

MINUTES - AWWCA BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 3rd, 2020 - St. George's Church / 134 Emerson St.

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

Recording Secretary: David Hitchcock

Quorum: Five

In Attendance: Ira Rosen, Sarah Rosen, David Hitchcock, Tracy MacKinnon, Carolyn Kinsley, Scott Innes, Ken Moyle

Regrets: Ryan Tse

Guests: Mary Louise Pigott, John Ross, Rhonda Ross, Kim Harvey

Agenda Items:

1. **Police Report:** Kim introduced herself as the new crime manager for west town (Ainslie Wood, Westdale, Kirkendall, and Strathcona). In January in Ainslie Wood Westdale there were:

- 0 robberies or commercial break and enter,
- 4 break and enters to a residence
- 1 break and enter to a detached shed
- 2 thefts from auto
- 1 stolen auto
- 0 graffiti

An arrest was made for one of the residential break and enters, where the residence was entered by removing a screen from a bedroom window and electronics were stolen. There was also an arrest of one person in mid-January suspected of breaking into many vehicles. John asked if thieves are imitating electronic devices used for unlocking cars; Kim was unaware of this possibility. Ira recommended that a "lock it or lose it" educational campaign should be done in April or May in and around the university.

2. **Councillor:** Mary Louise Pigott
 - Any updates regarding the fallout from the LRT project? No. The task force has been announced, and is meeting confidentially. There is speculation about what it will recommend. A lot of planned infrastructure developments were LRT-related.
 - Any updates on the following development properties:
 - i. Traymore development: Mary Louise undertook to pass on information that she got from the planning department about the principles that they applied in recommending approval of the project. McMaster now owns the whole property as a life lease. The developer will own the building, but the university will manage it. Councillor Wilson managed to block institutional zoning for the development, so that it will have to be assessed by MPAC to determine if the owner will pay property tax.
 - ii. Paradise & King: A second application is under review by the planning department.
 - iii. West Park & Main: An application is being reviewed at city hall.
 - iv. 77 Leland: Condos are being built.
 - v. Ewen Road: No application has been received for the new plans.
 - vi. Cline & Main: Ira reviewed the content of the meeting of the developer in November with members of the Boards of AWWCA and the Ainslie Wood

Community Association (AWCA) and Concerned Residents of Westdale (CROW), for the benefit of John and Rhonda, who live across Cline from the site. John and Rhonda expressed their concern at the lack of transparency about the proposed development. Mary Louise reported that the developer has asked for a consultation with planning staff; they have not yet submitted an application. She said that the city is interested in things like height, setback, and parking. She said that she will inquire about opportunities for public input; Ira reported that the developer planned to have no public presentation other than its presentation to the planning committee in support of a zoning change. At some point they will have a sign posted on the property. Mary Louise undertook to report on this issue to Councillor Wilson.

- vii. 75 Carling St.: No application has been received, although the requested variances were approved.
 - Snow shovelling: There is a budget proposal for the city to clear snow from sidewalks. The estimated cost is \$7 a year per residence for clearing snow from sidewalks in high traffic areas and \$15 a year per residence for clearing snow from sidewalks in front of all residential properties.
 - Ward 1 Council: Councillor Wilson wants just two members from each community association. The meeting will take place on Feb. 20 from 7 to 9. Sarah and Ken will attend.
 - Scott expressed thanks for all the research on the sewers that Mary Louise secured and passed on to him and the Board.
 - Ira asked for an updating of the Web page for the Churchill Park clubhouse.
3. **MSU:** Ryan Tse, Associate Vice-President, Municipal Affairs
There was no report. Ryan was not present.
4. **BIA:** Tracy MacKinnon
After the most recent substantial snowfall, some restaurants did not clear their sidewalks. The BIA dropped notices on the offending restaurants, and cleared some of their sidewalks itself. The sidewalk at the southwest corner of Paisley and King is city property, and was coated with ice. The BIA is looking at getting one company next season to clear the sidewalks throughout Westdale village. Ken reported that snow is being piled 12 feet high in the bike lane on Sterling Street just north of King.
The Westdale has its first anniversary on Feb. 14. The BIA got after the city to sweep the streets. The BIA has had issues with the electrical outlets, for which it pays. Artsfest will take place from June 26 to 28. The new coffee shop should open soon. Renovations where a fire took place should start in the next few weeks. The Paisley hosted Coffee with a Cop, with lots of positive comments on social media.
5. Approval of minutes from previous meetings:
Cary moved to approve the minutes from January. Sarah seconded the motion. All were in favour.
6. Christmas Tree/RBG Initiative Follow-Up: The collection of Christmas trees went well. People were driving down to Princess Point all day on the last Monday when trees were to be put out.
7. Discussion of re-establishment of Sub/Committee of Adjustment: Deferred to the next meeting.
8. Discussion of re-establishment of Block Representatives: David volunteered to try to reactivate a network of block representatives. Ken commented that block representatives are great for checking the housing data that AWWCA has, which can no longer be updated automatically from advertisements on McMaster's web site, which now require a login to access. Ira undertook to ask at the next PACCR meeting on Feb. 9 for an AWWCA login to the off-campus

housing listings on the McMaster website. Suggestions were made about how to go about setting up a network of block representatives. Sarah undertook to scan the sign-in sheets from the last two annual meetings and send the files to David.

9. Upcoming AWWCA Developments: 77 Leland can be removed from our list of properties to be monitored. There is an empty spot on the south side of King near the proposed development at King and Paradise.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report: Scott had no report, since he has not yet gotten access to the account.

Membership Secretary's Report: Ken Moyle reported that the membership is between 11 (the number recorded as paid up) and 430. Sarah undertook to pass the relevant records to Ken so that he could bring his membership list up to date.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Carolyn Kinsley reported the following correspondence since the last Board meeting:

- 1.5 From Renate Manthei re how to use post-LRT funds
- 1.8 From Hamilton Harbour Remedial Group (link to feedback forms, meeting Feb. 23)
- 1.13 Query from Pauline Pytka re plastic flowers on King Street, membership renewal (Cary replied briefly, gave the link to our membership form, and forwarded the e-mail to the board; see 1.28)
- 1.14 To Cameron Bates for more information re Waste Management meeting
- 1.16 From Linda Ellis asking about 71-77 Leland (Cary replied briefly and forwarded her e-mail to the Ward 1 office)
- 1.17 Reply from Ward 1 office to above inquiry
- 1.28 Tracy gave a more thorough explanation of the plantings in the Westdale BIA

Committee Reports:

1. PACCR – The next meeting is on February 10, 2020
2. TGAO – There will be no annual symposium this year, because nobody was willing to host it.
3. SAC (Superintendent Advisory Committee) –

Next Meeting: Monday, March 2nd, 2020