



The ANNEX RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2010,

7:30 PM

Annex Retirement Residence

DRAFT MINUTES

- Present:** Andrew Baines (Chair), Nellie Bannayan, Frank Cunningham, Gwen Egan, Louis Florence, Micky Fraterman, Natasha Gromoff-Kramer, David Harrison, Jake Hason, Michael Low, Sandra Shaul, Ko Van Klaveren
- Regrets:** Kent Beattie, Patrick Kennedy, George Luste, Billie Purcell,
- Guests:** Geoff Anderson, Olivia Chow, MP, Andrew Kilgour, John Riddell
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1. **Agenda:** Approved as presented. *Motion: Nellie Bannayan/Gwen Egan*
CARRIED

2. **Minutes:** December 10, 2009 Meeting.
Motion to accept: Frank Cunningham/David Harrison
CARRIED

3. **Committee Reports**

➤ **Finance**

Louis presented a financial update as follows:

Annex Residents Association (ARA) has a chequing account with an approximate balance of \$6,000.

The ARA has two 1-year GICs earning interest at a rate of about 1.00%. These two GICs have balances of approximately \$11,000 and \$22,800 respectively. They are redeemable without penalty and will earn interest up to the time of redemption. Maturity date: October 13, 2010 and May 26 2010 respectively, and must be reinvested or otherwise, at that time.

Thus the ARA has cash and cash equivalents totaling approximately \$39,800

Annex Residents Corporation has a chequing account with a balance of \$9,575.

The ARC has GICs totaling \$200,000 + \$6,000 of accumulated interest. One GIC for \$100,000 is due February 1, 2010, and another GIC, for \$100,000 is due July 30, 2010.

Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO)

As a result of our email solicitation, we received a total of \$4925 from a total of 21 separate donors. The ARA has contributed a total of \$5,000 towards the 10-14 Prince Arthur initiative thus far. The ARA will match any amount donated up to \$10,000.

To allow Olivia Chow, MP to speak for 5 minutes during the meeting.

Motion: Sandra Shaul/Natasha Gromoff-Kramer

Olivia announced that there would be an Open House on Sunday, January 17 at her constituency office. She also is supporting that Haitian children should be allowed to be sponsored by families here and should be able to come to Canada quickly.

Re pensions: Canadians who don't have pensions should be able to buy into the CPP and workers' pensions should be protected.

Re prorogation: those who feel that shutting down Parliament is undemocratic can join a rally on January 23 at 1 p.m. at Dundas Square.

Olivia will be hosting a budget planning consultation meeting on February 16, 7 – 9 p.m. at the Miles Nadal JCC.

A discussion ensued about lack of support from Federal and Provincial governments for Social Housing. The hope is that collaboration with the Canadian Federation of Municipalities will ramp up the initiative of the 1 cent campaign again. Olivia did mention that the money is flowing in the riding and is the highest of all ridings. Olivia will list all the investments. The Pan Am games might provide an opportunity to get more funding for social investments.

➤ **Planning and Zoning**

Properties being followed are:

- 69 Bathurst (retro-active application for completed renovations.)
- 336 Bloor Street W. (application for liquor license)
- 9 Prince Arthur (front yard parking application – proceeding to the OMB)
The issue here is also to apply retro-actively for approval. Councillor Vaughan might convene a meeting concerning this issue which now frequently comes up.

Guest Geoff Anderson, resident of Brunswick Avenue brought up a problem which arose concerning front yard parking at his property which he thought was in place. A discussion about the possibility of grandfathering of by-laws in place before 1998. There is a need to find out what the by-laws are stating.

It was mentioned that the current Planning and Zoning Committee has 9 members and can use 2 more members.

➤ **Parks and Trees**

Michael Low mentioned that the accessibility to the centre path in the **Gwendolyn MacEwen parkette** seems to be an issue. On the drawings it is hard to see but in reality it appears that the path is narrowing and not wide enough to allow for a wheelchair.

➤ **Heritage.**

Sandra Shaul reported that she took time over the holidays to finish of the inventory on Madison Avenue and mentioned that since the bulk of the work is to do research related to real estate law, it would make sense that law students would do title searches to establish the ownership of the houses. Research done by scholars has proved to produce too many discrepancies to come up concrete results. Sandra will ask Kent Beattie if law students at his firm can help with this project.

- **Police Report:** Natasha Gromoff-Kramer reported the following:
53 Division - east of Spadina
Crime Prevention Tip: keep your belongings safe - don't leave anything on display in your car. If you have to leave items in your car, put them out of sight.

- 14 Division - west of Spadina
Theft from auto's - approx. 4 thefts per day, usually overnight.
Mischievous to vehicles - 19 vehicles had mirrors damaged - on Major St., Borden, and Kendal Ave.
Distraction theft - theft on TTC – e.g. Dufferin Bus - in a crowded bus nudging occurs and pick-pockets open your purse and take your wallet.
Assault - Jan.10/10 - in the a.m. - 2 victims in the Comfort Zone of Spadina & College
Bulletins can be found on the TSP website www.torontopolice.on.com
TPS links – a Community Automated Notification System was initiated November 9.
You can sign up at: <https://secure.torontopolice.on.ca/tpsm/subscribe.php>

The Chair thanked Andrew Kilgour, Chair of the Bloor-Annex BIA for attending the meeting. Andrew Kilgour mentioned that the business model of the Brunswick House has changed. It is important to report any incident supported with photo's immediately after it occurs to the police so all evidence can be collected.

It was emphasized that open and frequent communication between the BIA and the ARA would be welcome. The ARA webmistress will ensure that a link will be posted to the BIA website on www.theara.org.

John Riddell announced that an event on Peak Oil and your neighbourhood, outlining a Transitions Initiative Approach will take place on February 11, 7 p.m. at TSP, 427 Bloor Street West. The announcement will be posted on www.theara.org.

- **Nominating Committee:** David Harrison, chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that we need a minimum of three but preferably eight new directors. We might consider delaying the date the AGM is being held in order that the committee will have more time to find suitable directors and more people will attend the meeting. David is inviting current board members to submit nominations.

- **Membership**
Nellie Bannayan reported that she needs to send more renewal notices by email. She would like to tap into the newcomers to the Annex to attract new membership. Perhaps to schedule a special meeting focusing on Membership and to do a membership drive.

4. AOB

Andrew Baines and Micky Fraterman will look into the availability of the Friends House to hold the AGM on April 29.

Gwen Egan reported that she arranged for a sympathy card was delivered to Isabel Manore on the passing of the husband David. A donation of \$75 from the ARA will be made to the Reena Foundation in his memory.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m.