



The Annex Residents' Association

Minutes

**Board Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2017 7:00 p.m.
at the Alliance Française**

Present: Rita Bilerman, Terri Chu (& Joey), Micky Fraterman, Natasha Gromoff-Kramer, David Harrison (Chair), Albert Koehl, Liz Allen Rankin, Sandra Shaul, Alex Speigel, Lynn Spink Henry Wiercinski.

Regrets: Robin Clarke, Josh Fullan, Meg Gardner, Christine Innes, Jim Jacobs, Edward Leman, Michael Low, John McGrath, Terry Montgomery, Ko van Klaveren.

Guests: Colin Burns, Constituency Assistant, Pastor Elaine Poproski and Bruce Twinning, Walmer Street Baptist Church, Adil Dhalla, E.D. CSI Bathurst and Doc Van Lichtenberg, University-Rosedale Conservative Association.

1. Approval of Agenda. No changes to the Agenda as presented.

2. The following guests were welcomed and made presentations:

- The new pastor from Walmer Rd. Baptist Church, Elaine Poproski and Bruce Twining introduced themselves and shared with the Board their desire to become more involved with the community and work with the ARA.
- Doc Van Lichtenberg, representing the University-Rosedale Conservative Association, is looking for a potential candidate from our community for the provincial PC's. We are looking somebody suitable to run who is not social conservative.
- Adil Dahalla, E.D., Annex CSI at Bathurst and Lennox gave a brief overview of the 4 CSI's in town and the support they give the community. Anvil outlined the programme that his organization is planning for February 23 – 27 to mark the closure and transformation of the Honest Ed's buildings. The intention is to create something for everyone in the two Honest Ed's building. Intergenerational events. Anvil will send info and a link to the CSI website for our information and dissemination to our membership.

3. Approval of December 2016 Board Meeting minutes.

Sandra Shaul/Albert Koehl

4. Committee Reports

- **Finance:** Liz Rankin presented the January Financial Statement. TY to Lynn for securing the film donations. Liz is still following up with Freeman RE.
 - **Parks and Trees:** An email from Bobby Speck was received re Huron Parkette. Colin Burns mentioned that the Councillor's office has been responding to her. Opening event is scheduled on Feb 9. Brian Green, Parks and Rec., cautioned again doing a skating party maybe in a week or 2. He will offer help.
TreesPlease will be meeting towards the end of the month.
A meeting will take place regarding Sargent Russell Park to create a small playground.
 - **Communications**
A request was received by a researcher on Family Meal Time observation study. Micky Fraterman passed the information on the flyer to the Walmer Street Church and will recommend writing to local schools that have daycare programs.
 - **Membership:** Rita Bilerman sent a report on current membership items.
 - **Planning and Zoning**
 - The Dupont mediation was not accepted by council.
Freed proposal might go back to OMB or they might come back with another proposal.
 - Bloor Block Study/316 Bloor. There will be a deputation at next Tuesday's meeting of the TEYCC.
 - Davenport Triangle: The group is meeting next month meeting for a study session.
 - OMB review. OMB review letter with other RAs was submitted.
 - **Heritage**
Madison Appeal. Sandra Shaul reported that nothing happening on the OMB. A discussion followed about the Tartu development plans.
 - **Traffic and Transportation**
Albert Koehl circulated guidelines for the Community Builder of the Year Award and will present at the next board meeting for approval. Albert will speak at the next WSIC - Why Should I Care event on the Bloor Street bike lane project.
 - **Community Safety and BIAs**
Natasha Gromoff – Kramer presented her report including 8 weeks of stats. Increase in crime rates is mainly due to the fact that data from the Entertainment District are included.
 - **Rail Safety**
 - Henry Wiercinski reported that the City issued an rfp for consultants to an inventory of rail safety in the city. He further mentioned that noise and vibration complaint were filed with Canadian Transportation Agency regarding operations along the CP Dupont rail corridor. ARA signed the complaint. CP has agreed to mediation on the complaint. Henry has worked with local residents involved with the issue in preparing for the mediation. The Transport Canada safety act review will be starting in May.
 - UofT looking for an opportunity to make some of their resources available for students to engage in research. We were presented with a proposal re Rail Safety Issues, including Development, Governance, Shadow studies, wind studies.
 - **Events Committee:** No ice, no skating party.
 - **University Liaison:** Secondary Plan re UofT perhaps going to TEYCC on Tuesday.
5. **Any Other business.** Rita Bilerman mentioned that she would like to look into privacy policies in regarding membership information relating to conflict of interest.

Colin Burns pointed out that the UTS redevelopment continue to work with HSGO.

Next meeting: February 9.