

## MINUTES — AWWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monday, July 7, 2014

**Location:** St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church, 134 Emerson St.  
**Present:** Terri Bocz, Julianne Burgess, John Coakley, Mark Coakley, Lois Freeman, Steve Metham, Jay Parlar, Ira Rosen, Kevin Russell  
**Non-board Members:** Tordis Coakley, Sharon Murray, Ed Sculthorpe  
**Regrets:** A/Sgt. Gino Ciarmoli, Shelli Eisenberg, Paul Faure, Cary Kinsley, Councillor Brian McHattie, Ken Moyle, John Wigle  
**Guests:** Jason Allen (Ward 1 councillor candidate), Krist Hayes (Hamilton Community Land Trust), Mike Borrelli (Beasley Community Association), Vinnie Welsh  
**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m. by President Jay Parlar  
**Recording Secretary:** Linda Ellis  
**Quorum (Nine)?** Yes

**Approval of Minutes** – Ira moved and Julianne seconded that the June minutes be accepted: the motion passed.

### **Police Report** (A/Sgt. Gino Ciarmoli)

Robberies - 1  
Theft from Auto's - 0  
Theft of Auto's - 0  
Graffiti - 0  
Break and Enters - 10

We have seen a dramatic increase in entries across the west end; many of these are attributed to windows and doors being left open. Remind your neighbours to lock up everything; even if you are in your rear yard doing some gardening, lock your door. Lock your sheds, and don't leave bicycles lying around the yard. Keep some lighting on around the house; put one or two lights on timers if you're going to be away.

Please also keep an eye out within the neighbourhood, when you're walking, biking or just sitting outside; if you see any suspicious vehicles driving slowly through the area or people just wandering around give us a call. Nobody knows the neighbourhood as well as the residents do; let us come down and investigate. If something seems strange or suspicious there's a good chance that it might be. The non-emergency number is 905-546-4925; press 0 at the recording.

I'll be meeting with Mac next week to start preparing for Welcome Week. I'll update everyone as things progress.

### **Councillor's Report** – Defer.

### **Additions to the Agenda** – None.

### **Agenda Items**

- 1.0 Jason Allen, a candidate for Ward 1 councillor, introduced himself to the board and spoke a bit about his platform. For more information about Jason, his website is [www.jasonaallen.ca](http://www.jasonaallen.ca)
- 2.0 Conflict resolution process – defer to next meeting.
- 3.0 Hamilton Community Land Trust – The purpose of a land trust is to own land in the name of citizens and lease it back to social-purpose organizations and individuals in order to help meet needs that are decided by the community. For example: green space, community gardens, parkland and affordable housing. The Beasley Neighbourhood Association put a call out for volunteers earlier this year to launch this. Mike highlighted a few potential projects they are looking at along with getting ideas from city residents. He asked if this committee could lend public support by putting our logo on their website. Kevin moved and Julianne seconded that we support this; the motion passed.
- 4.0 Seniors' needs in Ward 1 (Ira) – defer.

## **Follow-up Items**

### 1.0 AGM and all-candidates debate (Jay)

- Jay has confirmed St. Mary's for September 29.
- Jay has been in communication with Jonathan from Strathcona. Leah from Kirkendall has not responded to any of Jay's e-mails. Jonathan has concerns about the AGM being at St. Mary's due to the distance from their neighbourhoods. They proposed having the meeting at Columbia College for easier access. If Columbia is free of charge, has dedicated parking for that night, and would attract more people from Kirkendall and Strathcona, our board is fine with moving to Columbia.
- Jay has been in contact with the Ward 1 candidates letting them know that Ira has not been and will not be involved in the planning of any of the questions or anything related to this meeting.
- It was suggested that we have a website for people to submit their questions prior to the meeting. We also would allow people to write questions on a card the night of the meeting. We would then go through the questions and pick out specific ones to be asked.
- Jay will be asking for volunteers for the registration desk.
- There will be a short meeting at the beginning of the night to approve the minutes from the last AGM.
- Need to contact the Hamilton Spectator and news organizations to publicize this meeting.

### 2.0 71-77 Leland (Vinnie)

- Vinnie sent out the latest draft to members. The board approved this draft. Vinnie will send the letter to Cary for any final edits.

### 3.0 Prince Philip Neighbourhood Committee (Ed/Ira/Mark)

- The plan put forward to the attendees was to establish a volunteer board of directors.
- The next meeting takes place tomorrow evening.
- There is very strong assurance that the city will be buying this property. It is hoped that the city will purchase this property before the fall election.
- There will be a huge focus on the lack of facilities for seniors.

### 4.0 Senior Activities in Southwest Hamilton (SASH) (John/Ira)

- John attended the tea and promoted our association.
- There were 33 vendors on site.
- The police presence was outstanding.
- SASH is considering an event in the fall at Alexander Park.

### 5.0 Churchill Park Clubhouse (Ira)

- There is a meeting tomorrow night.
- Flyers were delivered to residents around the clubhouse asking whether it should be renamed.
- There will be a public meeting looking at renaming the building and a new board of directors.

### 6.0 Open Streets Update (Ira)

- July 30 – working with Pan Am games.
- There will be no other events happening around the city while the Pan Am games are on as the police do not have enough manpower.

## **New Business**

1.0 Ira will invite the new MSU president, Teddy Saull, to our September meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Steve)

ING balance: \$2,935.37 (we earned \$2.40 interest).

TD activity: Expenses: \$4.95 monthly service charges. Balance June 30: \$418.00

### **Membership Secretary's Report** (Kevin)

As of June 30 there were 346 paid-up members. No new members joined over the last month. Kevin has had a couple of referrals of membership inquiries and hopes they will join over the summer.

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report** (Cary)

2014.6.3 Letter by Vinnie to Councillor Brian McHattie re 17 Ewen Rd. with conditions we'd like met and stating our support for protecting Mondolez's business.

2014.6.10 E-mail from Jay replying to Jonathan Therien, president of Strathcona Community Council, regarding the AGM and all-candidates debate.

### **Committee Reports** (Jay)

- PACCR (McMaster's President's Advisory Committee on Community Relations) held its final meeting of the school year, and Dr. Patrick Dean attended. There was discussion about what has happened over the past year.
  - 88 Forsyth is the house that McMaster purchased. They currently have three possible plans that the current zoning will allow. These are: an annex for part of McMaster's research archives, an employee computer-training centre, and residential space for visiting faculty members.
  - Dr. Dean spoke about the Prince Philip location. The university had thought about it for a possible graduate residence, but the footprint was not big enough, and the university was concerned about spreading itself out to too many locations.
  - The Province is still talking about 60,000 new undergraduate spaces, but Dr. Dean can't see McMaster playing a role in this, as there is not enough space to absorb more students. It appears the enrolment levels may stay as is for a while.
  - They would still like to have additional undergraduate living spaces.
  - There are no statistics on how many students remain in Hamilton after they graduate.
  - Excavation is complete on the Wilson building inside the Sterling Street entrance at Forsyth, but construction is behind schedule due to the winter weather.
  - Canadian universities are taking more international students, as there are not enough Canadian students to fill the universities.
- Town and Gown Association of Ontario (TGAO) - Ira has been appointed as treasurer.
- Police Liaison (Ken) – report to follow.
- Licensing and Land Zoning – Vinnie took Jason Thorne, the city's new general manager of economic development and planning, on a two-hour ward tour. He understood the differences between the licensing and zoning in terms of lodging homes. He believes that the legal department is well on track in pursuing the 4 Forsyth South case. He is going to read the Howden decision. Vinnie feels that Jason understands what we want as far as working with the community on our secondary plan, using sites where purpose-built housing should be, possibly rezoning some areas that have decrepit housing, and having design guidelines for those who want to renovate to keep the character of the neighbourhood.
- Participatory Budgeting Advisory Committee (Steve and Ed) – Very positive response with good discussion. Approximately 27 projects were funded. A lot of money set aside for Prince Philip, Alexander Park and Churchill Park. Ed has a full list, and the list of projects is also posted on the website [[www.forward1.ca](http://www.forward1.ca)].

**Next Meeting** – Monday, Sept. 8, 7:00 p.m., St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church, 134 Emerson St.