

Wolesley Residents Association Executive Meeting

Monday, November, 2, 2020 7pm

Zoom meeting

In Attendance: Marianne Cerilli, Melissa Bowman Wilson, Ray Hignell, Erna Buffie, Ken McKinnon, Alexandra Osopova, Larissa Skakum Boning

Regrets: Erin Keating, John Anderson

Call to Order 7:07 PM

Governance:

Marianne Cerilli moves the acceptance of the agenda, Erna Buffie seconds all in favour

With respect to the minute keeping for Zoom meetings business meetings and executive meetings will be recorded as though it were an in person meeting. Ie: records of attendees, motions and key points laid out within. Also note that full names of participants be included in case we need to send minutes away to the bank or other verifying authority.

Originally, the Forum Style meetings with presentations were developed to gather community members who may not think to attend a meeting and, thereby, get more people involved with the organization. Any meeting that is a Forum Style meeting will be recorded so that we may have a record of the presentations. Notes will be taken on the highlights and main topics but no official minutes or record of attendance. As a board we moved away from these presentation meetings beings combined with traditional business meetings.

Ray Hignell moves we hold 6 Open meetings per year roughly every other month and seperate from workshops. No seconder.

Marianne Cerilli moves that when the WRA holds a presentation meeting the first 20 mins will be allotted open for community members to discuss concerns in the community. Seconded by Alexandra Osopova. All in favour.

Planning:

Promotion for November 10th presentation on Energy efficiency presented by Ken McKinnon.

Facebook Event created. **Alexandra Osopova will invite exec so we can invite our circles and also email the QR code to Ken McKinnon so he may add it to the poster.**

Posters are already developed and need printed and put up. **Alexandra Osopova and Melissa Bowman Wison will do this Nov. 3rd**

Communications:

Need to develop a checklist for each event with who is responsible for what. Ie: poster design, poster print, poster up/down, newsletter, website, facebook/instagram, press release, leaf metro etc. **Marianne Cerilli to develop.**

There are currently concerns with social media presence. The website needs several sections updated and built out. **Communications meeting November 15 1pm to discuss further steps.**

Alexandra Osopova, Melissa Bowman Wilson, Larissa Skakum Boning and Chris Green to attend.

Finance:

The per capita grant has been prepared and is basically the same as last year. Applying for \$1000.00 to cover costs of insurance, printing, and social media.

Melissa Bowman Wilson moves we submit for the \$1000 per capita grant, Erna Buffie seconds, all in favour.

Greenspace Report

Prompted by the success of the op ed on public engagement there is a meeting planned for November 17 with Leah Gazan, Lisa Naylor and Cindy Gilroy. The purpose of this meeting will be to encourage all levels of Government to look at Urban Forest development as infrastructure. The committee would prefer it is seen as infrastructure full stop as opposed to “green infrastructure” which may exclude it from getting similar funding to roads or sewers for example. Trees Please advocacy will help develop strategy and a letter sent out by multiple people in support of funding Urban Forest Development this way.

The TD environment grant has been secured for the building of the community gardens. Building will begin in spring. In another two years the committee may wish to expand the project. Ernie Buffie and Marianne Cerilli have taken on some of the arger scale advocacy with repect to the tree canopy and Erin Keating has agreed to be the local point person for tree canopy concerns. Trees Winnipeg is now the primary partner of the City of Winnipeg with respect to the million trees plan.

Housing Report:

Ken McKinnon has prepared a presentation on energy efficiency in older homes and hopes to recruit new members to the committee at that meeting November 10th. The committee has met and primarily discussed infill housing guidelines to date.

Transportation Report:

John Anderson wishes to step down as chair of the comittee but would like to stay on committee. Marianne has reached out to Bill Kirkpatrick to see if he may be interested in chairing. The city's website shows the Bike route on Chestnut St and east are slated to begin construction in the spring. Suggestions that we might write a letter on behalf of the WRA to the head of the project and send a copy to the city.

Safety Report:

Safety Chair not in attendance. No Report

Next Meetings:

November 30 Executive meeting 7 pm on zoom

December 14 open meeting on zoom

January meeting planned to be lottery for garden plots.