



Board Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2010

In attendance: Helmut Hock, Charles Bunker, Jaye Robinson, Irma Baldanza, Jane Somerville, Wendy Walgate, Mike McKelvey, Jennifer Millson

Regrets: Carole Matthews, Valentine Lovekin, Mary Louise Colquhoun

- 1) Reading and approval of Minutes of Board meeting held on March 1, 2010
 - a) Jane Somerville motioned and Charles Bunker seconded
- 2) Arbor Day Tree Party
 - a) Jane Somerville reported that the event will commence at the Lawrence Park Tennis Club, starting at 9:30 a.m. and beginning with maintenance of the trees south of the library. They have secured various sponsors including Tim Horton's and Pusateri's. The City of Toronto is providing mulch and children's work gloves. Flyers and a PDF will be sent out giving the event schedule. Volunteers are needed for the day
- 3) Family Fun Day
 - a) Helmut Hock discussed LPRA sponsorship of breakfast with a donation in the range of \$300 - \$700. There was discussion about the breakfast content and it was decided that a full breakfast with sausage, bacon and eggs was appropriate
- 4) Aviation Noise Update
 - a) Jaye Robinson and Irma Baldanza met with Cliff Jenkins and Michael Walker, who support residents' concern with increased aviation noise. Studies show that aviation noise increased over Lawrence Park and decreased over Brampton which may be in part, because the west runway is getting more usage
 - b) Jaye Robinson and Irma Baldanza are in contact with CENAC (Community Environment and Noise Advisory Committee), a group monitoring the situation and will continue to report to us on attaining a better distribution of flights landing over all the city
- 5) Welcome Committee Report
 - a) Jennifer Millson presented a report with targeted tasks to be completed by the end of summer. These tasks included finding a "Welcomer" for each Lawrence Park sub-group neighbourhood, gathering website and Board comments and implementing bi-monthly meetings of the Welcome Committee. The first host meeting will be held on May 15 at 26 Buckingham Avenue
 - b) Jennifer Millson offered to set up a table at Family Fun Day to promote interest in the Welcome Committee and asked other Board members to help staff it
- 6) New Installation of Hydro Lines in Bayview/Lawrence area
 - a) Wendy Walgate spoke to Paul Reesor, Community Relations, Toronto Hydro and he said their policy is to replace or build "like for like". No changes will be made to existing configuration because Hydro wants to provide "good value and safe, reliable service". New hydro poles will be placed within 1 metre of existing pole.
 - b) Previously he had a request from an engineer who lived on a cul-de-sac with 10 houses and the cost of going underground would have been approx. \$30,000 – \$50,000 per house
- 7) Bike Lanes Update
 - a) Jane Somerville reported on the Community Cycling Advocacy Group, composed of four Lawrence Park residents who oppose the bike paths on Lawrence because of possible increased traffic throughout Lawrence Park, the slowing and impeding of traffic flow along Lawrence and parking problems
 - b) As a result of public meetings, bike paths on Lawrence Avenue have been removed from the City of Toronto agenda for this year
 - c) Discussion about bike lanes on Mt. Pleasant and Blythwood took place and the Board decided to monitor the situation and inform residents of any further developments

- 8) Dawlish: The Rape of the Ravine
 - a) *Action item:* Jaye Robinson will attend a meeting on April 26 with Cliff Jenkins and Dawlish neighbours to discuss the retaining wall built over the easement in the ravine and ask for funding for legal counsel to help remove the wall
 - b) Helmut Hock suggested the LPRA will support the cause when all aspects of the case are fully understood and subsequently LPRA might make a contribution
 - c) Jennifer Millson suggested that updates on the situation be posted to the website
- 9) Updates on new house builds
 - a) *Action item:* Jaye Robinson will attend April 14 meeting for 65 Buckingham and report back
 - b) Jaye Robinson reported that the application for 12 Dawlish was rejected at 62% and 56% over limit. Only 50% will pass and the case should go to the OMB
 - c) Jaye Robinson reported about 144 Buckingham was opposed at the Committee of Adjustment for a below grade garage. They decided to move the driveway to Buckingham resulting in no below grade garage
 - d) for 124 Cheltenham the decision was set at 1.7 metres and the new plan is less deep with a reduced first floor elevation
- 10) New LPRA Awards for Renovations and New Builds
 - a) Jennifer Millson proposed that LPRA give out an annual award for the best new and renovated house which reflect the character and nature of Lawrence Park with sensitivity to surrounding houses
 - b) Eligible renovations must be completed within the last 10 years and new houses will start in 2010
 - c) *Action item:* Mike McKelvey will develop judging criteria that are fair, simple and easy to defend
- 11) Salvation Army Site
 - a) Jaye Robinson will attend a meeting in the next few weeks with developers and Cliff Jenkins
- 12) Park and Tree Committee
 - a) Jane Somerville is preparing an email to be sent out to residents with the information about substituting larger trees for smaller trees and receiving free trees for fall. It was decided not to publish the locations of the new 82 trees in Lawrence Park for privacy reasons
 - b) *Action item:* Charles Bunker will investigate ways of filling the bog area near the playground
- 13) Ward 25
 - a) Helmut Hock will edit a list from Neal Carter re OMB changes and which will be sent to Mayoral candidates for written responses. FONTRA will forward to all ratepayers. The candidates will be invited to a Ward 25 meeting to discuss their views
- 14) Sidewalk construction on Yonge Street
 - a) *Action item:* Jane Somerville will call Carole Matthews to inquire about the duration of the construction on Yonge Street
- 15) Other business
 - a) Irma Baldanza reported that the LPRA bank balance is \$11,225.00 with \$30,000 in a GIC (purchased 2009 with 2 year term)
 - b) Mary Louise Colquhoun has resigned and the Board accepts her resignation. Helmut will send a letter of thanks for her contributions and her name should be removed from the website
 - c) *Action item:* Jaye Robinson wanted clarification on the order of Vice Presidents (1st and 2nd) and will ask Valentine Lovekin to check the bylaws. Margaret Robertson should also be notified
 - d) Irma Baldanza asked about her status on the Board and as Treasurer, she is both an Officer and a Board member
- 16) Next meeting on May 17 at 7:00 p.m. with Irma Baldanza hosting it at 37 St. Leonard's Crescent
- 17) Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.