



The Annex Residents' Association

**Minutes
Board Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2016 7:00 p.m.
at Alliance Française**

Present: Terri Chu, Micky Fraterman, Josh Fullan, Meg Gardner, Jake Garrett, Natasha Gromoff-Kramer, David Harrison (Chair), Christine Innes, Jim Jacobs, John McGrath, Terri Montgomery, Liz Rankin, Alex Speigel, Lynn Spink, Ko van Klaveren, Polly Wells, Henry Wiercinski

Regrets: David Butler, Robin Clarke, Albert Koehl, Edward Lemman and Michael Low.

Guest: Colin Burns, Councillor's Office

1. Approval of Agenda. Agenda was approved.

2. Guests: Councillor Joe Cressy sent his regrets. Colin Burns attended.

3. Approval of December 2015 minutes.

Josh Fullan/Lynn Spink

David Harrison attended the opening of Sprott House on Walmer Road as a LGBTQS 25-person shelter.

Sandra Shaul presented her proposal for a fundraiser modelled after the highly successful Home and Garden tour the ARA used to hold. Sandra's plans include involving the Alliance Française and the tour will celebrate Madison as the new HCD. She is inviting board members to let her know of Madison Ave. residents that would show their houses. A combination of interior and exterior will be considered. Volunteers for the event are welcome.

Jake, Liz and Terri offered to help. Sandra will call a meeting soon.

4. Committee Reports

- **Finance.** In addition to the usual monthly update Liz reported that we need to confirm a new Auditor who can prepare the Financial Statements for our Annual Meeting.
- **Parks and Trees.**
 - Polly reported on the Legal Opinion received on the tree survey. She further mentioned that the committee is still are looking at the Bur Oak situation and she hopes to have more information next month. Questions were raised about heritage tree designation and Colin Burns mentioned that he is exploring details about a similar situation around a tree in Etobicoke. It would help to get close up pix of the tree damage or potential damage. The Bur Oak tree in question is featured in the Tree calendar.

Public meeting for Huron Street Parkette/Playground will take place late February. All stakeholders should be invited to this meeting. Tree protection is an issue. There are very creative ideas being proposed. A meeting proposing a design will take place in March.

➤ Bedford Road Tree review: is underway.

- **Communications**

John announced that we now have all the data on the tree mapping and the plan is to have a stacked version of the maps on the splash page of theara.org. This information will be accessible for members only. He is in touch with the designer for the postcard and we will receive several layouts to choose from.

We received an attractive issue of the PARA newsletter. Micky will ask for details from Paul Maclean, chair of PARA.

- **Membership.** Rita circulated a Membership report.

- **Planning and Zoning**

Edward distributed a draft of a Status of Major Developments in an around the Annex which will form the basis of a new P + Z online mapping portal to be installed on theara.org.

Further information on current projects:

➤ **316 Bloor.** No agreement was reached and despite of efforts to mediate and the developer has gone to OMB. We will be advised about the process. Councillor Cressy notified the community and we will include part of the details in a bulletin to our membership.

➤ **250 Davenport.** Micky will circulate an article on high rise development in the city in the Post and circulate to Board. in Post. Scan article to send around

- **Heritage**

➤ Sandra presented an outline of a Heritage walk fundraising proposal. See above.

- **Traffic and Transportation:** No report.

- **Community Safety and BIAs:** Natasha sent a detailed report including complaints about the cross walk at Huron and Dupont as well as the stabbing at Brunswick House in the early morning of December 28.

- **Rail Safety:** Henry reported that the committee is working towards a meeting in March. Councillor Cressy met with Councillor Matlow to draft letter to MP Marc Garneau reiterating the concerns regarding rail safety in Canada and urban communities.

- **Henry further reported** on a recent CORRA meeting he attended where was a discussion regarding an amendment to City tree bylaws on how quickly a permit can be issued to remove a tree. Another item that was discussed was how the Mid-rise guidelines interact with neighbourhoods. Lots of neighbourhoods have no provision about transition from low rise to midrise.

- **Governance**

➤ In the next month Jim will seek nominations for the new board for the next AGM at the end of April. Micky will find out about the number of people that can attend in the AF theatre.

- **University Liaison:** The renovations at ICS will start by the end of February and finish September 2017.

5. Adjournment.