



Grange Community Association

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Monthly Board Meeting

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

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

In Attendance: Max, Willie, Andre, Ralph, Christine, Nellie, Liz, Ceta, Don Y., Geoff, Dennis, Karen.

Welcome:

- New Participants
 - Andre Papadimitriou

Planning & Development:

- 292 Dundas (re Relic Park)
- Ralph had a meeting with the developer who confirmed that they want to be a part of Relic Park
- Corner red brick building at McCaul and Dundas West will be turned into a park and a part of Relic Park
- 250 Dundas (affordable housing)
- Developer is Dream – owned by Oxford – is a property owner and property manager
- Proposed design interacted awkwardly with co-op Charles Hastings at the rear
- GCA proposal is to add some co-op units, managed by Charles Hastings in the new development
- Dream staff went to one park lane board meeting
- Staff have shortened the ceiling height of every floor
- Negotiation underway for dream to buy, or lease air rights for condo over a piece of one park lane's property
- City seems to prioritize maintaining same amount of employment square footage
- Meetings with city seem to be over for this development
- 234 Simcoe (public art plan)
- Public art project will be commented on and completed

3. Institutional:

- GCA Website
 - Online membership
 - Possibility of allowing online purchase of memberships
 - We need to demonstrate the value of a GCA membership to encourage people to join
 - Paypal only charges their fee when a transaction happens, so no risk of losing money on it
 - OK to go live this month?
 - Website is ready to go live this month
 - Content is not complete, but it might be better to add content as it ages to increase visibility
 - We should send an email to the membership when the website goes live
 - Facebook
 - Danielle has offered to administer a Facebook page for the GCA
 - Village by the Grange has a Facebook page, and it seems to be popular
 - Cityplace Residents' Association has Facebook page, but it seems to be filled with a lot of "junk" and complaints

3. **Community Standards:**

- St Patrick's Market
- Accessible venue has been secured to have a meeting on next steps
- There is an idea to turn the market into a music venue, but this would not meet the original intent of the lease
- Max has asked a law firm to do a legal brief on St. Patrick Market, and issue on Simcoe with Canada Life
- Issues are similar because both entities have not held up to their end of the bargain with the city
- Now there is a rumor of Brian of Hugh's Room working on a side deal with lessee Freedman which may run counter to what the city wants to do
- Farmers market is now happening on Simcoe St between Canada Life buildings, we might want to find out who was responsible for it
- There is an opportunity for GCA to work with Canada Life on developing our Relic Park plan
- Liz will find out why Canada Life is opening up their campus more to the public
- 3 new "hotels", Sullivan St
- Need to email Antony on next steps
- Hotels are a zoning issue, not necessarily a short-term rental issue

- Hotels might be better than rooming houses, already “too many people” in the area
- Housing crisis means that Airbnb’s are taking housing off the market

4. **Green Plan:**

- Relic Park status
- We have been collecting some more information on Canada Life’s agreement on Simcoe Street with the city
- We have also been looking at where would be able to plant trees so that utilities don’t interfere with the roots
- Community Green Plan meeting
- HVRA’s agreement with Transportation Services has led to a bit of a piecemeal approach to greening, where maybe 1 tree per year is installed in bump-outs
- “Beautiful Streets” meeting on Friday in Room C24
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5. **Next meeting: September 18, 2019 (same time, same place)**