

WVCA Minutes, February 28, 2011 Fisher Park School, Room 17, 7:30

Present

Board Members: Jason Thomson, Duff McLeod, David Haskins, David Lindsay, Bill Mohrmann-Watson, Vivian Knapp, Richard Van Loon,

Other: Jim Cragg, Barbara Woodward

- 1) Approval of minutes from January meeting – approved as previously circulated without changes.
- 2) Convent (114 Richmond Rd development status/update

The first of several public meetings will be held tomorrow night, March 1, at which the valuation figure will be released. [The price for the parkland determined by the appraiser and announced on March 1 was \$11.5 million (Ashcroft is rumoured to have paid \$12.5 million for the entire site). It was estimated that if the levy were to be applied Kitchissippi-wide, it would be approximately \$97/yr for 10 years for the average priced home (which in Kitchissippi is \$380,000). On March 10, Councillor Katherine Hobbs issued a press release stating that, based on feedback she had received, residents of Kitchissippi Ward do not want a special area levy to pay for parkland at 114 Richmond Road. Instead, as determined by City Council on that day, the City will take the cash-in-lieu of parkland funds.]

Though no definitive WVCA position was agreed to, discussion on a possible WVCA Board position on the issue included the following:

- density should be reduced in accordance with the Westboro Secondary Plan
- additional parkland should be provided, beyond what is officially required
- opposed to providing any additional funding to developers via a levy

- 3) WVCA decisions/business conducted since the last meeting

- Response to WVCA Pedestrian Crossing letter: Response was received from Rahmie Doueidar (Transportation System Management Engineer, Traffic Operations). The City has agreed to undertake a pedestrian study at the Byron-Kirkwood intersection in summer 2011, but does not agree at this time with the WVCA suggestion that there should be a default walk indicator in both directions at that intersection.

- 4) Committees - Liaison with BIA/city-wide issues/planning – no discussion

- 5) Other business

Next Meetings: March 21, April 18, potentially May 16 for AGM – Bill agreed to check Cube Gallery and Thyme and Again as possible AGM locations. Duff will present his research on Official Plans and a proposed letter regarding the OMB at the March meeting.