

Minutes of AGM for Pocket Community Association

22 January 2015 St. David's Church, 49 Donlands Avenue, Toronto

Present: 55 people attended including the current Executive Committee, composed of Diane Smith, Don Smith, Irene Vandertop, Jeff Otto, Kaye Leslie, Kim McFadden, Paul Woodman, Susan McMurray as Chair and Trish O'Reilly-Brennan. Also introduced were Councillor Paula Fletcher, Craig Scott, MP and Elisa McFarlane, our Parliamentarian for this AGM.

Welcome: Susan McMurray as PCA Chair called the meeting to order at 7.35 by welcoming all participants and introducing our guests. She provided highlights of PCA accomplishments in the previous year. She noted that the PCA plans to hold two Town Halls each year for two-way conversations with PCA members and other Pocket residents. Susan also thanked Marvel Coffee, Guardian Drugs, YogaFit, MPP Peter Tabuns, MP Craig Scott and executive members Kaye Leslie and Kim McFadden for donations of prizes and refreshments they made to support the AGM.

Secretary's Report: Don declared the quorum and the AGM was underway. He proposed that the published Minutes of the AGM last year (30 January 2014) be approved. Gilles Durot moved, Lawrence Fagan seconded and the meeting approved the Minutes. Don reported that the Executive Committee had met each month in 2014 except August and noted that the minutes of Executive Committee meetings are published in the PCA website. Finally, he referenced work underway to define a process for nominating future executive Director positions with the goal that this policy will have Member input and be Member-approved in preparing for future executive elections.

Treasurer's Report: Diane provided a breakdown of revenues and expenditures for 2014, reporting that the association's net gain for the year is \$550. She had provided a hard copy "profit and loss" statement for Members at the Registration table. David Langille moved, Supriya Syal seconded and the meeting approved the Treasurer's Report.

Election of New Executive Team: David Langille as Chair of the Nominations Committee described the process utilized in identifying the PCA Members who were willing and qualified to serve as the Executive Committee for 2015. This Slate of Nominees had been previously circulated to PCA Members in several ways. He introduced Kaye Leslie and Joan Hulbert as his fellow members of the Nominations Committee. Kaye offered several comments about the quality of Pocket residents available for the Slate. As Secretary, Don introduced the election process. For the nine elected positions, the Nominations Committee received only one name for each position. Don read out the name and position recommended for each individual on the Slate, and recommended to the AGM that we elect the full Slate by acclamation. The Slate is as follows:

Chair	Susan McMurray
Vice Chair	Jeff Otto
Secretary	Don Smith
Treasurer	Diane Smith
Membership Coordinator	Paul Woodman
Fundraising Coordinator	Jaki Freeman
Communications Coordinator	Geoff Mosher
Member-at-Large	Supriya Syal
Member-at-Large	Susan Fraser
Past Chair	Trish O'Reilly-Brennan (not an elected position)

Ellen Titus moved and Trish O'Reilly-Brennan seconded that we elect the full Slate by acclamation. The meeting approved the Slate and welcomed the entire executive including our new executive representatives Geoffrey Mosher as Communications Coordinator, Jaki Freeman as Fundraising Coordinator and Supriya Syal and Susan Fraser as Members-at-Large. Susan McMurray gave particular thanks to outgoing executives, Irene Vandertop, Kaye Leslie and Kim McFadden, appreciating their many contributions.

Feature Presentation: Diane introduced our speaker, Gregg Lintern, Director of Community Planning for Toronto and East York. Gregg provided a statistic-rich and highly informative presentation overview of planning issues, philosophies and practical issues related to planning in Toronto.

Break for the Brownie Bake-off and Refreshments

Results of Brownie Bake-off Competition: Darlene Haywood won first prize, Ellen Titus won second prize and Jane Waters won third prize for providing outstanding brownies that were enjoyed by all.

Committee Reports:

- **Events:** Jeff described the numerous events he and others have organized for the benefit of Pocket residents
- **Communications:** Irene reported that the former Skills Exchange is now fully operational and rebranded as the Pocket Book for exchange of products and services suppliers' information and consumers' recommendations. The ad space is now available for local businesses with rotating images.
- **TTC and Oakvale Green:** Susan confirmed that the Memorandum of Understanding between PCA and the TTC is now formally in place and we have held Town Hall meetings in collaboration with TTC to operationalize improvement plans for the Green Space. Agreement has been reached to correct the erosion at the south end of the Greenspace as it intersects with Shudell. New fencing will be installed at Queen Victoria and new signage will be installed which lend clarity to the different entrance locations for the Greenspace.
- **Greening:** Jeff reported on the 75 trees that were planted last year and the 25 more (to date) that are planned for 2015. This committee plans to conduct a complete tree inventory for the Pocket. The City has arranged for a water source to be available for the skating rink in Phin Park.
- **Art-in-the-Park:** Paul reported on this exceptionally successful project, which he coordinated with Jerry Silverberg, the Artist. Between 20 and 50 people/day participated through July and August, which provided a great deal of support and artistic development for Pocket families and their children.
- **Energy:** In Craig Jasman's absence, Don read his report. This described the objectives of the Energy Committee and recognized energy expertise of Craig and Gord Fraser. First Energy meeting for 2015 will be held on 9 April.
- **Safety:** Trish referenced Steven Tanner, who is the PCA liaison representative with Police 55 Division Community Liaison Committee. She introduced Officer Jon Morris who offered some helpful advice in avoiding vehicle break-ins. She described work underway to develop, along with Councillor Fletcher's team, a comprehensive traffic improvement plan for the Pocket.

Door Prize: Was won by Dean Miller.

Brainstorming on "Pocket Dreams": Susan referenced the discussion on this topic from the previous AGM. Focus at that time was on improving the path north from Phin Park, improving Phin Park itself,

and creating a neighbourhood support system with particular reference to emergency management. The PCA has taken steps on the first two issues and a Town Hall will be organized to discuss the third. She led a discussion on other potential Pocket enhancements and several excellent ideas were proposed.

Adjournment: Susan declared the AGM to be closed at 9.30 with thanks to all participants.

Minutes prepared by PCA Secretary Don Smith on 23 January 2015.