list will be sorted and similar suggestions consolidated; people in the ward can vote on them from May 19-21; in early June there will be a report on the projects; the city will provide pricing, and the final list will come out at the end of June. Money is being set aside in PBAC as a legacy fund. There is \$600,000 in it now; \$500,000 would be allocated to Prince Philip if the city is going to buy the school.

Treasurer's report (Steve)

The ING balance: \$2,930.12 (we earned \$2.42 interest).

TD activity:

Monthly service fee of \$4.95.

Paid \$3,000 toward Cootes School playground

\$250 for Town and Gown Conference registration

\$75 for Town and Gown membership

Balance: \$872.85

Membership secretary's report (Kevin)

As of March 31 there were 346 paid-up members. One new member joined over the last month.

Corresponding secretary's report (Cary)

2014.3.4 Thank you for donation to G. R. Allan grounds redesign.

2014.3.7 E-mail from Jonathan Therien re seniors planning.

2014.3.9 E-mail from Cary asking to be put on mailing list of SW Seniors Planning Committee

2014.3.17-18 E-mail exchange re city's new rental housing subcommittee--terms of reference, request to add three citizen members (including a representative from the AWWCA).

Committee Reports

PACCR – The committee has not met since our last board meeting.

Police Liaison – Although Gino's report stated there were only two significant calls, members on the board stated they were aware of more. Ira to follow up with Gino.

Next Meeting – Monday, May 5, 7:00 p.m., St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church, 134 Emerson St.