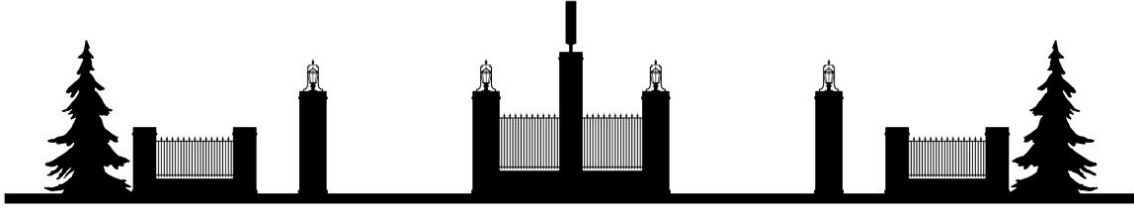


Guildwood Village Community Association



Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2021

VI. Call to order

Jim Whitney called to order the regular meeting of the Guildwood Village Community Association at 7:31 pm on June 8, 2021. The meeting was conducted by video and telephone conference call due to COVID-19 precautions.

VII. Roll call

The following were present:

y	Jim Whitney		James Gilchrist
	Timo Puhakka	y	Ulrik Westergaard
	Julia Lakats	y	John Mason
y	Bruce Villeneuve	y	Kelly Cole
y	Angela Vanderburg	y	Allison Murray
	Brad Warren	y	Dave Arnold
y	Robert D'Addario	y	Jeff Garrah
y	Ashley Rycroft		

Regrets: Timo Puhakka, James Gilchrist, Brad Warren, Julia Lakats. Andy and Audrea Douglas have retired from the board.

VIII. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda and additional items as presented via email were approved as published. Bruce Villeneuve motioned for approval, Dave Arnold seconded the motion, and it was carried.

IX. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

There was a motion by John Mason to approve the minutes from the last meeting on May 11, 2021 with a minor change on page 5. This was seconded by Dave Arnold.
Motion carried.

X. Treasurer's Report

Kelly Cole reported on the May and YTD financial results contained in the meeting package.

Membership revenues were \$2,580 in May bringing the YTD total to \$6,060 (an increase over last year at this time but still far lower than in pre-pandemic times).

Draft budget was discussed. E-transfers are still being discussed with banks.

John Mason had a question on the summary page of the financials. The 2020 numbers should be final not YTD. Kelly acknowledged that this is correct.

XI. Items for Discussion / Decision

a) Neighbourhood Tree Giveaway – Allison

This is a program administered by the City of Toronto that encourages community groups to hold native tree-giveaways. The trees are free and are intended for planting on private property. There is no cost to the GVCA. The GVCA meets all the eligibility requirements. Allison will attend an information session hosted by the City on June 16th and will complete the application which is due on July 2nd. Dave Arnold and Ashley Rycroft offered to assist as needed. The board agreed that this is a worthwhile project and the event could be held next spring.

b) Rooming Houses/City-Wide Standards Update – Jim Whitney

The City will be coming out with legislation on rooming houses in due course. There will be at least one more information session which Jim will attend. There will likely be legal challenges.

c) Proposed Rental Development Update – Jim Whitney

Jim attended a meeting of community associations that Councillor Paul Ainslie was at and took the opportunity to raise the concerns about the density at the proposed Bob Johnson Motors site. The Councillor indicated that it would be 3-5 years before construction started. The former lumber yard will also likely be

developed. We should expect to see the area around the Guildwood GO station become a transportation hub. Approval of 40-storey towers is unlikely.

Robert D'Addario asked a question about the relationship that Councillor Ainslie's office has with the GVCA. Jim stated that it has been a fairly positive relationship in his time as President. Dave mentioned that our views are not always aligned but generally positive and respectful. John Mason mentioned that getting the support of a local Councillor is key regardless of which ward you are in. Being proactive on a particular issue is crucial in dealing with city councillors.

d) Film Company Location Donations Opportunity – Jim Whitney

At the previously mentioned meeting of community associations, Jim learned that one of the associations has been approaching film companies about contributing donations to the local community association as an expression of goodwill. There is a fair amount of filming at Guild Park. John Mason suggested putting together a package about the history of Guildwood and making it available to the city's film office. John noted that there are at least three to four film crews along Sylvan every year. Ulrik noted that a film crew was on Toynbee yesterday for a British TV show. Ashley mentioned that if we are going to request donations, we should earmark them for a particular purpose. Dave mentioned the Beautification Fund as an appropriate spot for it. John suggested that he and Ashley work together on a presentation for the City's film department.

e) Neighbourhood Watch Update – Angela Vanderburg

Angela met the new Community Liaison Officer (Leeanna Gill) who suggested that in lieu of Neighbourhood Watch we could set up a Facebook group for reporting incidents and the community liaison officer would join the group. Angela doesn't feel this is a workable idea and the other members agreed. Angela has invited the officer to meet with us in the fall.

f) Membership Campaign – Jeff Garrah

The membership campaign will be a bit different this year, focused on renewal of existing memberships. A promotional piece will be produced to be dropped off at members' houses. A couple of Samsung tablets and a pair of headphones have been donated to create interest and spur renewal of memberships. We have eight or nine members' homes where membership flyers can be dropped. Angela suggested that it should be promoted through our social media channels. John Mason suggested we could use the Carol Lidgold book (The History of the

Guild Inn) but Jim disagreed saying that he didn't feel we should give the books away as they are often used as gifts for guest speakers.

g) GFT 10th Anniversary Recognition Letter – Jim Whitney

Guild Festival Theatre has asked for a letter from the GVCA which would indicate community support. Jim will write the letter.

h) GVCA Participation in Clark Centre Opening – John Mason

There is a planned "soft opening" of the Clark Centre for five weekends in October and November this year. There will be an opportunity for local groups to put up a display on the second floor. The City has requested that the four stakeholder groups (GFT, GRG, GVCA and Friends) confirm their interest in participating. The other three groups have already agreed. The board agreed that we should participate. The information contained in the meeting package is confidential and not for public consumption at this stage.

i) Next Steps for 2021 Planning

There are no current plans due to the pandemic restrictions.

Paul Ainslie's office has indicated that we would be notified when permits are ready to be issued for any public events. At this stage, they are not issuing permits at all. Bruce mentioned that wedding photography is apparently happening without permits.

XII. Committee Reports (null reports to be confirmed verbally)

a) Guildwood Day – Dave Arnold

No report. Dave suggested that in Stage 2 (21 days after Stage 1) we would be allowed to have a gathering of up to 25 people. Dave suggested that the board, including those who have just retired, could have an outdoor BBQ and offered his back yard. Jim indicated that he would set a date as soon as it was possible to do so and would be happy to host it at his house.

b) Community Affairs – Angela Vanderburg

No further report

c) Membership – Jeff Garrah

No further report

- d) *Social Events – Dave Arnold*
No further report
- e) *Communications – Brad Warren*
No further report
- f) *Friends of Guild Park – John Mason (see agenda report)*
No further report
- g) *CPLC – Angela Vanderburg*
No further report
- h) *Boundaries – John Mason / Ulrik Westergaard*
John and Ulrik met with three people from Statistics Canada. The meeting was set up by MP John McKay's office. McKay's office is supportive of this initiative and Statistics Canada staff were open to discussion and were impressed with the presentation and took time to understand the issues. The City has provided a new contact person with whom John and Ulrik will meet. Ulrik indicated that the Stats Canada people gave us the tools we need to move forward.

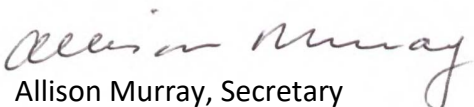
XIII. Communication & Correspondence

Bruce indicated that he has spoken to the general contractor at Chartwell and will have a report in September. Ashley has a report on neighbourhood demographics that she will circulate via email to the group.

XIV. Next meeting September 14, 2021

XV. Adjournment

Jim Whitney adjourned the meeting at 8:56pm. Motion to Adjourn was made by Bruce Villeneuve and seconded by John Mason. Motion carried.

Signature: 
Allison Murray, Secretary

Date: June 8, 2021

Approved: September 14, 2021