



Grange Community Association

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Monthly Board Meeting

November 14, 2019, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Grangetown Meeting Room (78 St. Patrick / 71 McCaul)

In attendance

- Dennis
- Nelly
- Don Young
- Willie
- Liz
- Daphne
- Maiku
- Ralph
- Geoff
- Charlie
- Don
- Karen
- Laura

1. **Welcome:**

- Agenda additions?
- Introductions, New Participants: Maiku Wong, David Himel

2. **Video - Cars Vs Bikes:** (Maiku Wong)

- Adelaide bike lane will be moved to the left/north side of the street
- Charlie agrees that inconsistency in bike lane design leads to confusion around the rules of the road. We need to promote vehicular cycling in the city
- We need to tackle driver aggression, distracted driving, and drivers being inconsiderate i.e. parking in the bike lane
- Vehicles need to accommodate the roads, not the other way around
- Maybe we need be able to tow vehicles without an officer present
- Need to address sidewalk parking on Simcoe street
- Companies should not be allowed to write off tickets, or reach a “global resolution”

- Sidewalk parking is also an issue on John Street, along with speeding
- Maybe putting bollards along sidewalk could be integrated with relic park
- Baldwin Village Neighbourhood Association, has been working on traffic calming as well, maybe we should reach out to them
- Brian and Maiku should work together and come up with one thing that is doable, and will improve bike safety in Toronto
- Beverley is 7th in line in the city to get more school zone warning signs
- New York has changed signal timings to encourage drivers to travel at a slower speed, it's called a "green wave"
- Perhaps city council doesn't actually care about vision zero
- Montreal does not allow rights on red at all, perhaps we could ban rights on red in the downtown core, maybe as a pilot project
- Banning rights on red could be brought to Tory's office, he just needs encouragement

3. Planning & Development Updates:

- 315 Spadina Ave (Max, David H.)
- A subsidiary of the Reichmanns' have designed this building
- Ralph and Max went to a meeting with the developer
- City started a Spadina planning study, 4 different planners have worked on it so far
- Spadina is complex though, there is no uniform character on the street
- City now has a law that a building cannot be taller than the width of the street on Spadina
- Proposal is for a rental building
- It is 14 inches to tall for width of Spadina
- Architects are competent, they designed the Ronald McDonald on McCaul
- Developer will put in wide sidewalk on D'Arcy
- Developer will own and manage building
- City can impose on the development that they maintain the same level of employment that is on the property now, but not necessarily the same number of retail units
- Chinatown BIA is not onboard with the loss of businesses that the development would cause
- Worries about gentrification of Spadina and Chinatown, could set a bad precedent, there is no heritage protection for the street right now
- Community consultation is next week
- GCA consensus that we want more and smaller retail storefronts
 - 234 Simcoe (truck traffic) (Dennis)
- Dumptrucks lining up down Elm and St. Patrick, leaving their trucks' engines running

- Complaint made to Layton, they now shut their engines off, but are still lining up there
 - 480 University (Dennis)
- They're still working on Sundays, creating noise, without a permit
- There should be a system of tracking noise complaints that can be traced back to the responsible developer
 - New Neighborhood Developments (Max, Dennis)
- Baldwin street is losing business, many lots are being left derelict

4. Community Standards Updates:

- Phoebe/Soho traffic Calming (Ralph)
- Don't know who asked for it
- Email to Cressy, we'd rather have the speed bumps on Beverley
 - St Patrick's Market (Geoff, Ralph)
- City has filed to terminate lease with the market with Ontario Superior Court
- Parkette development is now separate from the market issue
- Hugh's room will make a presentation to the GCA to make an argument for why they should be considered for the new tenants

5. Green Plan Updates:

- Relic Park (Liz, Ralph)
- We have a deal to get the needed Section 37 funds
- We can use the money to pay the architect
- Begin process to start acquiring the stones
- We are trying to get Canada Life to participate in the project
- City has passed bylaw that will make it the primary funder of Campbell House, including capital expenses
- City has requested the Campbell House re-create a board that is broadly representative of the community
 - Green Plan Public meeting
- Public meeting is supposed to happen for the green plan
- Difficulties with getting both councilors to attend at the same time

6. Institutional Updates:

- GCA Website - PayPal, incomplete content
- We are getting close to creating a PayPal button
 - Next meeting: December 11, 2019 (same time, same place)