

**Minutes of PCA Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
held at the home of Gemma Parker**

Present: Coline Morrison, Daryl Boshart, Gemma Parker, Linda Blake, Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill (Chair), Susan McMurray; **Guests:** Nina Littman-Sharp, Diane Smith

Regrets: Allison Evans, Dalreen Fobler, Robyn Switzer, Zhiizhii Prince

Regular Business:

1. **Welcome.**
2. **Review and approval of agenda:** Motion to approve as amended by Coline, seconded by Susan and agreed.
3. **Approval of minutes from January 16, 2020 meeting:** Motion to approve by Linda, seconded by Coline and agreed.
4. **Treasurer's report:** Treasurer's report was presented by Coline and accepted.

Committee Reports – What's New?

1. Events/Neighbourhood Support:

- **Sip and Chat** – Lori expressed condolences on behalf of the PCA to Maria at Motorama on the death of her sister. Maria and Peter are still seeking a buyer for the restaurant. The next get-together is Tuesday, March 3, 9:30 – 11 a.m.
- **Welcome bags** – The committee will follow up on a relatively new Pocket resident who did not receive a welcome bag.
- **Safety** – Lori followed up with Councillor Paula Fletcher's office for the second time to assist in improving the lighting on the new (western) path of Wandering Spirit School. The PCA thanks Trustee Jennifer Story and TDSB maintenance staff for the improvement in clearing ice and snow from the path.
- **Skating Party** - The PCA thanks Donna Lee, Home Elegance Design Build, and Masellis Supermarket for sponsoring rink materials, poster printing and refreshments for the Skating Party on February 22. Special thanks to John Koufis, our "Pocket Rink Master", for making it possible by creating and maintaining the ice surface. Thanks also to the various attendees who donated to the PCA - \$41.50 was collected. It was a perfect day for skating!

2. Fundraising:

- **Art in the Park** – A grant application to support 2020 Art in the Park has been submitted to the Toronto Arts Council. The application included a video of the 2019 Art in the Park program produced pro bono by Robi Levy, a Pocket resident and professional film maker. The PCA thanks Robi for his generous donation of time, skill and materials. The video will be available for viewing by the community later this year.

5. Membership:

- **Membership Drive** - The spring Membership Drive is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 25 to Tuesday, May 12, 2020. The Street Captain get-together is scheduled for April 22, 2020. Twenty-three Pocket residents have registered for 2020 membership.
- **Executive Election** - Members of the Executive are reminded to renew their membership, particularly if intending to run for the 2020-21 Board. All candidates must have current year membership to be eligible to run for election. The nomination deadline is Monday, May 25. Nomination forms require a nominator and seconder who must also have current year membership. A Nomination and Election Committee has been formed and is working to find candidates for the PCA Executive and Committees. Nomination forms, posters, website and e-blast notifications of the upcoming election are in production and will be distributed soon.

6. **Secretary/review of motions managed by email** – Motion by Gemma to reimburse John Koufis up to \$350 for skating rink construction and hockey nets in Phin Park, seconded by Susan and agreed.

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Business Arising:

1. Pocket Change

- **January 23rd meeting outcomes:** approximately 25 people came to the meeting, including MPP Peter Tabuns and a representative from the City's Energy and Environment Department
- **Household Energy Survey** - A representative from TransformTO – City of Toronto introduced an online survey for Pocket residents. In 2017 City Council set a goal of reducing Toronto's greenhouse gas emission to net zero by 2050 or sooner. TransformTO was created to achieve this goal. In the words of Pocket Change Committee member Liisa Repo-Martell, *"The Pocket neighbourhood has partnered with the Harbord Village Neighbourhood Association... and TransformTO to develop community-led retrofit solutions to address the carbon footprint of residential home heating. The Pocket Change Project's big dream is to pilot a home energy retrofit initiative on a neighbourhood scale (say 50 to 100 homes at a time). By doing this, we would reap the benefits of bulk purchasing on everything from audits to insulation to labour costs... The folks at Transform TO feel that joining forces with Harbord Village will increase our chances of getting funding to first investigate, and then implement a project on this scale. TransformTO will also be helping us shape our shared grant proposals, recruit a project manager and all manner of other super helpful resources and support. But before we launch any next steps we NEED TO GET 10% OF THE POCKET TO FILL OUT THIS SURVEY!! <http://bit.ly/Pocket-2020HSS>. That's 110 households."*
- **Trailblazers** – The Pocket Change Committee would like to set up a meeting of "Trailblazers" – Pocket "pioneers" who have taken significant steps to reduce their carbon footprint or are committed to doing so this year. To sign up as a Pocket Trailblazer, contact pocketchange@thepocket.ca.

- 2. AGM format/speaker/venue brainstorming:** The Wandering Spirit School cafeteria or auditorium might not be available for the AGM due to construction. The Executive discussed alternative locations. It is suggested that the various Pocket Committees set up information tables at the AGM with sign-up sheets for people who would like to join/volunteer. Discussion of the upcoming AGM will continue at the next Executive meeting.
- 3. Town hall date/topic brainstorming:** Fall 2020 is the tentative date for a Town Hall.
- 4. Website: final supplier report:** Daryl presented quotes from three suppliers and described the pros/cons of each. The Executive will review the information and make a decision this spring.

New Business:

- 1. Off-Leash Dog Park maintenance:** Diane Smith shared the history of this space. Residents have reported concerns with muddy paths and garbage this winter. The space is part of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation, but the TTC has agreed to maintain the area, including laying down wood chips on the path and removing garbage. As a start, we will seek to publicly clarify the roles of the PCA and the Off-leash Dog Walkers Association.
- 2. PCA Facebook advertising policy:** deferred to next meeting.
- 3. Volunteer Canada:** National Volunteer Week is April 19-25, 2020. The Executive will consider ways to recognize volunteers in our community.

Next meeting: Mid-April, Date TBD

Minutes prepared on February 29, 2020 by Linda Blake.