

West Lansing Homeowners Association
Draft Minutes
Meeting: Wednesday May 4th, 2014
7:30 @ 4 Gwendolen (Mike's House)

Attendance: Dimos Zarkadas ; Pauline Noonan; Wendy Wright; Vanessa Clark; Kathryn Atkinson, Mike Capotosto, Jason Campbell, Ronit Barzilay (8:34)

Regrets: Phil Horgan; Scott Winhold; Lauren Israel.

Meeting Commencement: 7:50 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PHIL (sent via Email to Mike)

- President's Report regarding Flyover/401 read by Mike
 - o After Reading, the Board expressed frustration and disappointment at Zimmer and Politician in General
 - o Email:
- 401 Flyover Ramp
- As per my previous report in April, I asked for support for Kevin Beattie's group - Willowdale Traffic Solutions. I reported that Kevin offered money to contribute to media signs (Billboards). Unfortunately, Kevin had some discussions with Councillor Filion who suggested that the money not be used for political campaigning, and the 401 Flyover Ramp fell under this category.
- As a result, Kevin's group will not be contributing financially to the Billboards.
- However, upon my prompting, Dennis spoke with Oulahan who has tentatively agreed to allow us to use their Billboard sign, (Yonge and Avondale).
- We received a letter from Glen Murray, Transport Minister, which was extremely disappointing. The tone of the letter was to brush us off. We received this letter prior to the election call.
- But, on the day they did call the election, we met with Zimmer and Kathleen Wynne's assistant. Our objective was to get the flyover ramp project moving forward with financial support and a priority on Wynne's to-do list.
- Zimmer spent a good portion of the meeting to attack Councillor Filion, claiming Filion and the City hadn't met their objectives. We continued the pressure to get some concrete decisions from the Liberals on whether they would support this as a priority project.
- After this meeting, they promised to meet us within 6 days. The Liberals did not keep their promise. The Group of 7 are meeting with each other this coming Friday to plan our next move.
- In the meantime, Zimmer promised to meet us on two upcoming separate occasions which are outside the set perimeters of the Associations' agreed upon dates.

Director's Reports

Mike – VP Report

- \$800.00 budget for Canada Day Passed All in Favour – Passed Unanimous
 - o Carla Amodeo will organize kid's games
 - o Newsletter is advertising for volunteers and B-B-Que's
 - o Confirm Canada Day from 12:00 – 14:00

- Avondale closing down around December 2014 for newsletter, meeting to discuss the new Avondale Public School to take place Monday May 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School Cafeteria
- Free membership to be given to new residents,
 - o create a *package* including neighbourhood coupons and free membership for one year only
 - o Ronit to give Kathryn addresses by May 23 and Kathryn will organize the list (per address) divvy up the list and deliver to the board members new residents from November 1st, 2013

Pauline – Beautification

- Attended the St Edward's Playground Meeting last Monday
- In consultation with Ward, School Board, Parents and Teachers and Students, there were several plans offered. Both Traditional and the plan that was accepted via vote by students in all classes from Junion Kindergarten to Grade 8. The imagination/creative play equipment prevailed over the traditional playground.
 - o Pictures of the playscape were posted on the hallway to the meeting room
 - o In the Linelle Street meeting a few months back, there will be at the end of Linelle Street, just adjacent to the St. Edward School Property, a street access small playground. There will be a gate separating the street and the School.
 - The Linelle Street Developer will be coordinating with school developer to make play structures different.
- Playscape ground materials is a mulch other than wood, a tire-based rubber which will last longer.
- The Playscape (St. Edward)is now approved, and putting out to tender. Building should start at the end of this school year, and should be ready for the September school start (2014-2015)
- Community Center (West Lansing Church site) – question arose as to when it will be up and running.

Dimos Traffic / Website Report

- Lately, has been working a lot more with website than the traffic issues in the neighbourhood.
- The one complaint WLHA has received is that the busses are going along Bassano. Since, the City changed that and now Bassano is no longer a school bus route
- It's unfortunate, the side walk to St. Edward Catholic Elementary School does not have the same foot traffic as earlier anticipated, but the traffic going to the school has eased off slightly.
- Yesterday, There was a gas leak at Yonge and Sheppard construction site (Emerald Park). This caused much traffic directed though the neighbourhood.
- There was an accident with a small schoolbus at Botham and Florence

Jason Development

- This year 7-8 COA applications were presented, four of those were objected to by WLHA and residents.
- Example, 48-50 Gwendolen Crescent, owner pulled application. Everyone objected to this outrageous application.
- Most developers who haven't worked in WLHA neighbourhood before make egregious applications. WLHA objected to 3 homes, and then the owners pull it back to accepted neighbourhood size before their hearing.
- Scott Winhold is on board and helping out with these applications,
- OMB passed 50 Stewart Crescent. much to the disappointment of the board.
- It was suggested by other rate payers associations that the OMB is a better process than COA). In speaking with other Homeowners Associations, each one has their own opinion as to the validity and credibility of each organization (OMB/COA), and it was interesting to note the OMB does reject some applications in neighboring areas. West Lansing has not been as successful in winning OMB cases.

Vanessa – Treasurer Report -

- \$11,080.49 in bank
- \$ 210.00 incoming (memberships)
- \$238.17 –outgoing (Family skate party including flyers and cookies)
- \$274.83 – outgoing (Website – Netfirms/printer ink/FONTRA membership)
- o Dimos and Vanessa to look into Website (Netfirms) charges. This should be free or lesser charges. It seems charges are quarterly.

Kathryn - Recording Secretary/Newsletter/Membership

- Asked how many people read the Minutes. A disappointing few put up their hands.
- It was asked if Board Minutes are necessary.
- Board suggested Kathryn remind people about agreements made at meeting re: volunteering, and to remind people of the upcoming meeting dates.
- Kathryn was asked to keep doing the minutes, although swamped with other commitments, Kathryn will attempt to get minutes out as soon as possible after the meeting
- Ronit to contact Kathryn regarding residential addresses (new residents from Nov 1, 2013 to present)

Unfinished Business

- Vice President Position as discussed in several meeting. We need a 2nd V.P. position. This position main purpose is to groom for Presidents position. All in favour - passed Unanimous
- A change to the Constitution will be presented at AGM

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday June 18, 2014

Meeting adjourn 9:16 p.m.