

March 9, 2010
WLHA Board Meeting Minutes
Recorded By Cathy Cronin

Attendees Kevin Beattie, Karen Brown , Fran Deitel. Cathy Cronin, Mike Capotosto, James Beeksma, Andrew Cryne, Dimos Zarkadas

Absent: none

Meeting started at 7:35 pm

ADMIN

1. Minutes from the Feb 12 board meeting were approved.
2. Membership #'s – added 1 new member
3. Financials - no update.

UPDATES

Development
275 Sheppard

- Developer is frustrated by application delays and asked Filion if changing from a 5 to 4 storey building would accelerate the approvals. WLHA and impacted residents favour a 4 storey as this sets a better precedent for buildings on Sheppard that impact the neighborhood. This feedback was shared with Filion and WLHA continues to monitor.

Catholic School property- Botham

- At the March 3 public meeting, a new parent group from St Cyril's was there who disagreed with the ARC recommendation and wanted more students to go to 1 Botham, including French immersion. The Board debated the benefits vs. the issue of traffic congestion and lack of sidewalks which have already been highlighted as issue
- Motion put forward to send a letter of WLHA support for the current ARC recommendation (1 Botham as a community based school) to TCSB/Maria Rizzo. Motion passed. Andrew Cryne abstained. Kevin to draft the letter and get feedback from Board.

Mausoleum property

- Property at the end of Linelle is owned by Park Lawn which operates the adjacent mausoleum
- John Filion recently held a meeting for with local residents (including Linelle resident and WLHA director James Beeksma) for Park Lawn to discuss a minor variance request for a small change to their existing building on the north end of the property, as well as potential future development of the 2 acre lot at the south end of Linelle. That property is zoned for 2 additional mausoleums but Park Lawn expressed interest in exploring alternative development opportunities (mid rise residential?)
- Currently Linelle is a dead end street, butted by a strip of city owned land as per the earlier owner's successful development application to permit additional mausoleum construction. The Board agreed with residents at the meeting, that we do not support a roadway opening at the end of Linelle that would provide access to that property and facilitate a potential change of planned land use.

Traffic

- The draft Yonge Street traffic study was discussed at a public mtg on Feb 13. Report recommendations included a flyover ramp from Yonge south to 401 east to reduce congestion at the Yonge & 401 interchange. The WLHA Board is very much in favour. The 401 interchange is managed by the MTO and is not within municipal jurisdiction. Kevin, Andrew and Dimos will attend a meeting with Minister of Transportation Kathleen Wynne, along with MPP Zimmer and Councilor Filion to advocate MTO's

Education- no update

Incorporation – no update. not incorporated yet.

Crime Prevention – there were several car break-ins on Johnston and Burnett in the last month. Kevin will include in next newsletter and re-enforce don't leave valuables and lock cars.

Beautification – the committee will meet late March/early April to review the 2010 plans and will review with the Board. Options for using the \$7,000 grant already received are to be revisited with Councilor Filion's assistance.

City Wide Issues

- FoNTRA "Zoning ByLaw Coalition" appears to be making headway on the draft. No further action is required until a revised draft is available in April.
- FoNTRA's planning reform efforts have taken a temporary back seat to ZBL and Yonge & Eglinton activities. Kevin to follow up on MPP Zimmer's earlier commitment to take a position on the FoNTRA OMB reform recommendations by mid March.

DISCUSSION TOPIC – membership

Cathy put forward our current stats (18% of homeowners are WLHA members). This down from 25% last year as renewals were hard to chase and there was no one specifically assigned to membership.

We agreed that we want more members so residents could be better informed and have a voice. Our current activities (Canada Day, Annual General Mtg) generate the bulk of memberships but we can improve

- The membership renewal date of 12 months from whenever the person joined was confusing for the members and causes added work to get renewals.
- Our website does not enable online enrollment and payment.

Recommendations

- change the membership to Oct 1 through Sept 30 to align with the AGM and eliminate confusion
- continue 1 or 2 or 3 year memberships however without prorated fees- the \$10 annual fee covers whatever period occurs up to Sept of that year.

Directors will consider these recommendations and related implementation issues for further discussion and finalization next meeting.

Karen will investigate online payment and report back. Discussions of other membership drive activities will continue at another meeting.

Meeting ended at 9.00pm