

Minutes – AWWCA Board of Directors’ Meeting

October 15, 2012

Location: St. George’s Reformed Episcopal Church hall, 134 Emerson
Present:, Barb Mansfield, Jay Parlar, Ira Rosen, Kevin Russell, Vinnie Welsh, John Wigle, Paul Faure, Carolyn Kinsley
Regrets:
Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by president Jay Parlar
Recording Secretary: Jay Parlar
Do We Have a Quorum (seven)? Yes
Guests: Erika Richter (SCSN); Ward 1 Councillor Brian McHattie

Previous minutes: No corrections. Cary moves they be accepted, Ira seconds. Motion passed.

Agenda topics

COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

DISCUSSION	Planning committee directed to prepare a draft bylaw. Tentative presentation date is December 11. It will be important to have community members present to share their experiences with rental housing	
	Working on a PACCR report with Gord Arbeau. Will be employing Paul Shaker (a planner who owns a planning company) to look at Ainslie Wood East and Westdale North. Will develop a strategy for rebuilding neighbourhoods saturated with poor quality student housing	
	Skateboard park will not be in Churchill	
	Working with SCSN (Student Community Support Network) and Jennifer Kleven to directly contact landlords when there have been problems. Going well so far	
	Additional improvements continue at Coronation Park	
	Tennis courts should be ready at Westdale Secondary by late winter/early spring	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Notify membership about December 11 time when we have the details	Carolyn Kinsley	

SCSN (STUDENT COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK)

ERIKA RICHTER – HEAD OF SCSN

DISCUSSION	Peer-to-peer program now focusing on Westdale South, Ainslie Wood East and Ainslie Wood North. Have same number of staff as previous years (six), but now focusing them on smaller areas. It’s working quite well. Patrols every week looking for bylaw violations. Also approach houses based on complaints from the community/city. Visit a home at the beginning of the week, then go back at end of week to check compliance. Working with Jennifer Kleven to contact landlords directly, rather than go straight to city
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	bylaw.	
	Promoting open mic nights at St Paul's to create an open environment for students and permanent residents.	
	Helped to organize the Pumpkin Hike	
	Cycling program on campus to help inform students of possible cycling infractions	
CONCLUSIONS	Erika would like to better advertise her events to the community, and will start sending them to our mailing list	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send Cary's e-mail to Erika	Ira	

POLICE REPORT

KEN MOYLE

DISCUSSION	Having a hard time getting in touch with our police contacts right now.	
	There's supposed to be proactive cycling enforcement happening, but we've not seen it	
	The police are offering a Lock It and Leave It program where the police check for unlocked car doors and inform owners	
CONCLUSIONS	Ken will suggest McMaster use Mac 91/92 for the next home football game	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Ken will contact police about Lock It and Leave It program	Ken Moyle	

PERMANENT LOCATION FOR AWWCA SUPPLIES

JOHN

DISCUSSION	John might be able to find space in his basement. There are currently five separate boxes plus the easel	
	Ira knows the owner of a storage facility, who might be willing to give us a discounted rate	
CONCLUSIONS	We should try to use a storage facility, if not too expensive	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Contact owner of storage facility	Ira	

AGM DEBRIEF

DISCUSSION	McMaster session was well attended. Dr. Deane spoke about how part of university learning should take place in the community	
	Police session had a lot of the usual questions. People asking about specific addresses, when to call police, etc.	

Future of AWWCA session was poorly attended in the first round, decent attendance in the second. Kevin took notes on all the suggestions		
CONCLUSIONS	We need to find a way to increase attendance, as normally the same people show up ever year. Not having the flyers this year didn't have much of an impact on overall attendance	
We might have a rental licensing bylaw next year, which could help bring more people out		
AGM committee has to do more of the actual planning and implementation, instead of just coming up with the format		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Put item on agenda next month for how to get more members to AGM	Ira	

Follow-up:

1. John Wigle has volunteered to take meeting minutes for the next three months
2. 34 Delbrook Court is requesting an increase from 7 to 15 bedrooms. Committee of Adjustment turned it down based on improper intensification. Unfortunately their main point of contention is number of parking spaces. The owners appealed to the OMB.
3. 17 Ewen Rd. Kraft acquired Cadbury and will be appealing.
4. Open Streets went fairly well for a first time, but organizers would like to see more people and more Sterling people go onto campus and vice-versa.

Treasurer's Report (Barb Mansfield):

As of Oct. 15 there was a balance of \$2,885.50 in our ING savings account, including \$3.20 interest earned during September. Our TD chequing balance as of Oct. 15 is \$1,912.59

During the month, the following payments were made:

1. \$125 to Westside Baptist Church for the rental of the church for the AGM;
2. \$202.02 to Lavinia Welsh for postage stamps, envelopes, and other office supplies;
3. \$180 to Barb Mansfield for the balance of the stamps.

We collected \$730 in membership renewals.

Membership Secretary's Report (Kevin):

6 new members; 637 including 20 Friends; 330 members are paid up [Jay: I don't know whether Kevin supplied all this info, but these are my notes; maybe some info came from Barb]

Corresponding Secretary's Report (Cary):

- 2012.9.2 Letter from Jay to General Accounting confirming Barb's volunteer work
- 2012.9.11 Letter to cHattie saying the board has concerns about a casino downtown (John)
- 2012.9.14 From HPS re Ira's complaint
- 2012.9.17 To Fortino's requesting water for AGM (John)
- 2012.9.29 To crime manager re pre-game parties (Ken)

[my report was in the agenda; I always send it to Ira to be included in the agenda but sometimes have a last-minute item]

Next Meeting: Nov. 5, 2012, 7:00 p.m. St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church hall,
134 Emerson