BWRA AGM Minutes

Thursday, Feb 24th, 2022 7 pm by zoom

Meeting convened at 7:03 pm.

Attendees: Ann Coghlan, Chris Coghlan, Rob Rutledge, Janice Barnett, Mark Smithyes, Jennifer Rush, Margie Bawden, Beth Lauer, Dan Berbercel, Marion Lord, Maria Kelleher, David Gale, Patrick Sheils, Ella Pagacz, Jen Hinder, Ed Swerhone, Lisa Grogen-Green, Rob Schock, Phil Allen, Wendy Dryden, Kathryn Rochette, Michael Sheaha, Dan Rishworth, Jaye Robinson, Marg Fisher

Regrets: Hugh Mansfield

Item 1: Approval of AGM minutes from Feb 25th, 2021

Proposed by Wendy Dryden 2nd by Janice Barnett

Item 2: Approval of BWRA Financial statements

Proposed by Janice Barnett 2nd by Patrick Sheils

Item 3: Approval of Board of Directors

Janice Barnett, David Gale, Jen Hinder, Hugh Mansfield, Ela Pagacz, Mike Porlier, Patrick Sheils, Margie Bawden, Dan Berbecel, Michael Sheahan, Dan Rishworth, Robert Rutledge, John Parsons

Proposed by: Anne Coghlan 2nd by Patrick Sheils

Item 4: New business

None

Item 5: Motion to Terminate the AGM

Proposed by Jen Hinder 2nd by Maria Kelleher

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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Item 1: Spring Fair update: Janice Barnett

- Planning is underway with a date secured for Saturday, May 7, 2022 11am-8pm.
- Second round of permits to be submitted in the next two weeks (Fire/ noise/ TPH etc.)
- We plan to maintain most of the activities from previous years.
- Possible exceptions being the pot luck and mac and cheese contest due to COVID concerns
- Lots of support for Food Vendors or Food Trucks
- Currently seeking leads/co-leads for main activities
- Will have dedicated student volunteers this year- many have already stepped forward
- Leads can join our Whatsapp group: Wanless Park Spring Fair

Item 2: Yonge Development Update: David Gale

- 3180-3182 Yonge Street at Woburn Ave.
- Developer, NYX, has bypassed the City Planning Dept. and proceeded directly to the OLT (Ontario Land Tribunal).
- No design revisions were made after their development proposal was declined by the City Planning Dept.
- Bedford Park Ratepayers Association (BPRA) is taking the lead.
- Councillor Mike Cole's ward.
- OLT is backlogged, earliest expected date for legal challenge at OLT is January 2023.

Item 3: Greetings and conversation: Councillor Jaye Robinson

- Ratepayers Associations really make a difference with respect to informing City Planning
- St Leonards Anglican is now under the auspices of St. John's York Mills Anglican
- No news or activity regarding real estate developments at St Leonards or the Fire Station at Yonge St and Wanless Ave
- Current provincial Development policy is for "Transit Focused Communities"- gives greater ability for real estate developers to build.

Item 4: Garden Suites/MultiPlex: Patrick Sheils

- Bylaw to allow construction of Garden Suites and MultiPlexes recently passed by council
- There is no right to appeal to the OLT within this bylaw.
- CORRA (Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto) believes there is the opportunity for a legal challenge which needs to be submitted by March 7th and will cost \$800.
- Patrick proposes that BWRA support the legal costs and position taken to challenge that lack of appeal provision.
- CORRA will be spearheading this legal challenge (FONTRA not official involved)
- Currently only 2 other RAs out of a potential 18 appellants, Swansea and Long Branch, have had their boards move to approve an appeal.
- The resources needed to adequately represent residents and community rights is significantly increasing and Patrick suggests BWRA look at strategic mergers with other RAs that could provide appropriate resources for the Yonge Lawrence neighbourhood.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.