

## MINUTES — AWWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monday, June 3, 2013

**Location:** St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church, 134 Emerson St.  
**Present:** Cary Kinsley, Ken Moyle, Ken Ockenden, Jay Parlar, Ira Rosen, Kevin Russell, Vinnie Welsh, John Wigle, Lois Freeman  
**Regrets:** Gino Ciarmoli, Shelli Eisenberg, Barb Mansfield, Paul Faure, Councillor Brian McHattie (Guest)  
**Call to Order:** 7:10 p.m. by President Jay Parlar  
**Recording Secretary:** Linda Ellis  
**Quorum (seven)?** Yes  
**Guests:** Chief Glenn De Caire, Insp. Scott Rastin, Action team of Hamilton Police Service

### Police Report

Scott Rastin reported on Mac move out. There were no major issues. If you have any questions, e-mail Gino Ciarmoli.

Project Trauma – Over the course of the 30 days project, 81 provincial offences and tickets were handed and 80 warnings. There was a marked improvement from beginning to the end. Gino plans on running this again in October. It would be useful if we could have a breakdown of how many were cars vs. bicycles. Perhaps the date could be changed to the second week of September when school is back in?

### Councillor's Report

Ken gave an update on the heritage site master list which has approximately 6,000-7,000 potential sites. Barb worked out the numbers on how many of these places were in Ainslie Wood/Westdale and only 12 addresses came up. Ken does not require any volunteers as the numbers in our area are so low. Ken is waiting to receive the criteria to be used to determine what is a heritage site from Brian. Once this is done, the Heritage committee hopefully will be able to submit the list to the University of Waterloo which has a computer program that can put the information into a form for the City of Hamilton.

### Agenda Items

1.0 Hamilton Police Services – Chief Glenn De Caire gave a presentation on the 2012 ACTION annual report - On May 21, 2013 the fourth of a series of spatial analysis reports, *An Overview of Violence-Prone Areas in Hamilton Three Years Later* was released. Its purpose was to evaluate any changes in the levels of violence in the city, since the implementation of the Service's anti-violence ACTION strategy and provide evidence-based support to the strategic deployment of scarce resources within the city.

The ACTION strategy involves focusing police resources below the escarpment, in the downtown core and in the areas of high concentration of violent events while maintaining the flexibility to redeploy these resources, rapidly, to any location within the city of Hamilton in response to public safety concerns.

The report highlights encouraging results of the ACTION strategy. Here is a sample:

- over the past three years, violent, assaults and property crimes show double digit decreases
- drug crimes have increased 39% (likely due to enforcement) which reflects the Service's strategic focus
- when compared to the size of the violent hot spots calculated in 2009, the violence-prone areas have decreased by 36% in 2012 - our citizens in these priority neighbourhoods deserve the investment of ACTION and Neighbourhood Safety Program

The report clearly demonstrates that the strategy to combat violent crime is working and the results are evident city-wide. We are **Making Headway on Hot Spots!**

A PDF of this report can be viewed on our website.

2.0 Lawn-bowling clubhouse for board meetings – an e-mail was sent out to the board asking who would be in agreement to hold our meetings at this location. Cary reported she had not heard back from Barb, Lois or Kevin. The cost per day to rent the clubhouse is \$38 plus insurance. Insurance cost is \$17.50 each time which brings the cost to \$55.50. Another issue is the key for the clubhouse as normally when you rent the clubhouse you have to go downtown to get the key and then return it the next day. We were advised that we should be able to get our own key. The rate of \$38 is for the entire day so perhaps we could get a better rate for a few hours? This is a lot of money to spend for a meeting room when we can use St. George's at no cost. Perhaps we can use the clubhouse once a quarter and publicizing it more for an open meeting for the community. We would like to support this building however the current cost is very high. Jay to contact them again regarding cost.

3.0 Letter from Adela Anna Antonow – An e-mail was sent to Jay a few weeks back with the subject line stating "harassment for seven years". From the sounds of things, it appears this resident is having issues with her neighbors. John has asked Jay to pass the information on to him and he will contact Adela.

4.0 Locke Street festival – There is going to be a PBAC booth at the Locke street festival in September and we were told that the AWWCA can also have a booth. When we had our booth in our own neighbourhood for Bluesfest we only had 4 people sign up. The board agreed not to have a booth on Locke Street.

5.0 New Delirious Burger Restaurant – was to open a week or so ago however the city blocked them due to door issues. Some of the neighbours in this area were very cautious with this new business opening due to the ongoing problems they had with the previous business. After the new owner met with the neighbours it appears things have calmed down as the new owner seems like a very sincere person. The city is going to be looking at the parking in this area. Currently there is a sign that says "no parking" which actually gives people a 10 minute grace period. They are looking at changing this to either a loading zone or a "no stopping" sign. There are 3 parking spaces between North Oval and the back alley that are all day parking. They are looking at having this changed to either 15 minute or 30 minute parking. The garbage is a big problem and this restaurant has not even opened yet so it is the other businesses in this area causing the garbage issues. The Executive Director of the BIA said she was going to notify the businesses about this. They are also looking at installing more city waste containers in the area.

### **Follow-up Items**

1.0 AGM update – Jay does not have a lot to report on at this time however by this weekend he will have the timelines and checklists ready to go. Mary Louise has agreed to be the AGM speaker. Gord is aware of the date (September 30) and the meeting will be held at Temple Anshe Sholom. Vinnie stated that members without e-mail addresses will need to have labels made up and they will have to be ready to go for the beginning of September. The other thing we will need are invoices for anyone owing and this will be a significant amount of work. Jay stated that we can now process credit cards and will be able to do this at the AGM.

2.0 Brochure distribution – Linda and Cary will be taking some brochures for distribution. Linda is going to blitz Bond, Longwood and Paradise Road North which is about 300 houses. We will see what the responses will be from this.

3.0 Student housing rating – Jay has not spoken to Max since his phone call on May 4. The student from SCSN is interested in finding out more information about this. Jay to pass on Max's contact information to Vinnie for SCSN.

4.0 Rental licensing – Vinnie believes they are taking the report back to planning on June 21. Brian is working with some of the other councilors on an implementation strategy. Vinnie believes the MSU is supportive of rental licensing. There was some discussion about landlords not being able to rent all the rooms in their student houses and going outside the student population to fill these rooms. This may bring in some undesirable tenants into our area much the same as what is happening around Mohawk College with their rental housing. There is a 10% vacancy rate for student houses which is high for this time of year.

5.0 Storage of AWWCA Materials – John and Kevin to work together on moving materials.

## **New Business**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurers Report (Barb Mansfield) As of May 31 there was a balance of \$2,902 in our ING savings account, including \$1.50 interest earned during the past month. Our TD chequing balance as of May 31 is \$4,375.43

During the month, membership renewals of \$165 were deposited and the following cheques were issued:

Print Factory Inc - \$415.84 for brochures;  
Vinnie Welsh - \$258.90 for TGAO conference costs; and  
Sonic Unyon Records - \$33.90 for table/chair rental at Bluesfest

As a result of Jay's efforts, we now have the capability to accept credit card payments for membership renewals.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

Membership as of March 31 is 640 (includes 22 Friends). This number may have to be adjusted. Kevin to adjust numbers for the next report.

Members eligible to vote – 496

Members with invoices outstanding – 144

Renewals processed April 30 to May 31 = 1 memberships for 2 members renewed plus 1 new membership for two members. In addition one membership for two members has moved out of community and has been removed from list.

### **Corresponding Secretary's report**

4.24 Letter from LGL to Jay about work on Highway 403 (didn't need a reply)

5.8 E-mail from Kirkendall Assn. about working together with Strathcona and the AWWCA on needs and plans for services for seniors. I sent out this appeal in our weekly e-mail but got zero replies from any seniors among our members. Vinnie is the only person who has shown any interest.

5.21 E-mail from Jesse Williamson, recreation development consultant for the city, to Jay about the lawn-bowling clubhouse and the planning meeting there on May 15.

5.23 E-mail reply from Jay saying that we would like to support the clubhouse and to rent it for our board meetings.

We have 396 e-mail addresses with Mailchimp. No one has unsubscribed recently.

### **Committee Reports**

PACCR - John reported there is a PACCR meeting the end of this month and he had missed the April meeting. Will have an update for the July meeting.

TGAO – Vinnie attended the conference in Windsor. Details of this meeting will be posted on our website. Vinnie stated that the highlights for her, was the cooperation between the city and the college and university in Windsor and the whole re-building of downtown. A very large convention centre was built and is hugely successful. The small convention centre that was there was turned over to the St. Clair College which is now the St. Clair College for the Arts. The college does all the catering at this facility and there are programs such as hotel management which are being run out of the College for the Arts. They are moving approximately 10% of the students to the downtown.

### **Next Meeting**

Will be held on Monday, July 8 at St. George's Episcopal Church.