

**Minutes of PCA Board of Directors meeting 23 Nov 2016
held at the home of Garvey Chi**

Present: Diane Smith, Garvey Chi, Gemma Parker, Rebecca Nelson, Susan McMurray (Chair), Marc van Beusekom

Regrets: Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill, Trish O'Reilly-Brennan, David Smith, Supriya Syal.

Approval of Minutes of 8 June 2016: Moved by Diane Smith and agreed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

Motions Raised Prior to November 23, 2016:

- July 26, 2016: Motion to spend up to \$1130 (including HST) for a tent. Moved by Garvey, seconded by Lori, and agreed.
- August 29, 2016: Motion to spend up to \$1,100 on toques that will have the PCA logo. Moved by Diane, seconded by Marc, and agreed.
- September 6, 2016: Motion to spend \$250 for printing of the Pocket Post. Moved by Diane, seconded by Trisha, and agreed.
- September 23, 2016: Motion to spend \$435 for a park permit for the Pocket Street Party insurance for the road permit. Moved by Diane, seconded by Lori, and agreed.
- October 20, 2016: Motion to provide artist Jerry Silverberg an additional \$1000 for his additional work this summer to support the PCA's Art In The Park project. Moved by Diane, seconded by Gemma, and agreed.
- November 17, 2016: Motion to relinquish the PCA's MOU with the TTC regarding the Oakvale Green Space, if the City of Toronto is willing to bring the lands under the operational control of the City of Toronto Parks and Environment Committee. Moved by Diane, seconded by Trish and agreed.

Committee Updates:

- **Art in the Park:** Thank you to Jerry and organizers for a successful summer of Art in the Park. The initiative welcomed over 1000 participants including "young artisans". The Board agreed to proceed with a grant application for next year. Effort should also continue to ensure there are volunteers to support the initiative.
- **Events:**
 - Congratulations to the Street Party organizing team for a great event. For 2017, the Board agreed additional support is required to help with task documentation and volunteers. Recommended to issue the Save the Date well in advance for planning purposes.
 - Additional events completed include Movie Nights, Halloween, Pumpkin Parade. Santa Event planed for December 3.
 - Motion to spend up to \$200 to support the Skating Rink. Moved by Gemma, seconded by Garvey, and agreed.
- **Energy:** Participation at the Street Party. Plans in place to reactivate committee for 2017.

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- **Neighbourhood Support:**
 - 14 PCA members attended St. John's Ambulance emergency first aid training.
 - "72 Hour Emergency Kit" to be posted on website in December.
- **Membership:** Planning in progress for alternative tactics to support the membership drive, to ensure PCA continues strong membership numbers.
- **TTC:**
 - Regarding the proposal to bring the Green Space under operational control of City of Toronto Parks and Environment Committee, an informal committee has been established of community members by Paula Fletcher. Given the PCA's mandate to protect the space on behalf of the community, preserving it as a buffer between the community and the subway yards, keeping it green, and ensuring it is available for community use, the Board agreed to liaison with the committee to keep PCA members informed of motion and activities underway.
 - Work completed on Oakvale Green Space with exception of new signage.
- **Safety:** Approved traffic recommendations are now in implementation stage – thank you to the committee for their efforts.
- **Fundraising:** Work underway for potential Pocket Member discount program at local businesses.

New Business:

- **Governance – Process for selecting Committee coordinators:** The Board agreed that a formal process is not required for 2017.
- **Governance – Term Length for executive members:** To be tabled for future discussion.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2017.

Minutes prepared on 04 Dec 2016 by PCA Secretary Rebecca Nelson.