



Minutes of Wednesday Sept 11, 2024 – Executive Meeting
Location: 4 John Street Time: 6:30 PM

In Attendance – in person: Masum Hossain (Chair), Peter Kalamaris (Secretary/Treasurer), George Kalamaris (Vice Chair), Jonathan Repasch, Suri Weinberg-Linsky (Coordinator), Olumide Olatoye, Sylvio Rodriguez and Nicole Strachan

Regrets: Councillor Nunziata (Ward 5, York South-Weston), Omar Warsame

Guests: Marianne Szczuryk and Jovana Guzman,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with quorum at 6:31 PM. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded.

Motion: To amend the agenda for Marianne to present before the Chair report

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded by:** Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Carried 09-11-01**

Motion: To accept agenda as amended

Moved By: Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Seconded by:** Jonny Repasch **Carried 09-11-02**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None Declared

Motion: To approve the August 2024 meeting minutes as amended

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded by:** Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Carried 09-11-03**

City Economic Partnership Advisor Report

- The Special Events Stabilization Initiative grant from the City closes September 30
- The budget must be prepared to get the AGM date approved
- 3rd Levy payment is in December if it was not submitted by September 11
- Marianne can help with the BIAs budget preparation if needed
- Regarding meeting with City Planning, the Councillor's office is adamant that she is to be informed if there are any invitations. Marianne is going through the planner's manager to connect them with the BIA. It is protocol to inform/ request these types of meetings through the Councillor
- George's resignation needs a motion

Motion: To accept George's resignation

Moved By: Jonathan Repasch **Seconded by:** Olumide Olatoye **Carried 09-11-04**

BIA Chair's Report

Masum presented his report, the following comments were made:

1. Rafiq took on the audit for \$2200 but is cutting down on work and will not be doing audits at that price going forward.
2. The Board feels that the Councillor is blocking a City Planner meeting.
 - a. Marianne added that he City Planner seemed eager to meet with the BIA they are just having scheduling conflicts
3. Can the Councillor stop developers from meeting with the BIA
 - a. Marianne added no, Councillors do not have that power and cannot speak to individual Councillors but there are no policies that prevent BIAs meeting with planners.
4. George is still officially a board member and can sign cheques.
5. Pina called Masum and has complaints about attendance and wants to meet the board.
 - a. Peter added that George researched this in the past and some of the issues of the vendors could be about the competitiveness of their pricing.
6. Osmow's, TD and old BMO building is for sale.
7. Requesting the board to vote on whether the BIA can write a support letter for some of our volunteers for their PR status applications

Motion: Motion to write a letter of support for two volunteers

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Omar Warsame

Carried 09-11-05

8. Nicole has sent the resumes of the Co-op applicants to the Executive Board. All resumes will be sent out to the full board for review.

Motion: Motion to accept Chair report

Moved By: Jonny Repasch **Seconded By:** Peter Kalamaris

Carried 09-11-06

Councillors Report

The Councillor was absent no report.

Treasurers Report

- Peter does not have all the month ends, and after reviews will be sending April- August reports to ZMA to get updated actuals for the 2025 budget.
- 2023 Financial statements were sent to auditor on Aug 7, by ZMA and Peter was only informed on Sept 11, that they wanted hard copies of the documents. This was infuriating as it was all set up previously so that he would not need any physical documents. Though

the BIA is in good cashflow position, the concern is of how this will now impact the levy deposit that the BIA expects in December. Also, how will it impact the remainder of the Farmers Market and onset of Winterfest since that's where the BIA spends a lot of its money.

Sylvio joined at 6:44 PM

George joined 7:20 pm

Marianne Left meeting at 7:32 PM

Masum stepped away 7:33 PM

Masum came back 7:37 PM

Motion: To accept Treasurers report

Moved By: Suri Wineberg-Linsky **Seconded By:** Jonny Repasch

Carried 09-11-06

Coordinators Report

- Board wants to move forward with Spectre and request that they send their contract to be signed.
- Board see's it fit to proceed with hiring Strategic Plan Implementation Assistant through Co-op program. Will consider and review the office tools and policies to ensure that this individual has appropriate supervision, access to office and work equipment.
- Invite Cassandra from SafeTO to the next board meeting to present how they help BIAs if City Planning is not present.
- Suri requested that the Board approve Val to plant flowers in the garden beds

Motion: To have Val add flowers to garden beds for same price that was quoted to JJ \$1200

Moved By: Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Seconded By:** Jonny Repasch

Carried 09-11-07

- Farmers Market - Order 20% of the population for pumpkin orders for the 26th
- Winterfest
 - Santa Clause, Train, Snow Globe, Ice sculptures legacy activations that should stay part of the event.
 - Rework sponsorship package

Motion: To move Winterfest to December 6th-8th

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris

Seconded By: Jonny Repasch

Carried 09-11-08

Objected: Suri Weinberg-Linsky

- The Board would like the coordinator to follow up with the Bike Ways teams to find out what area they want to present to the board on. If it's about the Trethewey plan, presentation is not necessary.

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- EV parking spaces were a mistake, per Suri's reporting, and are supposed to be taken away.
- The board would like the coordinator to follow up with the city regarding the banner arms, special the one near Squibbs/Shoppers Drug Mart. If the City cannot handle this, then hire subcontractor to correct it.

Other Business

- Jovana- Parking is an issue. Her clients and her get tickets

Meeting Adjournment: Masum called the meeting to a close at 8:38 PM.

Minutes Approved By:

Suri Weinberg Lineky
Name
Title Board member

Peter Kalamakis
Name
Title SECRETARY

July 17/25
Date

July 9 2025
Date