

**Minutes
York-Eglinton BIA
Board Meeting
Wednesday January 17, 2007
Maria A. Shchuka Library
6:30 p.m. – 8:30p.m.**

PRESENT:

Geoff Shore-Board Member
Nick Alampi-Chair
Arnold Rowe – Vice Chair

Marjorie Renwick-Treasurer
Vennicia Allen – Board Member

ABSENT

Henrich Plummer – Secretary
Leroy King – Board Member
Robert Osbourne – Board member
Marva Herrington – Board Member
Roland Beggs-Board Member

Guest

Nazlin Jinna, Owner, Naros Esso Service Station

Call to Order

The meeting was call to order at 6:40pm

Welcome by Chairman

Nick Alampi, the Chairman welcomes members and guest Nazlin Jinna.

Apologies for Absences

Mr. Henrich Plummer and Roland Beggs were unable to attend due to business commitments

Reading and Correction of the Minutes of January 4, 2007

The minutes was read and accepted as presented

The motion to accept the minutes was moved by Vennicia Allen and seconded by Marjorie Renwick

Nazlin Jinna, a guest asked where was the new boundary for the BIA because she was aware that a member of BIA was petitioning the boundary to Locksley. Nick Alampi, the chair briefly explained to her that the new boundary started from the Centre of Dufferin Street at Eglinton and East on Eglinton to Marlee in the North and Winona Avenue to the South. Mr. Rowe asked Ms. Jinna to hold her questions and concerns to the AOB section of the agenda.

Nick handed over the chair to vice chair Arnold Rowe in order to present his report on the repairs

Matters Arising From the Minutes

Report on Repairs

a) Planter Boxes

Nick Alampi stated that Victor Adessa of Systems International Electric were able to gain access to three of the six locations that were inaccessible. Of the three remaining addresses he was able to contact the landlord at 1662 Eglinton Avenue W who gave him permission. He stated that he is still unable to contact landlord at 1762 because it is vacant and at 1928 he is unsure who own the buildings. Nick Alampi has asked Arnold Rowe to accompany him to the location to speak with the business owner. Arnold Rowe stated that he should send a letter to owners. This information he could obtain through the tax roll at the City's Tax Department. Nick Alampi stated that the project was 98% completed.

Office Coordinator reported on the following:

a) Hydro

Ritta reported that Toronto Hydro Street Lighting Inc. were continuing with the repairs and there were no new information

Arnold Rowe hand over the chair back to Nick Alampi.

New Items

a) Set Dates for AGM and Present New Budget

Nick Alampi stated that the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2007. He stated that the budget has to be signed and delivered to the City on the evening of the AGM or before 4pm on March 22, 2007.

b) Board Nomination for 2007-2010

Mr. Arnold Rowe stated that the board should set up a meeting with Mrs. Alice Hackett to explain to her that her levee will now be paid in the new BIA and therefore, the York-Eglinton BIA would be unable to assist her with her issues. Therefore it is in her best interest to join the new BIA.

c) Planned Advertising and Promotion Campaign

Advertising

Mr. Rowe stated that the BIA should consider buying advertising spots on the radio. Marjorie suggested they speak to the owner of Treasure Isles record who has a radio show on the radio. Mr. Rowe asked Geoff Shore to join the Advertising and Promotion committee. Neslin Jinna of Esso station suggested that they consider television advertising as well.

Arnold Rowe stated that there were two committees formed, one for advertising and promotion and the other for beautification. The committees are made up of members of the board, which includes, Marjorie Renwick, Vennicia Allen, Nick Alampi and Mr. Plummer. He further stated that there need to be a common festival or type of entertainment that attract people to the area. He said that that the junior carnival was a viable crowd drawer to the area. Mr. Rowe pointed out that it is an expensive festival. He said policing alone cost 25, 000.00

Geoff Shore of Tim Hortons stated that the Board should consider revising the current Festival. He said that the BIA should consider an international carnival that speaks to each nationality in the community. He further added that the BIA needs resources for an international carnival/parade with floats representing each culture.

Arnold Rowe added that the Junior Carnival /York Carnival Committee comprised of people from outside this area. The people who participate are from the Caribbean and South America.

Nick Alampi handed over the chair to Arnold Rowe in order to make a presentation on GreenBiz, which he said was related to beautification.

d) Beautification.

Green-Biz

Nick Alampi explained that Green-Biz is a green smart energy program develops by TABIA. This program allows business to conserve energy through green roof and LED Lighting. The City pays for fifty percent and the BIA pays the rest. The Green Biz provides seminars to BIA's. Nick Alampi asked the Board to make this a calendar even after the AGM. He asked Tim Hortons to sponsor the event by providing Tim bits. Geoff Shore of Tim Hortons agreed to be the sponsor of the Green Biz event.

Replanting of Flowers

Arnold Rowe stated that the BIA should contact the companies that the BIA dealt with in the past for flowers planting.

Nick Alampi said that he would suggest it to Forestry. He stated that Forestry Department would replace twenty trees. Nick Alampi stated that the replanting of the flowers would not harm the tree.

Mrs. Renwick said that she would contact businesses with planter boxes in front of the stores to get involved in the maintenance of the boxes.

Arnold Rowe moved a motion to accept report and additional consideration for Green Biz Seminar as part of BIA calendar event. Marjorie Renwick seconded this

Nazlin Jinna suggested that the board consider planting shrubs because they are smaller and not enough rooting.

Geoff Shore asked who would pay for this?

Arnold Rowe stated that the City decided to plant trees for environmental reason and that they could consider shrubs.

Geoff Shore said that it is stupid to replace trees.

Nazlin Jinna asked who is responsible for the Parkett at Dufferin and Eglinton and next to her store.

Nick Alampi stated it was a partnership between the City and the Louis Garnsworthy Seniors Residence, the Funeral Home and the BIA.

Arnold Rowe accepted Nick Alampi's report and hand over the chair back to him.

e) Relocation of Office

Arnold Rowe stated that the company that he owned had offered to rent the BIA the space above his office but due to zoning issues and possible increase in taxes he is withdrawing the offer.

Nazlin stated that there were plenty of empty places for rent in the area. She said that the lawyer's office next to Parkway Supermarket might have vacant space.

Geoff Shore suggested that Arnold withdrawn the offer. Arnold Rowe asked the committee to continue to search for other locations.

Marjorie Renwick asked to be resigned from the Relocation Committee.

Mr. Alampi asked Marjorie Renwick to remain the head of that committee

Arnold and Marjorie asked that the board asked for an extension from the current landlord.

Arnold Rowe moved a motion to request one or two month extension from the BIA current landlord. Vennicia Allen seconded the motion.

Nick Alampi moved a motion to look for a second location and Arnold Rowe second this motion.

f) Strategic Plan 2007-2010

This item was deferred to the AGM.

g) Research Project

Nick Alampi stated that the City is offering funding for a Research Project that could investigate issues such as parking and traffic in the area. He explained that the BIA could participate in a research project that is partially funded by the City.

Any Other Business

Mr. Rowe stated that the city would divide the BIA assets based on the number of business in the BIA. Mrs. Renwick stated that there is a list out standing bills

Nick Alampi stated that the bill for pole and globe light and electricity consultants fee of 7000.00 are still outstanding. He also said that payments for the benches needed to be made.

Nazlin stated that she has knowledge that a member of the BIA was petitioning that the new boundary goes to Locksley Avenue

Mr Rowe explained that to her that any changes to the boundary of the BIA requires the approval of council. He further added that he was unaware of such a petition.

He further stated that 85% of the members voted for the realignments, which now stops at Dufferin Street.

Nick Alampi stated that the next meeting is January 31, 2007 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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Nick Alampi
Chairman

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Henrich Plummer
Secretary

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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Board Member

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Board Member