

WWCA Minutes, December 8, 2009

Fisher Park, Room 112, 7:30

1) Welcome and Introductions

- Jason welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves and welcomed James back who had been unable to attend the last few meetings.

2) Approval of minutes from November 17 meeting

- Minutes were accepted without alterations except for a correction in point 3.g. which should read "7.5 metres or 25 feet" rather than "25 metres" and the addition of "Salmond" as the last name for Gillian who attended the last meeting. Moved by Susan seconded by David.

3) Potential development of the northeast corner of Wellington and Island Park (current location of Pro Shine) – WWCA position for December 15 public meeting

- Vivian updated us on the issue regarding having the entrance off Rockhurst which the neighbors are upset about.
- The City has asked for entrance to come off Rockhurst. Vivian spoke to Alain Migueles at the City about why decision was made. He said that CDP intends to make Wellington as pedestrian friendly as possible and having a drive way off Wellington would inhibit pedestrian traffic. It's also too close to Island Park drive for a driveway although this is a dubious argument since the gas station already has a driveway as does the current car wash.
- Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of the two possibilities.
- Decision: We do not have a position at this time. We will wait for the affected residents to come forward.
- Bill suggest that it would be good if measures were taken to calm

traffic since we do support the CDP and the idea of facilitating pedestrian traffic.

- James suggested talking to Christine Leadman about what her position is. Jason will do this. Bill will talk to the BIA about their position.

3) WWCA comments on the proposed LRT stations

- Jason summarized the issue and actions to date.
- Katie sent around her letter.
- Ken commented on the section that talks about bringing in people from the suburbs and that this is good for us since it takes cars off our streets. However it was also brought up that the transit plan seems to be all about facilitating commuters from the suburbs and does nothing for residents of the core.
- Action: Deadline of this Friday for comments on the two documents so that Jason can send them out before Christmas. Regarding the DCA document it was suggested that we beef up the section on Tunney's Pasture since it affects our area the most and because the DCA's points on it are thin.

4) WWCA interaction with the Community Associations Forum on Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)

- No date has been set for the next meeting.
- There is a consensus that we want them to let our rep know what they're after and then bring it back to the board of the Association for discussion rather than have the rep speak on behalf of the Association.
- We will wait until the group becomes more formed and establishes their MO and their raison d'être before deciding how we will be involved.

5) WWCA position on the business garbage motion on Reinstating Municipal Garbage Collection Services for Small Businesses

- Question was raised as to what the BIA's position on this is?
- Decision was made not to take a position for the moment.

6) Other Committee Reports

- No reports were discussed

7) Issues/Focus for coming year: Membership drive. Association name

- Summary of past discussion regarding Annie's request for us to change our name to fall in line with them i.e. Wellington West Community association.
- It was pointed out that the BIA covers a larger section of Wellington.
- Wellington Village is favoured by many board members. Elmdale is also a possibility.
- We will ask some of the real estate agents what they are calling it. It is listed as Wellington Village on the MLS.
- David will look if there is a domain name.
- As per the Association's bylaws any name change has to be done at an AGM.
- It was suggested that we hold the AGM one month earlier than usual (April) and put the name change on the agenda. We will aim to relaunch with the new name at AGM.
- Peter Bleyer suggested West of Holland, shortened to WOHO (As in SOHO)
- The question will be discussed further at next meeting but the consensus is for Wellington Village
- It was agreed that we would do a membership drive in conjunction with launching the new name and bringing people out to the AGM

8) Other business/Upcoming Events

- Signing authority has been transferred to Jason and Susan. Cheques that were signed by Peter B. will be re-signed by Susan and Jason.
- Vivian will ask Newswest to hold off on publishing the tree planting article since it doesn't make sense for it to come out now.
- Susan will contact Christine Leadman to find out if anything is being done to take a stance on the green bin initiative.
- Jason suggested we need more projects for next few months.
- Traffic townhall. Rick reported that Elmdale has not taken up the possibility of co-hosting a town hall. As a former member of the school council Peter B. will try to convince Elmdale to co-host it. GCTC is available in February for a townhall meeting but the cost is unknown. It was suggested that the new Cube space would be a good place for townhalls. Consensus for date of traffic townhall is late February
- James suggested that we have a spring clean-up to get rid of graffiti particularly on mail boxes. Vivian suggested writing an article on the graffiti issue and giving corporate numbers for getting rid of it.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 14th

Move to adjourn: Ken. Seconded by Peter