

**Minutes
York-Eglinton BIA
Board Meeting
Wednesday November 22, 2006
Maria A. Shchuka Library
6:30 p.m. – 8:30p.m.**

PRESENT:

Nick Alampi-Chairperson
Arnold Rowe – Vice Chairperson
Henrich Plummer – Secretary
Marjorie Renwick-Treasurer
Alice Hackett- Board Member (elect)
Abdul Berhan – Board Member (elect)
Angelo Zito – Board Member (elect)
Dominic Capotato-Board Member (elect)
Vennicia Allen – Board Member
Roland Beggs-Board Member

ABSENT

Rohan Singh
Leroy King – Chairman
Robert Osbourne – Board member
Marva Herrington – Board Member
Enzo Torrone – Board Member

Guest

Michael Saunders – Economic Development

Meeting call to order and welcome

Chairman Nick Alampi called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm and thank the board members for coming.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Henrich Plummer moved a motion that the agenda be adopted. Mrs. Marjorie Renwick seconded this motion

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest to be declared.

Matters Arising from the AGM

Mr. Arnold Rowe suggested that the executive meet to discuss and review minutes of 2006 AGM and correct the minutes of the 2005 AGM.

Instructions to the New Board

Mr. Alampi informed the new board members that it was important to attend the meeting. He stated that if board members missed three consecutive meeting they would be eliminated from the board.

Mr. Rowe stated that board members should become block leaders. He stated that three block leaders are needed from the board. He asked Angelo what he thought of the idea of Block Leaders. Angelo Zito said it would split the workload. Mr. Rowe stated that each board member would be responsible for the block where there business is located.

Mr. Rowe stated that there was a need to educate the general membership about the role of BIA. Mr. Zito agreed that the members needed a forum, to communicate with each other.

Documents to be submitted to the City of Toronto

Mr. Saunders informed the board members that a signed copy of the budget for 2007, the total number of board members and summary of the nominees are all due on November 30, 2006. He stated that the City has to approve the budget and the nominees. He added that the sooner it was sent in the sooner the BIA would receive the cheque.

Total Number of Board Members-10 plus 2 City Councilors

Nick Alampi was concerned that there were 13 people to the board, which conflicted with the proposed changes. Mr. Saunders informed Nick that other BIA had more than 12 board members. He suggested that the board change from 10 to 11 board members and two councilors. Mr. Alampi stated that Cesar Palacio was no longer be a board member if the BIA 's boundary is realigned.

Mr. Alampi handed the chair to Mr. Rowe in order to give his report.

Status of the Trees Removal: Nick Alampi

Mr. Alampi stated that we have not contracted anyone to remove the power from the planter boxes and the city will not remove the trees without the removal of the electrical units.

Mr. Rowe asked about the estimates that were requested for the removal of the electricity in the planter boxes.

Ritta stated that she obtained four additional quotations but Nick Alampi selected a company that he found on his own. Mr. Alampi stated that he needed to recount the trees before the company he has selected can start the process of capping the units. Mr. Arnold Rowe delegated that someone count the planter boxes. Mr. Plummer volunteered.

Ms. Renwick suggested that Nick and Mr. Plummer should be appointed to count the planter boxes and trees.

Mr. Rowe stated that Mr. Plummer and Nick Alampi are to count the number of trees with the plastic pipes. He further stated that Nick Alampi will submit an accurate count to the contractors.

Angelo added that he should make sure to count the electrical boxes.

Mr. Plummer stated that someone has placed a sign on the tree in front of his business place. Mr. Rowe said that this matter should be dealt with collectively by the board and not individually. He suggested that the City by-law office be contacted regarding this matter.

Mr. Rowe hand the chair back to Mr. Alampi

Status of the Repairs on Hydro Poles: Ritta Roach:

Ritta stated that we contracted Toronto Hydro to:

- Replace bulbs in the globe lights
- Re-lamping and Ballis replacements

Toronto Hydro has replaced the bulbs on 44 of the 64 globe lights. They have been paid the first installment in the amount of \$4,155.20. They have started work on the additional repairs.

Mr. Rowe moved a motion that the board accepts the verbal report presented by Ritta. This motion was seconded by Ms Marjorie Renwick.

Any Other Business

1. **Office Space:** Mr. Alampi stated that the BIA needed to move the office from 1862 Eglinton at Short Street, which is west of Dufferin. He stated that he has received notice of an office location from a member of the executive.

Ms. Renwick stated that this presents a conflict of interest for Mr. Rowe who owns ones of the companies making the offer.

At this point Mr. Rowe removed himself from the meeting for the purpose of the discussion.

Nick Alampi stated that office that is available is renting for \$600.00. He further stated that the letter indicated that it was a large office but he had not seen the space. Nick Alampi said that the BIA is looking for a reasonable offer. He informed the board that the BIA is currently paying \$406.60, which is inclusive of hydro.

Mr. Alampi added that one of his family members have a space available. But he is unsure of how much the rent will be.

Mr. Alampi moved a motion that the board starts the process of looking for office space. Ms. Allen seconded this.

It was recommended that Mr. Plummer, Ms. Renwick, Mr. Beggs and Ms. Allen would receive the offers of available office space and report back to the board. They are instructed to visit three locations and decided.

2. Christmas Decorations

Ms. Renwick suggested that the BIA purchase Christmas decorations to beautify the area. Nick Alampi asked who would pay the hydro for the lights. Ms. Renwick informed Mr. Alampi that there is money in the budget and that it was only \$600.00. Mr. Alampi stated that we did not budget for it.

Mr. Saunders asked where will you put the lights. He stated that the BIA would have to get approval to the decorations on private property.

Marjorie Renwick stated that there were locations at Dufferin and Eglinton, Times Road and vacant stores east of Dufferin.

Mr. Alampi stated that the decorations have to be for the entire BIA and not just east of Dufferin.

Mr. Rowe suggested that the board form a committee responsible for the events and activities of the Christmas decorations.

Mr. Beggs, Mr. Plummer, Ms. Allen, and Mr. Zito all volunteered for the committee.

3. Garbage: Mrs. Hackett stated that she had issues with disposal of waste and she was getting conflicting messages from the City. Mr. Alampi clarified whether it was demolition garbage or organic waste. She stated that it was a combination of waste.

Mr. Saunders informed her that there is a transferred station fee by weight but the City waived the fee for the first initial amount of waste.

Mr. Plummer stated that residential tenants on Eglinton were still confused about the time of garbage pick-up. He said that they put garbage out everyday.

Marjorie Renwick suggested that the ECI and the BIA should work together to inform the residents. Mr. Rowe suggested they get updated solid waste literature from the city for educating residents and businesses about garbage disposal.

Festivals:

Dominic stated that the area needs some kind of festival. This he said could be a food festival.

Mr. Rowe stated that this is something the new board could work on. He said that festivals needed to be revisited because most of the money goes into paying the police and the board needs to find a cost effective way of running a festival.

Nick Alampi suggested that the BIA seek outside sponsorships for special events.

Mr. Rowe suggested that the issues of festivals should be discussed in January.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm on a motion by Nick Alampi and seconded by Marjorie Renwick.

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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