

Minutes of PCA Executive Committee meeting, 28 April 2015 held at the home of Diane and Don Smith

Present: Diane Smith, Don Smith, Geoffrey Mosher, Jeff Otto, Paul Woodman, Supriya Syal, Susan Fraser, Susan McMurray (Chair).

Regrets: Jaki Freeman, Trish O'Reilly-Brennan.

Approval of Minutes of 31 March 2015: Moved by Susan F. and agreed.

Announcements:

- **Shakespeare in Phin Park:** Susan M. moved by email, "I would like to make a motion to pay the permit cost up front, with the proviso that the cost would be recovered from money collected by the Shakespeare team. If their fundraising doesn't recover our \$100, I would put up the remaining amount, so we would not be out any money." Don seconded the motion and the Executive agreed by email.
- **Waste Planning:** PCA has been invited to participate in planning for the city's Long Term Waste Management Strategy. Susan will locate a suitable representative.
- **TTC Relief Line Stakeholder Advisory Group:** Gilles Durot is representing the PCA in these consultation meetings.

Treasurer's Report: The membership drive is showing positive revenue results.

Committee Reports:

- **Safety:** Trish circulated the Traffic Mitigation Strategies Final Report from Ryerson University students, in which one focus is on proposed improvements for road safety at the Jones Avenue and Boulton Avenue intersection. Susan will invite Richard Brooks to an Executive Committee meeting for discussion of a proposed survey on this topic, and to determine the PCA role in this project.
- **Communications:** Geoffrey has sent out a call for articles for the next edition of the Pocket Post, the PCA on-line newsletter. Discussion about planning for a new edition of the Pocket Newspaper is underway.
- **\$2,000 Donation:** Results from the preliminary survey showed support for a shipping container and several other good ideas. Councillor Fletcher has asked for a detailed proposal, since the city may be able to help with approvals and funding for a shipping container. Jeff will supply this information. Another survey is planned, to ask Members to provide their rank preferences for use of the \$2,000 donation, which has been offered.
- **Phin Park:** The city has decided to install a concrete ping-pong table in Phin Park.
- **Volunteer Coordination:** Susan F. and Supriya have started work on a list of Members who would like to volunteer their services, and projects where their talents could be utilized. In case any Members wish to volunteer, please contact Supriya Syal or Susan Fraser at volunteer@thepocket.ca

- **Events:** Jeff noted that arrangements have not yet been made about movie nights in Phin Park. He asks the Street Captains to request funding assistance during their Membership Drive visits for the Fireworks Display. Executive Committee's preference for the Shakespeare in the Park performance is during the day on 13 June.
- **Membership and Outreach:** Paul reported that Julia Morgan has won the Early Membership Renewal Draw. Congratulations Julia. Paul also noted that 25% of our membership renewals are now done on-line. The Street Captains' training session on 26 April at Ellen Titus' home was very successful. Many thanks to Ellen for organizing it and providing her home for the meeting as well as to Susan M. and Kim McFadden for providing the training.
- **TTC:** Susan M. has organized a committee meeting to discuss the recent survey results and a letter expressing concern about dog problems in Oakvale Green.
- **Energy:** Don reported on behalf of Craig Jasman, Chair of Energy Committee regarding projects this team will be working on this year. Plans are, at the Street Party in September to collect depleted batteries and demonstrate equipment for enabling a house to be powered by an external electricity generator; install a solar LED light on the south side of the milk store on Euston Avenue; maintain the solar panel in Phin Park; and build a portable charging station for use during power outages.
- **Succession Planning:** Don, as Chair of the Succession Planning Committee, had circulated the Final Draft to the Executive of a policy on nomination and election practices. The meeting decided that no nominations will be accepted from the floor at the AGM. Diane moved, Geoffrey seconded and the meeting agreed that the Draft policy is accepted as the PCA plan. Don will prepare a note for Members, asking for their agreement or suggestions to this plan. Members' inputs will be taken into consideration and the document revised as applicable. Then the document that results will be proposed for acceptance by the Members at the AGM in January 2016. Susan M. plans to initiate a process at the next Executive meeting to appoint the members of the Nomination and Election Committee.

Business Arising:

- **Spring Town Hall:** Susan M., Susan F., Kaye Leslie and Supriya have been planning this event, to be held in June at St. David's Church, date not yet confirmed. The first agenda item is neighbourhood support and emergency preparation, with Peter Tabuns, MPP, a representative from Red Cross and Tammy Clark from the Crescent Town Neighbourhood Link speaking. Craig Jasman, Chair of Energy Committee also will be available. Unknown at present if the Safety Committee (about traffic safety) will be agenda item two. Don moved, Diane seconded and the meeting agreed to provide \$100 to finance this event.

Next Meetings:

- Tuesday 26 May at Susan's home, 7.30
- Tuesday 23 June at Geoffrey's home, 7.30

Minutes prepared on 29 April 2015 by PCA Secretary Don Smith