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Draft Minutes
St. Clair Gardens BIA
Covid-19 WebEx Teleconference Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2020 10:00 am

Board Members Present: Chair, Rose Capocci; Vice Chair, Moni Molla; Treasurer, Councillor's Representative, Marco Dezi; Adidharma (Adi) Purnomo

Members: Eric Francis, Mary De Toma

Regrets: Mary Garzelli; Rose Signorile, Carlos Tavora, Connie Militello

Guests: Angela Varone; Rafiq Dosani

Roll Call

Attendees introduced themselves.

Call to Order/Introductions

Chair welcomed attendees and wished all well during these difficult times.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared

Approval of Minutes

Review of February 11, 2020 minutes. Note: no March 2020 minutes due to there not being a quorum

Approval of February 11, 2020 minutes motioned by Moni Molla, seconded by, Rose Capocci

Treasurer's Report

Eric went through Treasurer's Report

Question regarding maintenance fee for watering of planters was raised. Rose C to call Ranger regarding whether installation & watering of flowers will be undertaken.

Maintenance is specific per group so each has to make contact and decide whether they feel it is appropriate given Covid-19 concerns. Response in writing from Ranger to be obtained.

Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Sara Loconte, seconded by Moni Molla.

All in favour

Auditor's 2019 Report

Rafiq Dosani went over the Auditor's 2019 report.

Motion to approve Auditor's report made by Sara Loconte, seconded by Moni Molla

All in favour

Discuss future events & recover of payments

The Chair recommended cancelling the corn fest scheduled for August 29th. It was felt that although the Corn Fest event is in late August, the COVID-19 situation will not be fully under control and attendees may wish not to attend large gatherings. A decision will be made closer to Cavalcade of lights event.

Motion to cancel the Corn Fest and postpone a decision regarding the Cavalcade of Lights was made by Moni Molla, seconded by Sara Loconte.

All in favour

Councillor's Update

Not much new to report. Reminder to stay safe

Continuation of events is unknown as we don't know how safe it is or will be to gather during BIA events.

Santa Clause walking up the street may be unsafe as children in their excitement may approach Santa. City of Toronto will be determining whether they will allow permits for festivals.

Earls court event not to be held

Hounslow coffee shop has contacted the councillor for help due to business slowdown.

Email to be sent from councillor's office re businesses needing help and what is available to them

Question rose regarding relief for self-employed seniors. There may be something available to these individuals but they should look it up.

Teleconference will be held at 3 p.m. today with TABIA - question and answer session to be included.

Eric raised the question of whether Toronto hydro will be relaxing permit fees for banners and seasonal decorations. Marco communicated that the Councillor will speak with Toronto Hydro regarding relaxing the fees.

No further questions

Member Questions

Sara asked about businesses open and closed within our boundaries. Most businesses are closed with the exception of those businesses which are in a position to provide take out or online pickup and go.

A high end flooring store and coffee shop will be opening within the BIA boundaries. Angela queried whether the BIA had made contact with these new business owners. Some difficulties are being experienced reaching merchants due to closures. Angela suggested we reach out to these individuals by putting a note in mailboxes or windows providing them with BIA contact info in addition to information about the façade program or send a letter to “occupant” if merchant cannot be reached.

BIA members asked whether calls had been received asking for help. Some calls have been received.

Angela V asked whether the area has experienced any vandalism or if things were quiet. No vandalism at this time.

Library Update

The Library won't open until July 1st... Some branches have been repurposed as pop up foodbanks. Most are in the east end and 1 in south Etobicoke. Use of library information can be found on the TBL website. IT staff still working and other library staff are volunteering in foodbanks. Mary is currently working on programs and reading list.

Update on Condo Construction and Occupancy

Adi reported that construction stopped because of provincial regulation however Scoop can continue as it is close to being occupied

Greywood is experiencing difficulty getting occupancy permits at this time. Move in of occupants requires logistical planning because only 5 people are allowed at a time.

New and Other Business

No new business

Next Meeting: Teleconference to be held May 12, 2020

Meeting Adjourned