



Grange Community Association

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Monthly Board Meeting

April 17, 2019, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Grangetown Meeting Room (78 St. Patrick / 71 McCaul)

Brian Tyndale
Nellie Young
Don Young
Max
Charlie
Daphne
Geoff
Ralph
Ceta
Dennis
Liz

1. Welcome:

- Agenda additions?

Baldwin Village Community Association

- Dennis and Don went to their AGM
- They will be playing a part in the 197 McCaul development
- They want to traffic calm and beautify Beverley Street
- One idea of theirs is to introduce 4-way stops at every intersection that does not have a crossing or light
- Another idea they have is to improve safety of the Beverley/St. George College intersection
- Association made up of local owners and renters, 30 people came to AGM
- Community association very knowledgeable about local issues
- "George" at Baldwin VCA wants as faster resolution to vibration issue from University of Toronto and is very persistent about it
- George taking undue credit for improvements to 197 McCaul development that GCA negotiated for
- Don will be liaison for GCA to BVGCA for Beverley St improvements
- Rumour that Mount Sinai hospital is concerned about 197 McCaul development, and the impact it will have the hospital's compliance with the city's noise by-law
- Overall, GCA should cooperate with BVGCA where our interests are aligned, and keep tabs with them

New Noise Bylaw

- Actual by-law enforcement will likely be an issue

- Sound cannot exceed 50 decibels from any point of reception
- Possible that Mount Sanai may want no east facing condo balconies for 197 McCaul development so that they do not receive noise complaints, could be the reason for why they might be involved with the development application

TANGO

- Dave Meslin organized “Toronto Association of Neighbourhood Groups”
- 4 workshops, with interesting presentations
- Meeting was well-attended
- “Urban League” of London, Ontario is a federation of neighbourhood associations which is very successful and managed to get ranked ballot for municipal elections there
- GCA wants neighbourhood associations to be treated similar to the way the city treats BIA’s
- Neighbourhood associations becoming officially involved with city governance still seems a long way off
- Cressy seems to want an “office of neighbourhoods” which would be a research office in city hall, similar to a parliamentary research office
- In Toronto, Confederation of residents’ and rate payer’s association is a broad representative organization in North Toronto that is so far ineffective

OCAD Expansion Funding

- They lost funding of \$20M from the provincial government which is a third of the money they need to build new building
- Max advises that podium of 250 Dundas West could perhaps become OCAD space, will work with interested parties on achieving this
- City would likely rather have an institutional use in the podium rather than business use
- We should cross our fingers and hope a partnership can happen between Dream and OCAD

2. Institutional:

Community Association Meeting with MPP Jessica Bell, April 24

- All community associations in our Riding have been invited
- Will be at Kensington Gardens
- Not completely sure what value the meeting will have, when being led by someone in opposition in Queen’s Park – except to meet other neighbourhood associations

Meeting with Mike Layton and staff

- Aviva is Layton’s constituency assistant for our area

GCA website – advice

- Website is almost done, it is now up to us if we want to look at it before it goes live and see if there are any changes we want to make

Enlarging GCA Boundaries

- We will leave this topic for another time

Planning for the AGM

- We could potentially have a guest speaker or some kind of activity
- AGM could start with breakfast at the Rex followed by a walking tour
- Needs to be something that will draw people in
- Perhaps a speaker who knows the history of the area could speak, more specifically: how the HCD came about, “draft dodging” history of Beverley street, history of the historically black church on D’Arcy street

- Would make more sense to focus on having a formal AGM to meet federal requirements rather than have a community walk, but perhaps the both could be combined
- We need to approve a constitution, but have so far decided that we do not want to go that route
- Having the meeting at a more central location might make more sense, AGO or OCAD
- Jennifer Pagliaro at the Star could be a potential guest speaker
- John Lorinc knows quite a bit of history in the area
- Charlie Pacter is a local resident who has lived in the Grange for many many years
- Perhaps we could have more than one speaker
- Adam Vaughan could lead a walking tour
- Participants in AGM could pay a \$15 fee to go to the meeting
- Walk and AGM could be two different events
- We will need to have a room large enough to hold 100 to 150 people
- GCA agrees to hold AGM at large venue before Summer – neighbourhood walk can be a separate event

3. **Green Plan and Grange Park:**

Community Green Plan meeting

- Anthony and Aviva are working on when they can get together to talk about the Green Plan, this will happen in May

Relic Park status:

- Bad news is that our request for \$50,000 grant from Parks Toronto has been rejected with no reason given
- Possible reason is that it that money would not have fully funded the project
- More likely reason is that a requirement for the grant is that money could only go towards projects that would not ordinarily be funded by the city
- It is likely that many more people applied for the grant this year from last year
- Good news is that the Young Canada Works grant was successfully obtained for Campbell House, and an offer has been made to a candidate
- Candidate will be responsible for going out into the community and figuring out what types of activities people want to have in their parks
- Candidate will make a report on her liaison activities in the community
- Can also assist GCA with Relic Park
- Next step will be to find out to make sure that \$35,000 that Cressy's office offered is still available, need to make sure that our landscape architect will eventually get paid
- Prospectus for Relic Park is nearly done

4. **Community Standards:**

St Patrick's Market

- City wants to connect market with relief line so that money earmarked for that project could be used to perhaps expropriate property for the subway's infrastructure
- So it seems like city is not going to do anything about this issue
- Some Section 37 funds are getting "lost" with the ward boundary shifts, conflicts between wants of old vs. new councilors
- Response from Anthony about market seems to deflect the question
- Ralph will reply to Anthony asking for a clearer answer

5. **Planning & Development:**

292 Dundas

- Developer has submitted “without prejudice” proposal to city that does *not* include the building at the northeast corner of McCaul and Dundas West

250 Dundas

- Will discuss at next meeting if there is time

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