

**Wolseley Residents Association
General Meeting
March 11, 2019**

1. **Call to order** 7:01

2. **Agenda** reviewed and approved

Motion: To adopt Agenda by Bert Siemens, second John Anderson; **Carried**

3. **Minutes** reviewed and approved

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4. Old Business

a) AGM

Location:

The lower hall and fireside room are both booked. There will be basketball happening in the gym so the lower hall could be noisy, thus the decision is to start the meeting in the Fireside room and if there are too many people, the meeting will move downstairs.

Advertising:

Jim reported that posters for the AGM have been printed and some have put into shops. He will not put up any more posters outside until approximately 2 weeks prior to the event as they get taken down quickly. The AGM notice was in the last Leaf. Marianne questioned if there was an additional email list other than from the recent revival meetings. Jim doesn't believe that there is.

Action: Marianne will check with Cynthia regarding full email list

Action: Jim or Cynthia will send an invite to Cindy Gilroy

Nominations:

Barb reported that one individual has shown interest in President, Marianne Cerelli. One individual is interested in Member at Large- Communications, Melissa Bowman-Wilson. Leads from sub-committees will be Members at Large.

Action: Anyone interested in board positions to let Barb and/or Cynthia know

b) Website

Jim confirmed that there was approval at the last meeting for Chris to start the website and front the annual cost for the site and will be paid back when new executive is in order and have access to the bank account.

Chris has two people interested in helping with the website. There was approval from the group for Chris to work with them on the site.

Discussion regarding domain name. WRA agreed that Chris can decide. Recommendation to use "WRAWPG".

5. Reports:

- i) President – No updates
- ii) Secretary – No updates
- iii) Communications- No updates
- iv) Sub-committees:

Urban Development and Housing- report by Marianne Cerilli

- The group is planning to have their first meeting on Good Friday.
- One of the main topics of concern is public toilets. Marianne spoke about potentially focusing on the underlying issues of homelessness and poverty first. Shaun discussed his findings on costs of a public toilet with full time attendant (similar to the one set up downtown last summer). It would be approximately \$100K for four months.
- The group is keeping an eye on a report coming out from the City regarding Cruise Night.

Greenspace- report by Ray Hignell

- The group has looked into garbage bins in parks and is looking into the feasibility of using the same bins as used for households. Residents could assist in moving them out and back as needed
- Ray discussed his statistics regarding his pick-up of dog waste. The numbers are really significant- especially along the river. Ray is hoping to write an article for the Leaf. Harold spoke of a time when there were bags available and the waste was less of an issue. The group discussed that this is something to consider again. Ray discussed putting signs in parks.
- Erna and Chris met with Hugh, the lead of tree revival from Wildwood Park. He does most of the work there on his own and recommended that we figure out our priorities. Chris recommended that we focus on boulevards in Wolseley at this time.
- See further details in “New Business” section 6.

Transport- report by John Anderson

- Group discussed that there is only one person in this sub-committee. People will try to recruit others.
- John informed that the Wolseley to Downtown walk/bike project should be coming out soon. There will likely be 2-3 options. This will possible bring more people to the sub-committee. Representatives will be presenting at the AGM.
- John distributed the Mission/Actions for the sub-committee and welcomed feedback

Safety- report by Darrah McDonnell

- Group discussed that there is only one person in this sub-committee. People will try to recruit others.
- The Neighbourhood Safety Walk is starting Wed nights now that daylight savings has started. Anyone who wants to join can meet at RA Steen at 6:30 Wed evenings.
- They now have sponsors for gloves, vests, flashlights, sharp boxes.

6. New Business

- Much discussion regarding the proposed City of Wpg cut to tree budget
- Motion: To have the WRA take official opposition to protest the cut of City of Winnipeg tree budget and to send representatives to voice official opposition at City Hall by Harold Taylor, second John Anderson; **Carried**
- 4 representatives will be going to City Hall.
- Harold suggested idea to revive the Coalition to Save the Elms- it has lost its activism piece since turning into an arm of the City.
- The Greenspace breakout session focused on a plan for the message for the City Hall meeting- including property values, climate change, health, energy savings, etc.

7. Committee breakout:

We broke into 2 sub-committees, with Safety and Transport joining the other groups.

8. Meeting adjourned at 20:25.

- 9. Next meeting:** AGM_ Monday, April 8, 2019
7:00 p.m.
RA Steen, Fireside Room