



The Annex Residents' Association

**Minutes
Board Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2020
by Zoom Meeting**

Present: Gillian Bartlett, Rita Bilerman (chair), Terri Chu, Blake Connoy, Tija Dirks, Micky Fraterman, Natasha Gromoff-Kramer, Christine Innes, Jim Jacobs, Edward Leman, Lois Miles, Terry Montgomery, Sandra Shaul, Elizabeth Sisam, Ron Soskolne, Lynn Spink, Ko Van Klaveren and Henry Wiercinski.

Guests: Jeff Kopas and Nicole Stoffman

1. **Approval of Agenda.** The Agenda was approved as presented. *Sandra/Elizabeth*

2. **Guests:**

Jeff Kopas – Safety Concerns

Jeff described his concern about the level of crime in the neighbourhood mentioning multiple break-ins and stolen packages from the porches. Jeff was wondering if we have an initiative in place to combat crime in the Annex. Natasha Gromoff-Kramer reported that she has been in touch with Crime Prevention regarding this incident. Edward felt that we should be careful not to target a particular house and he added that some mapping needs to be done to see where there is a concentration of crime to get a better understanding.

Nicole Stoffman – Vandal Tagging

Nicole is raising the increased level of vandal tagging that has occurred in the Annex and surrounding areas; She argued it was a statement by the tagger that "I was here." Gillian will write an article in the newsletter. Sandra explained the process for the mural in Sibelius Park. Henry remarked that TPS is interested in finding out what the tags represent, if it is a gang activity. This is a very small percentage, but the police did arrest 2 people and fined them. Tagging goes down in the summer when school is out. Nicole will be in touch and we will set up a committee to see what is the best approach to mobilize residents to start the clean up. Thank you, Nicole.

3. **Approval of Minutes of April 2020 Board Meeting.**

Minutes were approved as amended.

Gillian/Rita

4. **Reinstating current ARA, Directors, Officers and Committee Chairs.**

Rita read all the names of Directors, currently on the Board.

Motion: to re-elect the officers.

Rita Bilerman Chair, Terry Montgomery - Vice-Chair, Henry Wiercinski - Vice-Chair, Lois Miles, Treasurer and Micky Fraterman, Secretary
Lynn/Lois/All in favour

New Committee Chairs:

Communications: Gillian Bartlett. Transportation: Blake Connoy.

5. Chair's Report.

Rita distributed a report of her activities including meetings attended and letters sent as well as topics for future discussion.

CORRA needs funding to support their efforts. (see P+D report below.)

Motion: To support the work of CORRA with a \$500 donation.

Edward/Gillian

On April 26 a letter was sent to the city regarding re-purposing and reconsidering of road ways. We supported the original letter from FoNTRA, and received support from other RAs.

Rita touched base with a couple of BIAS to support local shopping.

A discussion about speaking to developers to support local initiatives. Elizabeth would consider whom to approach for some fundraising.

Rita suggested we think about future events once we are able to congregate again.

6. Committee Reports

- **Parks, Trees and the Environment.**

- Terri reported that all the planned tree planting events are cancelled.
- Property on Madison had trees removed. Only 5 out of 7 have been replaced. Terri discussed with Heather from the Councillor's office that all 7 trees be replaced.
- Farmers' Market: Terri thought we could go with online payment system; however, at this point the City has taken away the parking used lot to hold market.
 Discussion about structure of the market. Terri is asking the Board to consider supporting the new protocol. Insurance might still be an issue to resolve. Terri will put together a short piece that includes protocol from Health and Safety. Elizabeth, Christine and Terri, agreed to put together a letter to the City.

- **Planning and Development.**

Edward circulated a Meeting Record.

64 Prince Arthur: Hearing is scheduled for 6 July but timing is now in question. Another pre-hearing teleconference with LPAT has been scheduled for 29 May and will likely be rescheduled again due to backlogs at LPAT until September at the earliest.

287 Davenport: After various virtual meetings, Edward made a request of Burnac to present a revised design online, for review with neighbours so there could be a recommendation to the Councillor later that he convene a formal Working Group. The revised design is said to include a reduction of two storeys and Burnac sent a letter agreeing to requests by P+D for how the meeting should be conducted.

300 Bloor: Bloor Street United Church.

Heather Leger of the Councillor's office advised that CollecDev had finally applied for site Plan approval on 4 March. The design has been revised by adding one storey, changing the podium on Huron, and significantly changing the treatment of most facades. We are waiting to hear back from the Councillor's office about reconvening of the Working Group for one or two meetings.

Queens Park/UofT: Meetings of the working group and scheduled public meeting are on hold because of the pandemic. Elizabeth has been working online with the City and has

come up with a bold design change that seems to address most concerns of all parties. City is reviewing and will engage with others on her suggestion. A tiny bit of set-back, the University had submitted a revised proposal on April 9. Waiting to hear what the Councillor has to say. City planning was continuing the existing application.

DPS/Annex pilot. Elizabeth mention a conversation with DPS about the status of our project. They are proceeding with the design of the format, based on the conversations with ARA Committee heads. They will reach out to a number of special interest groups that were mentioned in the focus groups to proceed to get feedback on the proposed content of the Pilot.

Annex Developments Principles. Ron has convened a small working group of about 5/6 people, working towards developing principles brought forward in the fall. The group will focus on four quadrants and will update at the next P+D meeting June 2.

Bloor/Dupont Retail Retention. Edward has discussed our concerns with Councillor Layton and reached out to Councillor Bradford's office, since he has recently highlighted this problem in his Ward. Edward will discuss with BIAS and report back at the next meeting.

Tribe.so P+D Committee Portal. Edward has set up single site for messaging, documents, and group emails so committee members have access to all materials. Edward will send a write-up and invite to P+D members and ARA Board members to sign up, and then review at the next P+D meeting.

CORRA Request for Donation: LPAT Hearing on Consolidated Zoning Bylaw. CORRA is contesting the City's attempt to add 1 m height to all residential zones across the City, and developers' attempt to increase that height to 1.8 m. They have asked for \$500 donations from member RAs to partially defray the cost to prepare for and participate at the Hearing. P+D recommends to the Board that this donation be made since the height changes appear to automatically enable main floors to be constructed above garages, an inappropriate house form for the Annex. (see above motion.)

The P+D Meeting attendance was maintained during the last few months.

- **Road Safety and Transportation.**
Blake will take over this committee.
- **Community Safety and BIAs.**
Natasha circulated her report. She highlighted the car break-ins on Tranby. Her contact at 53 Division reported that there has been a general increase in car break-ins along with B&E's that he ascribed to the pandemic. The Community Safety Officer has been in contact with a few residents who asked for added police patrols. Natasha mentioned that she has been asked to tell everyone that it is imperative to report ALL incidents to the police through 416-808-2222 or online through CORE at www.torontopolice.com.
- **Finance.**
Lois circulated a Finance report.
A List for Lois of residents on Bedford will be generated by Tija.
- **Membership.**
Tija gave a membership update. Most people renewed online.
Nicole did postering in apartment buildings to recruit members.
Discussion about how we can recruit new members and publicize that our association is not only for homeowners.

- **Governance.**
The ARC AGM is postponed till June when the Financial Statement will hopefully be prepared.

Next meeting June 11, 2020 at 7 p.m. via ZOOM