

Present : George Niblock, Chris Coderre, Bob Laughlin, Tom Pugsley, Anya Dunning, Amanda Holden, Trudy Murray.

Regrets : Geoff Godard, Marcia Todd

The Meeting was held at “The Pub” - O’Finns – 7:30pm to 9:00pm approx.

Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Approval of Minutes of March & April Board Meeting was passed. It was noted that May AGM Minutes are in progress.

Treasury Report

Cash in, full year up to May 30th is \$2260 on Membership and \$310 Garden Party for a total of \$2570 (cash in). Total expense \$2471.95. Cash balance as of May 30th is \$7,558.31.

Membership Stats

A roughly equal number of new members joined a) just after the newsletter was published and b) at the AGM (see cash in for Membership above).

Current Membership stats:

- Mail Chimp database - 120 Current Members and 256 Active emails in total.
- Membership database - 331 total entries (any status) and 122 current paid members (2 current members do not have email addresses).

Also note that we distribute 495 newsletters to our membership.

The board discussed plans to seek new neighbors to drive membership:

- George will look up new residents; and
- Amanda will send an email all non-current members with the minutes of the AGM and a reminder for Garden Party and membership renewal.

Annual General Meeting - Feedback

Good feedback all around on the AGM including new venue, turn out and recognition of Chris’s role as moderator. Staff presentations were much more appropriate – brief, good tone and the panel discussion was excellent.

A participant from TCRA (Trafalgar Chartwell) joined our AGM and commented how impressed he was by our newsletter and the content of this AGM.

The Board confirmed that Geoff G. will book the Oakville Club for the AGM for mid-May 2018. Tom will follow up in another month to confirm.

Garden Party

Two residents have approached Anya to help support the Garden Party. They are very keen on a Canada 150 celebration with Red and White decorations. Anya will solicit help and engage interested neighbors.

Anya will provide tickets for Board members to sell 1:1 or door to door. We are aiming to sell 80 tickets and raise \$800 to cover costs.

Roles and actions:

- Anya will buy beer and wine; Chris will help.
- Trudy will order and pick up food.
- Anya will confirm that Sophie is available to help serve food.
- Anya will look after rentals for wine glasses, etc.
- No plans for alternate date or location if it rains.
- Amanda to bring cooler; Anya to bring cooler and table.
- Geoff couldn't make it tonight but is willing to help; Anya will follow up.
- Trudy has all the plans and receipts from last year.

Hospital Lands Update

Several Residents' Associations (RAs) got together to ask the Town for further discussions on the Hospital Lands plans. This group of RAs prepared a fourth proposal for the hospital lands. A special meeting with Town staff was held last week to present this feedback (from RAs). George circulated the visual of the fourth proposal for the Board to see.

The Town has agreed to include the new "fourth plan" at the public workshop on June 1st, as community input. The Board discussed the feedback heard at the AGM regarding profits from the sale of lands for residential development. We continue to advocate for maximum park space, based on the minimal sale of lands to fund the Community Centre and park development.

Regarding the Brantwood Public School development: Rockcliffe Development (who the OLRA worked with on the 332 Robinson St. issue) has asked for the OLRA support in bidding for the Brantwood project. The board agreed that we would be prepared to (in general terms):

- Give the builder a reference based on our experience with 332 Robinson St. and the cooperative effort between the community and developer.

- State that we support developers that work with the community to maintain the existing character of the neighborhood and who comply with zoning.

Heritage Update

- 474 Lakeshore – Heritage Oakville Advisory Committee (HOAC) approved the design of the house for the severed lot.
- William Wass house (114 Balsam Drive) – HOAC approved the application to move the house (put on new foundation) and sever the lot. There is a remove of trees but a sufficient plan to re-plant.
- 68 – 70 Navy Street (two semi-detached houses) – HOAC approved plans to renovate and extend the house, change the façade, include single car garages.
- SE Corner of 1st and Union – HOAC declined a design for an addition, which did not support the heritage requirements.

New OLRA Board Roles

Trudy will stay on as Treasurer until September and then will transition to Chris as the new Treasurer (unless anyone else steps up). Marcia is also retiring with Trudy in the fall.

Geoff Godard has expressed an interested in more involvement. We suggest/request that Geoff take on the Secretary role. Note: Simon has retired.

Anya is going to take over Membership including checking mailbox, deposit cheques, update membership. Amanda will transition the Membership database to Anya.

George has asked to step down from some of the President duties and speaking at the AGM. It was suggested that Anya, as Vice President, split some of the key responsibilities (suggested that George should delegate more actively). The Board discussed options to share the workload.

We agreed that we would be open to additional board members and request that people reach out to check interest.

Next Meeting

To be confirmed in the fall.

Meeting Terminated at 9:00 pm