

MINUTES
Board of Directors
Rockcliffe Park Residents Association
Wednesday Apr 15, 2020
7:00pm-8:30pm by phone conference

Attendees: Russ Gibson (RG), Michele Collum Hayman(MH), Susan d'Aquino(SD), Gouhar Shemdin(GS) , Peter Lewis (PL), Angie Bolitho (AB), John Butterfield(JB), Chris Barker(CB), Mark Willcox(MW), Kay James(KJ), Michael Crystal(MC, Darrin Reesal(DR), Susan Taylor(ST), Daniel Goldberg (DG), Louise Malhotra(LM)

1 Approval of Agenda

CB/MH - Carried

1.1 Motion for consent: That all chairs and members of committees remain the same until further notice, due to present COVID-19 circumstance

DR/ MH - Carried

2. Approval of Feb 19, 2020 minutes (note there was no Mar 25 meeting due to COVID-19)

PL /MH - Carried

3. Public Delegation (no public delegation)

4. Financial Reports

4.1 Treasurer's report (to follow)-John/Angie

4.2 Library report (to follow)-John/Angie

No formal report given as bank statements not yet prepared. MH will send bank statements to directors when available

JB noted that due to current situation the signing officers should remain as is until the situation clears

5. 2020 activities

5.1 COVID-19, the collective- Russ then Peter

RG mentioned coordination between neighbouring communities. A phone number and email address have been published. There have been a few queries but no emergencies. Rockcliffe appears to be coping well with cases of neighbours helping neighbours etc. Going forward, there may be a need to offer assistance to the neighbouring CAs and Not for Profit organizations. The Collective has been helpful for the exchange of ideas.

PL provided an update to the CC activities as summarized in his written report.

Motion to accept Attestation of cooperation

SD/MH - Carried

5.2 Feedback from the community concerning our response to COVID-19- Jean-Guy

6. Heritage

6.1 Heritage Committee -Daniel

DG gave a brief update. Situation basically "on Hold"

440 Roxborough - Greenhouse will be being demolished. Approved under delegated authority but we were consulted. Everyone happy with this development.

Lighting to Tennis courts - issue remains unresolved at the moment. JB asked if RPRA has been asked to take a position on the Lighting on the Tennis Courts. SD mentioned PL letter to Tennis Club AGM. mentioned also the issue of lighting under the HCDP. Mentioned it was a problem and the situation is as yet unresolved. Heritage permit will run out on or about May 3.

L M - speaking as president of the Tennis Club - clarified the technical aspects of the lighting plan for the Tennis Club. Mentioned that it is a matter of community development. The club is firm about the plan as it is important to the club to ensure its future. SD further clarified the position of the neighbours and referenced the restrictions on lighting as contained in the HCDP. LM indicated that lights have been purchased and the club is working with the city to ensure that H permit is not lost.

DG reported on meeting with Tony Stikeman and Kevin Harper of Minto and others regarding the development plans by Minto along Beechwood Ave (the former Lauzon properties - East of Metro). Plans call for rental apartments – approx. 230 in number. Will occupy full block and go as high as possible -Similar to the Mackay/Beechwood development. Updates coming and DG will continue to participate in discussions with this group. A Video conference is scheduled for April 16.

GS made the point that the new development should NOT mirror the previous development.

DG also mentioned the site beside Fraser's cafe will also be coming available. DG believes that the greatest opportunity for our group is to influence the streetscape. Limiting height or mass will be unlikely. There is strong collective interest in ensuring that the street level design is the best possible.

KJ raised issue of very high rents for the retail spaces. DG indicated that there was slim possibilities of influencing this.

RG asked about affect of development on traffic. DG clarified that the only plan is to keep egress/ingress off Beechwood.

6.2 Heritage Outreach-Susan

SD reported that annotated version of the HCDP will be addressed by Leslie Collins. Leslie has been promoted to Manager of Heritage which is a new position. Will report to Court Curry. Sally courts leaving the end of May. Dana will be leaving later this year. LC will remain as liaison to RPRA for the time being. City is continuing with applications but nothing from Rockcliffe on the next agenda for BHSC.

7. Social and Recreation/Sports events

7.1 RPL book sale postponed to September after Labour day.

7.2 -RPL/Lindenlea soccer league

RG investigating ways to retain connections within the league in view of the cancellation of the league. MH suggests that Seanna Kreager is the person to contact.

8. Environment

8.1 Village Spring Clean-up (postponed)- Russ

RG - Cleanup cannot proceed in its current form. JB suggested to encourage individuals in the village to "adopt" a part of the common grounds of the village for cleanup. CB mentions that the city has expressly instructed communities to NOT engage in such activities as picking up trash may be dangerous.

MW offered to contact the City and investigate. JB raised issue of the puddle rink that is still up and risking killing the grass.

9. Communications

9.1 Newsletter for May -Russ

RG mentioned that Working Group is not yet in a position to report on the project due to C19. However, RG did raise the idea that substantive articles of interest to the membership might be included. Seeking input of those in the village might be in a position to contribute articles. LM adds that it would not necessarily be restricted to our community but be of general interest to the community.

9.2 Printing Letters to Editor for discussion-

RG Raised issue of printing "letters to the editor" in the newsletter for discussion. Position of Russ and Editor Cynthia is that it is a good idea. PL and MH, MW agree. SD asked what negative points are. RG suggested a policy would have to be developed to screen, if required. KJ asked who would decide. RG replied that an editorial board would likely decide. SD proposed a trial basis. RG agreed. JB suggests "letters to ed are printed at editors' discretion"

9.3 Newsletter distribution by seniors-possible interruption of volunteer base

RG raised issue of a lack of volunteers for June Newsletter. Russ suggested that Volunteer safety protocol should be shared with newsletter delivery volunteers. Will need more volunteers for the June newsletter.

ST asked if newsletter could be done by email. SD pointed out that it is available on the website. PL mentioned that the community has repeatedly asked that they continue to receive hard copy. KJ suggests that the email blast can reference the fact that the newsletter is on the website.

10. Other New Business

MH wanted to give special recognition to Marilyn Venner who continues to provide essential communications support to the community.

RG mentioned possibility of using Zoom. Generally people would be in favour. JB suggested giving it a try.

Motion to end meeting 8:30

MH/MW - Carried.