

Minutes of Wednesday September 13th 2023 – Executive Meeting

Location: BIA Office - 4 John St Unit 3 **Time:** 6:30 PM

In Attendance - in person: Masum Hossain (Chair), George Kalamaris (Vice Chair), Peter Kalamaris (Secretary/Treasurer), Suri Weinberg-Linsky, Omar Warsame, Sylvio Rodriguez, Olumide Olatoye, Councillor Nunziata Ward 5, York South-Weston and Audrey Swartz (Coordinator)

Guests: Rafiq Dosani (Auditor), Marianne Szczuryk (BIA Office - Phone)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with quorum at 6:37 PM. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded.

Motion: To approve the agenda.

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

Carried 09-13-01

Conflict of Interest – None Declared

Motion: To approve the August 2023 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded by:** Suri Weinberg-Linsky

Carried 09-13-02

Motion: To approve the August 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes.

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

Carried 09-13-03

2022 Audited Financial Statements, Rafiq Dosani 6:40 PM

Audrey confirmed that the board was provided a copy of the statements ahead of the meeting by e-mail. The following points were presented by the auditor

1. Received an additional 24K in revenues then budgeted in 2022
2. At AGM the members approved to spend \$308K, the BIA spent \$274K. The surplus is \$244K.
3. As of Dec 31, 2022 the cash in the bank of \$67K, short term investment of \$100K, receivable City \$4K and \$64K from grants. Accounts payable \$17K to the City and business payable \$15K. Clean surplus of \$212K, which is 1.5 year the levy.

Masum arrived at 6:41 pm.

Motion: To accept the 2022 audited financial statements.

Moved by: Peter Kalamaris

Seconded by: Omar Warsame

Carried 09-13-04

BIA Chair's Report 6:44 PM

Masum presented his report, the following comments were made;

1. Masum offered condolences again on behalf of the board for her loss.
2. Informed that sent a letter to WVRA to clarify the relationship between them and Audrey.
3. Landlord to inform of any rent increases. Washroom not completed.
4. Attended Devron meeting, all the organizations will be coming together for common goal.
5. Attended opening of Jonny Reps Gym, great addition to the BIA at large.
6. Attended the Fun Fair, market was busy and vibrant.

Motion: To accept the Chair's Report.

Moved By: George Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Peter Kalamaris

Carried 09-13-05

Councillor Report 6:47 PM

The Councillor presented updates on the following items;

1. Sunday will be the official opening of Rosemount Café and Thrive Hive Studio
2. Budget meeting happening at Council, more information in e-news

Motion: To accept the Councillor Report

Moved By: Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Seconded By:** George Kalamaris

Carried 09-13-06

3. Commercial Tax Levy is proposed, TABIA was involved in the discussion. A new revenue tool for the City. Contact TABIA for update on their efforts on rejecting it. There may also be a new sales tax and parking lot tax introduced - needs permission from the Province to implement.
4. Artscape went into receivership, we asked they delay it for 30 days. After this time the City will need to make a decision at Council. Masum reminded our agreement to use the space is through Artscape lease, better to have an agreement with the City directly.

Treasurer Report 6:57 PM

Peter Kalamaris presented the report, the following comments were made;

1. Got clarification from Audrey regarding the \$0.25 that was short from Farmers Market petty cash.
2. Discussed the purchase of lunch for the volunteers at the Farmers' Market going forward. Averages \$15 per week, \$330 annual from the general expenses for the market. Audrey clarified that they volunteer for 7 hours, and providing lunch keeps them happy so they continue to volunteer.

Motion: To continue to provide lunch for the volunteers for the farmers' market for \$15/week.

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

Carried 09-13-07

Motion: To accept the Treasurer Report

Moved By: Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Seconded By:** George Kalamaris

Carried 09-13-08

Coordinators Report 7:02 PM

Audrey presented the report, and the following comments and additions were made;

1. New directory will be ready tomorrow from printing company
2. 27 John St is for sale for \$2M
3. Banner arm at 1894 Weston rd pole broke over the past month, it was an old arm so it's not under warranty with Classic from the install. New one is \$90, install is \$250/hr with 3 hour minimum. Masum said there might be an arm in the basement somewhere. Classic said they could install on same day as benches to save labour cost. Not a safety issue, more aesthetic. Classic did check the arms through a site assessment, ask Pauline again if there was any report on that.
4. Bench install date will be coming any day.
5. Clarify if the quotes for the lighting and bases include delivery/freight and the numbers for the Terracast bases. We are looking at totally new LED lights as the electrician recommended from his audit.
6. Requested that day to close the account again for the LED bicycle hydro account, they are investigating the request.
7. Need to give 15 days notice to stop the security to stay on budget. Also as the weather gets cooler there are less incidents outside.

Motion: To discontinue security services with Interlinx at the end of the month.

Moved By: Sylvio Rodriguez

Seconded By: Peter Kalamaris

Carried 09-13-09

8. Board confirmed they are comfortable to refocus pest control on the rats, if the pigeon control device can't be put on 1901.

9. Flower service for Floricorp is ending this month, will be cleaning out planters/baskets for the season. Appears to be available budget for winter arrangements to avoid being used as garbage cans. Ask Floricorp what they can do for a \$150-200 range and then review budget in more detail. We did note we are going over budget on some other streetscape items (banners, lighting audit), so were hoping to even out. We also have to do some work/maintenance at the planters at Weston/Lawrence.
10. Green Streets will be doing new planting at Weston/Lawrence but we need to remove weeds within the next two weeks. As KIC Gardening is local, ask if they can do it for \$500 and has the capacity. Suggested some herbs, spices and flowers to deter rats. Sinking pavers will be a 311 issue, Councillor advised to report directly to their office to be expedited. City had no leverage over Grascan to take care of the deficiencies. Perhaps we can add to the developer wishlist to redo the pavers in the corner or pour concrete.
11. If no washrooms for the month of October, we can offer the BIA washroom rather than renting a porta-potty.

Frances left the meeting at 7:27 PM

12. Clarified some points about the Manage My Market tool to save administrative load. Unsure if the vendors will be willing to pay the additional fee or capacity to use it. Current system works well enough to inform public who comes week to week.

Omar left the meeting at 7:38 PM.

13. Good to have the statistic of there being improvement to the Live Music, ensure we stay consistent with the programming so it can grow. Marketing of BIA important
14. Confirmed sponsors for Winterfest to date is \$12,000
15. Board felt it's important to build a relationship with a person that's local so we can have someone to count on for the future. Masum gave a positive review of Jasmine.

Motion: To hire TASPIRED for the Event Operations and Logistics for Winterfest.

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** George Kalamaris

Carried 09-13-10

Motion: To hire Jasmine Lightfoot for the Event Assistant position for Winterfest.

Moved By: Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Seconded By:** Peter Kalamaris

Carried 09-13-11

Suri left the meeting at 7:50 PM.

16. Proposed StreetEats to bring to Winterfest or another event. The BIA provides the space, they bring everything else. Suggested a road closure for biggest impact. Mainly bring food based vendors, try to work with members. Possible solution if we can't use Artscape, no benefit to Main Street. The board felt we aren't ready to close down Weston Rd for Winterfest, rather activate multiple lots. Ask the Councillor to help us get an answer regarding Artscape by end of the month to make a decision. Road closures are expensive - try to find out the cost.

Omar rejoined the meeting at 7:59 PM.

17. Masum think new board members should go. Send board information on the OBIAA conference; location and cost options. See if Masum/George can share a pass.

Motion: To send one board member to represent BIA at the OBIAA conference in Mississauga in 2024.

Moved By: George Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Sylvio Rodriguez

Carried 09-13-12

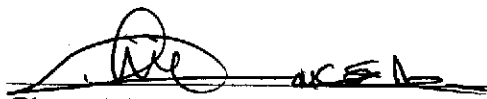
18. We might need to pay back unused money or it be carried forward for the Capacity Development. Will develop the new work plan once we complete the budget. Executives and Coordinator will set up a meeting to go through Strategic plan and decide on the 2024 tasks for another staff.
19. We need to set an AGM date; Marianne advised we need our approved budget and notice 20 business days submitted to the City. Aim for Nov 13-17th
20. Devron Development asks discussed and draft proposal to be written together with other stakeholders (WVRA, WHS)
21. Night club license definition of downtown can be found online, don't recall from the meeting. But the proposal was for City wide not a gradual expansion.
22. Make sure the board members/property owners are included on e-blasts. Add the board member information to the directory; will need to be on the digital file as printing already done. There is a link to the website, and board member information is on there.

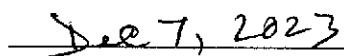
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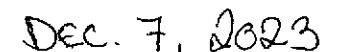
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Meeting Adjournment: Masum called the meeting to a close at 8:36 PM.

Minutes Approved By:


Chair, Masum Hossain


Date


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