

The West Bend Community Association

Minutes from October 16, 2013

Indian Road Crescent Public School

Chair: Tim Noronha Secretary (Minutes): Des McComish

In Attendance: Tim, Des, Jillian, Grahame, Jennifer Gibson, Tania Gelling, Joe Costa, Jim Chisholm, Joel, Barbara, Eleanor (from JRA), Clive (from Cllr.Perk's office).

1. Business arising from September Minutes

Clive will follow up to advise us as to how Section 37 money received from developers is allocated within the City – is it ward wide or City wide? (Per Clive's reply "To my understanding, the Section 37 funds are reserved for the specific ward. So in our case, Ward 14").

2. Approval of September Minutes

Jim moved to approve, seconded by Jillian.

Annual General Meeting and election of Officers took place this evening

Chair: Des McComish elected

Vice-Chair: Tim Noronha elected

Secretary: Jillian Paul elected

Treasurer: Tim Noronha elected

Membership Director: Grahame Roberts elected

Shared Streets: Co-Directors are Joe Costa and Jim Chisholm

Website Director: Joe Costa

Gardens Director: Janice LeBlanc (absent from meeting but we'll request she continue)

Social Director: Jim Chisholm

General discussion then took place to establish goals for the new year

Develop a flyer that describes and promotes the Association and can be used in a membership drive and given out to the public (e.g. at the Library or selected retail stores).

Consider printing TWBCA business cards to hand out, hand deliver, place in local stores.

Eleanor, from the JRA, made several great suggestions and offered to have the West Bend share an info table with the JRA at events like the Junction Farmers Market.

Ask members to contribute newsworthy local items of interest to the monthly Newsletter that goes out by email prior to each meeting. For example Heintzman members could provide an update on happenings there, garden volunteers could provide an update on recent activity; photos would also add interest for readers.

Joe and Grahame suggested that we need clearly defined goals to draw people into the Association e.g. traffic issues that affect safety for children and all residents. Our goals need to be of relevance to the local community. This input is needed now as we wish to reflect it in the proposed flyer. A revamped website is also critical.

Tim undertook to provide Grahame with access to the master email membership list and all email and phone inquiries should now be routed to Grahame. The master email list needs "scrubbing" or radical updating e.g. delete those who have moved away.

Local Developments

2376 Dundas St West (aka the “Elephant”, north of Crossways) – Tim provided an update on the OMB hearing on September 23rd; 20 local residents attended at the OMB hearing where they have standing as an interested party. The goal of local community groups is to protect the Avenue Bylaw (which limits building heights and density) for our area. The hearing finished early October and the OMB decision takes about 4-8 weeks.

2803 Dundas St West – “The Duke” condominium proposal

A sales office has opened, the project is 80% sold and construction could soon begin.

1638 Bloor St West – The Address

This building is behind schedule so occupancy is delayed.

Sound Walls, Rail Corridor and Metrolinx

Des provided an update on the Community Action Committee meetings to help design the proposed noise walls along the Georgetown South rail corridor; final CAC meeting to be held October 21. The designs have been publicized and Metrolinx has held info meetings to solicit residents’ feedback.

In light of the Lac Megantic accident, we previously discussed the movement of hazardous goods by rail through our area and whether contingency plans exist should an accident ever occur. Joe has made enquiries as to school evacuation plans in the event of a major calamity and advised that the TDSB essentially relies on the City’s emergency plan(although schools do have their own individual plans).

Gardens

A cleanup along the Railside Gardens took place on September 29 and there was a good turnout of nine volunteer helpers. A final cleanup was scheduled for October 27th. Joel will follow up re proposed Heintzman street parkette.

Parks

Joe previously agreed to coordinate a Parks Improvement Committee.

Traffic/Shared Streets

Jim gave a brief history of fatalities in the area that led to the installation of crosswalks and other pedestrian friendly measures. Jim & Joe have both noted the increase in interior traffic in our area. We wonder about the traffic impact when the new retail development at St. Clair & Keele opens. Joel noted that it was the Heintzman residents who lobbied for the prohibition of right turns at the Keele & Dundas intersection.

Membership - No update due to absence of membership director. Joe offered to help with improving the West Bend website.

Treasurer’s Report – An update was presented at this meeting; there was \$977.99 in the bank at October 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 9.00 pm: Moved: Tim Seconded: Des
Next Meeting is Wednesday November 20, 2013