

CABBAGETOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 30, 2016

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Pear Tree Restaurant Parliament Street

Directors in Attendance: Trish Finkelstein, Phil Frei, Marc Simmons, Kelley Teahen, Keith Lawrance, Tyler Fleming. Regrets: James Wood, David Swan of CPA.

Review of April Minutes: Motion to approve by Marc Simmons, seconded by Phil Frei, and carried.

CITY HALL REPORT / KELLY SATHER

Kelly Sather, Constituency Assistant to Pam McConnell, was unable to attend but sent an updated report, which is included as Appendix 1 of these minutes.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Paid household membership is at 203, compared with 253 last year and the association has 329 expired members: of those, 88 were members in 2015. The directors agreed these 88 should receive some kind of targeted pursuit to renew.

As of this week, 100 households have signed up to receive the crime alert; over the course of the past 12 months, Keith as communications lead has responded to 515 emails. The Info@cabbagetowner account gets a much-higher volume of emails as it receives updates from city hall, other community group notices and other information that does not require a response.

PREPARATION FOR THE AGM on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

The directors discussed the agenda and presentation, which will be set up by President Phil Frei and then contributed to by the rest of the directors. The business meeting portion will include a highlight of events, the board's focuses for 2015, a report on how we have addressed items of concern, as well as reports on communications and the financial report. Kelley, who met with Stout Irish Pub Staff prior to this board meeting, reviewed the logistics of food, technology, registration set-up and social activities for the rest of the director team. Keith agreed to put together a slide show from the CRA's 2015 events that could play during the first part of the meeting when people will arrive and be mingling.

NEW DIRECTORS

Kelley and Phil reported that they met with interested Cabbagetowners to join the CRA board as directors for 2015-16 and reviewed their biographies/candidacies with the other directors. These volunteers will be presented for ratification by the membership at the AGM.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Kelley Teahen worked with lawyer Anne Hudson to review the group's bylaws with a view to updating them to reflect the CRA's current practices in four areas:

1. Definition of membership: The bylaws still include all ratepayers, including absentee homeowners and business owners, as full members, even though the association has for many years focused on representing all residents, especially since the growth of the Cabbagetown BIA.
2. Separate Secretary and Treasurer Officers: This has been the practice for many years but the bylaw has this as one officer role to be done by one director.
3. Election of a director standing for second term: once a director has served a two-year term, we want to introduce the flexibility of an individual then agreeing to stand for a further one-year or two-year term.
4. Appointments by the board: the bylaws state there should be between 7 and 12 directors, with up to 10 elected and two appointed by the board: the "historian" and an ex-officio representative from the Cabbagetown Preservation Association. The last mention of someone in the historian role is in minutes from 2004; and the CPA ex-officio is also a

vestige of history that was revived for some of 2015-16. In the end, the board agreed to support an amendment that would still give the board the ability to appoint one person not elected by the membership to represent interests in the community not covered by the elected members: This could be from CPA, the BIA, or another group as priorities shift.

FORSYTHIA FESTIVAL REPORT

Trish Finkelstein reported that while the number of donors overall were down, there was an increase in higher-value donors.

Level of Donation	2016	2015
Gold (\$500 plus)	19: 15 cash, 2 raffle donors and 2 services	12
Silver (\$250 plus)	18: 9 cash, 7 raffle, 2 services	26: 19 cash, 4 raffle, 3 services
Bronze (\$50 plus)	19: 1 cash, 14 raffle, 4 services	30: 13 cash, 13 raffle, 4 services

Trish notes that four years ago, 90 per cent of donations were at the bronze level. Total cash raised, including \$2,500 of raffle tickets, was \$9,351, down from \$12,292 in 2015.

The day was rainy and while there was good attendance at the parade and initial entry into the park, the rest of the festival was slow. (For example, in sunny 2015, Steam Whistle sold 18 cases of beer in the Beer Garden compared with four cases in 2016).

The 2015 expenses were a bit higher at \$8,600 as that year's spending included purchase of the tents (previously rented). In 2016, expenses came in at \$7,753, which included permits, insurance (\$800), band fee (\$900), D.J. fee, security fees, licencing, barricade rental and delivery (\$750), a renewal of materials for the various craft tents and games, purchasing of materials for new activities (tire swings, bouncing balls and photo booth) along with additional storage bins and one new tent for the new photo booth feature. The Festival budget also bought a parachute for children's games (in previous years, had been rented).

Trish asked that the minutes record the festival's tents, tables and chairs are for CRA use only and are not lent or rent out.

She also extended great thanks to the 93 volunteers who helped out and agreed to get a completed list with contact information passed on to the remaining board members.

As a token of appreciation for her dedicated work running the Forsythia Festival for four years, board president Phil Frei presented Trish with a small gift – a bracelet featuring an abstract yellow design.

Trish thanked the board and reported on her final board duty: She is streamlining the board's process to submit their Form 1 to the Province of Ontario, which is the registry of Directors and Officers on the board and should be submitted within 15 days of each AGM. The CRA has not met this deadline in the past and so Trish has proactively set up the documents and asked the board reach out to the

ADJOURNED: Moved by Tyler, seconded by Marc, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

APPENDIX 1: Written report from Kelly Sather, Constituency Assistant to Pam McConnell:

1. The work being done on Carlton at Riverdale Park Road is complete, please let me know if you see any deficiencies in the area as I haven't been on site recently.

2. Noise by-laws: As you know, things have been put off until September and there is a waterfront working group that will be put together with stakeholders from the entertainment/music industry, construction and of course resident groups. Pam's position is that construction should continue to have fixed end times and not occur on Sunday. In general she opposes construction noise exemptions: often we have applications that say "we can finish this project in 6 weeks, or work 24/7 and get it done in 3 weeks" and most of the time we opt for the option that takes longer but doesn't involve around the clock noise. I can keep you updated as that working group comes together. The major thing that has missing in discussion until this point is enforcement – the City must do more to enforce the rules, whatever they are. Does the residents association have any particular noise concerns?

3. We had talked about some parking issues in the area:

a. Wellesley turning onto Sackville, stop sign obscured – have put in a request to Transportation Services to have this moved. Unfortunately my contact is away this week so I will check in upon my return.

b. area out front of Sprucecourt School – I have requested 'pick up/drop off' signs, and have asked parking enforcement to be more lenient during those times before and after school. Transportation Services is still working on this one.

4. Winchester TCHC properties – just a small update on the work we've been doing with the Winchester Park Residents Association around the problematic Toronto Community Housing rooming houses on Winchester: TCHC and a non-profit called Margaret's have been working together to come to an agreement to allow Margaret's to lease and operate the houses to their clients, who are women with mental health issues. The concept they see is an extension of the program they are currently running on Broadview, with 24/7 staff support, no guest access, and a communal living approach for women getting back on track. From there, the women "graduate", for lack of a better word, to unstaffed group housing. The plan is turn two of the houses in the 24/7 support model, and two into the more independent houses, with staff from the 24/7 buildings support residents as needed. The WPRA was able to tour Margaret's home on Broadview and were very pleased with the level of function and calmness present. There will be major renovations done at all four properties, and once an agreement is in place (hopefully this summer), existing tenants will be moved out to allow that work to begin. TCHC has removed their third party security (often viewed as less than optimal) and now will be operating their Community Safety Officers out of those properties 24/7 for the summer. There is a bike patrol focused in the Winchester area, including the Parliament St. rooming houses that will operate out of those properties. Over all, I think we have a concrete plan in place with these addresses.