

Minutes of the AWWCA BOARD MEETING

Monday, July 8th, 2019 - St. George's Church / 134 Emerson St.

Call to Order: 7 p.m. Ira Rosen, president

Recording Secretary: Kareen Bouwman

Quorum: Five

Regrets: Carolyn Kinsley

In Attendance: Ira and Sarah Rosen, Scott Innes, Ken Moyle, Julie Twyford, and Tracy McKinnon

Guests: Stephanie Hilson

Agenda Items:

1. Police Report: A/Sgt David Brewster

David is no longer the Crime Manager for the neighbourhood.. Please, see Corresponding Secretary's Report. There will be another officer assigned to this position. It may take some time until our neighbourhood has a permanent Crime Manager.

2. Councillor: Stephanie Hilson representing Maureen Wilson

A murder occurred behind the Beverley Hills apartments. At this time no other information is available.

Shave and pave is delayed to spring 2020 because of the traffic study. It will be 2 to 3 more weeks until the results are forwarded to Maureen's office.

An advanced green for eastbound cars during 7-10 am and 4-7 pm at Cootes and Main will be in effect in the near future. The city will return to no right turns during a red light at Emerson and Main St.

Artwork is on display along the fences on Paisley and Main and Bond and Main as part of a beautification project for the LRT corridor. The students from Cootes Paradise and Dalewood created the art.

There are issues with property standards at 17 Ewen Rd. and commercial properties. An order to comply was given to the owners at Ewen Rd. Ira stressed that more enforcement is necessary.

The berms at Churchill Park are 1.3 metres high. The height of the berms was lowered as it interfered with people's view of the park. The park improvements have been delayed due to inclement weather. A newsletter will be out shortly from Maureen's office discussing the project at Churchill Park.

There has been no movement from the Knightstone development. The group, Concerned Citizens, mentioned to one of our board members that the city has to respond to Knightstone's proposal by October. Andrea Dear is the planner who is in charge of the file. This development falls under two different provincial bodies: the LPAT deals with zoning changes and the OMB deals with variances.

Presently, the city's secondary plan allows for 6 stories on Main St. and the LRT corridor allows for 8 stories. The highest tower for Knightstone is 14 stories with an additional mechanical storey.

Parking is an area in which the AWWCA may have some influence. Parking spaces have been expanded from 3 to 44 spaces. The density has also decreased from 1700 to 1300 beds. There is also a storm water problem.

Maureen is looking into the private/public partnership of McMaster and Knightstone in terms of fees and taxes that would be owing to the city.

The city is waiting for 3 bids for the LRT construction. The approval process will take up to 18 months.

The city has received the Paradise and King development report. There will be recommendations provided within a month or so. Ira will write a letter indicating AWWCA's opposition to the 6 storey development. The letter will be sent to Mark Keller at the city.

3. MSU: No report

4. Westdale BIA: Tracy McKinnon

There were good crowds at Artfest, but not many locals attended. The Westdale is doing well financially. The theatre was rented out for the movie shoot, Holly Hobby, and will be rented out for The Fringe Festival. It was suggested that the AWWCA needs to find or purchase a banner for the event.

Jazz West will occur during July 19-20. Westdale Live is live music every Friday from 4-8 until mid-September. The musicians are positioned by the clock. October West will take place on Thanksgiving week-end to encourage student attendance. A polka band will be providing entertainment. The AWWCA needs to find or purchase a banner for the event.

In September and October there will be a small farmer's market on Mondays or Tuesdays. Details need to be confirmed.

On Ewen Rd. the Grain and Grit has food trucks. At the back of the Burnt Tongue there is a cooking collective. At the front of the restaurant various soups can be purchased. A vape store opened beside the Burnt Tongue called Churchill Smokes. An upscale Greek coffee shop will be opening up beside Nannaa's Persian Eatery. Howe's coffee shop is now open across the street from the library.

It will take 12 months to reopen Mark's salon. Dakota Mae closed and Rawlicious is closing.

5. Minutes from the previous meeting

Scott Innes moved to accept the minutes from June's 2019 meeting 2019. Sarah Rosen seconded it. Ira, Scott, Julie, Ken, Kareen, and Tracy passed the motion.

6. New Crime Manager-Sgt. Matt Fletcher (See below.)

7. LPAT status for Main West residence

The court will decide whether the AWWCA can have party status. The judge is not recommending party status for the AWWCA. The AWWCA is content to have participant status. As such, members of the

association are permitted to speak at the hearing. In essence, the city will ultimately decide what will be built.

8. AGM preparation

Deadline for nomination forms is September 9, 2019. Sarah will update the membership information. Julie will have updated banking information. Ira, Sarah and Julie will present their reports. Carolyn will send out a notice to the members.. Tracy will donate coffee. The AGM will be held on September 23, 2019 at Innovation Park. Board members are required to be at Innovation Park between 5 to 5:30 pm. Maureen Wilson, Filomena Tassi and Sandy Shaw will be invited to attend and provide a report of what they have Done for the community. The president of McMaster University is also invited.

New Business:

Treasurer's report: Julie Twyford

No report

Julie tried to find a bill for the post office box at 97 Sterling. An email was sent to inquire about the bill for postal services.

Membership Secretary's Report: Sarah Rosen

No report

Sarah continues to update the list of members

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Carolyn Kinsley

No report

Notes:

About the new Crime Manager

On July 8, 2019, at 10:26 am, David Brewster <DBrewster@hamiltonpolice.on.ca> wrote:

Sgt. Matt Fletcher will be temporarily assuming the duties of the Westtown Crime Manager until a replacement for me is re-assigned. Telephone numbers will remain the same as he is already a Crime Manager for another area downtown. I have copied him into this email so that you have his email going forward.

Unfortunately Matt will not be able to attend tonight's meeting as he already has an event schedule however I can say that the plan for Welcome Week is in its early stages and there are no new developments beyond what we spoke about at the PACCR meeting 2 weeks ago. McMaster has split the Move in Day into two days now instead of one and have hired additional Paid Duty Police Officers to manage traffic on Main St at Emerson and at the Sterling entrance as well with a focus on not obstructing traffic (especially ambulances) into the hospital.

Committee Reports:

1. PACCR

David Ferrar is acting president at McMaster Move in Day is under control and will be over 2 days in August. Homecoming dates have not been finalized.

2. TGAO

Ken is developing webinars and he will follow up with the Smart Rent idea

3. Police Liaison: No report

Next Meeting: September 9, 2019