

Wolseley Residents Association meeting  
January 14, 2019

1. Call to order 7:05

2. Agenda and minutes reviewed

Motion: To adopt minutes: Don McGillis; second Melissa B-W; carried

3. Review: Constitution & Bylaws as well as Purpose & Objectives of WRA

It was noted that AGM is to be held within 90 days of fiscal year-end (Dec. 31)

Motion: To schedule AGM for April WRA meeting: Ray Hignell; second Erna Buffy; carried

Cynthia asked for volunteers to review and update bylaws and constitution. Suggestions will be shared and voted on at March meeting.

Volunteers: Marianne C, Melissa B-W, Don McG, Barb G

Brief discussion re: former board member Stephen Whitmore (...correct spelling of last name Jim?) who organized mail chimp and email account... does anyone know how to contact him these days?

Cynthia asked for volunteers to assist with nominations for board positions and AGM.

Volunteers: Barb Janes, Pat M-B

4. Website:

Great compliments were offered to Chris Geen for the draft WRA website he shared with meeting. He described his vision for the website as a place where residents could find minutes, by-laws, events, etc. It has to be visually appealing, easy to navigate, and allow collaborative authorship, multiple blogs and ongoing projects. Each working committee will identify an individual to update their area on the website.

The current sample website is free. An upgraded version is \$140.00/year.

We have no access to funds. Cynthia will approach Cindy Gilroy for funding. Other suggestions: Donation bowl at AGM, Marianne described 1000.00 United Way grants for resident groups active in their neighborhoods.

Chris Green will lead website design & development.

Volunteers to assist Chris: Melissa B-W, Sasha O, Shawn K. Cynthia will contribute knowledge of past website.

5. Liability:

As board becomes more active in community liability insurance is essential, as is indemnity for board members and executive.

Ian Findlater suggested insurance might be about \$200.00/yr and offered to investigate for next meeting.

6. Governance for working committees:  
Cynthia review guidelines for working committees as listed in email of Jan. 13 (8 points)
7. Discussion re: frequency of WRA meetings and working committee meetings
  - Full WRA will eventually meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> month
  - Subcommittees will meet on alternating months (or more often as needed)
  - Committee chairs will have larger projects approved at full WRA meetings; and meet as a group at intervals (TBA) with Cindy Gilroy
  - “standing committees” will address issues on an ad-hoc basis
8. Miscellaneous issues:
  - Melissa B-W noted that a paved path between Knappen and Walnut, accessible for over 40 years is private property and has been fenced off by property owner. In light of this and the reclaiming of private property by Dominion Park, Melissa suggested that residents look at property assessments to confirm that what is assumed to be public space actually is!
  - Thanks offered to Ray Hignell for putting a small set of steps at Dominion Park making it easier and safer to get to the path along the river bank.
  - Cynthia noted that the construction at Aubrey St is the installation of a holding tank for the combined sewer system.
9. Participants broking into working groups/subcommittess. 8 p.m.
10. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, February 11, 2019

7:00 p.m.

RA Steen, Fireside Room