



Minutes of Wednesday Jun 12, 2024 – Executive Meeting
Location: 4 John Street Time: 6:30 PM

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

Regrets: Councillor Nunziata (Ward 5, York South-Weston), Olumide Olatoye

Guests: Marianne Szczuryk

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with quorum at 6:38 PM. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded.

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended

Moved By: Omar Warsame **Seconded by:** Sylvio Rodriguez

Carried 06-12-01

Conflict of Interest – Masum. Has been in touch with the integrity commissioner regarding Devron and his property.

Motion: To approve the May 2024 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Peter Kalamaris

Seconded by: Omar Warsame

Carried 06-12-02

BIA Chair's Report

Masum presented his report, the following comments were made:

1. The Councillor arranged a meeting about the bench pavers/interlocking stone issue at Lawrence and Weston in May 30th, and Romano from the WVRA was there too. Which was inappropriate according to Chair, this is strictly a BIA project. RBC is concerned they will be held liable for any injuries happen.

Motion: To write letter to Councillor's officer stating BIA is not responsible for maintenance until the pavers are switched out.

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

Carried 06-12-03

2. Farmers Market started smoothly. There is risk of protest against Dream from York-South Weston Tenants Association on grand opening weekend, Councillor's office and Dream requested that the BIA get barriers and security for the Grand Opening meeting. Unclear

why the BIA should do that since the protestors have made it clear in writing to us that the plan on remaining peaceful. BIA needs to stay in an a-political position

Motion: To deny Councillor's and Dream's request for security and barricades via a letter
Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Omar Warsame **Carried 06-12-04**
Abstained by: Suri Weinberg-Linksy

George Kalamaris entered 7:16

Motion: To write a letter to York-South Weston Tenants Association
Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** George Kalamaris **Carried 06-12-05**

3. The Councillor's office requested the BIA to clean up blood on the street in front of 1901 Weston Rd after an incident at Weston Station on the weekend. Not BIA's responsibility, shortly after 311 followed up that the Fire department was dispatched to clean the street. BIA did not have to take any action. Just clarified with coordinator that it was not BIA responsibility.
4. The flower baskets and planters are not ideal, do not look great. Too much confusion between landscaper and coordinator and board as to why the flowers were selected.

Motion: Accept Chair's report
Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** George Kalamaris **Carried 06-12-06**

Councillors Report

The Councillor was absent so there was no report.

Treasurers Report

- Peter will meet with Nicole to go over months end process
- Peter is working on month end and will get to ZMA before the month's end

Motion: To accept the Treasures Report
Moved By: George Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Jonny Repasch **Carried 06-12-07**

Devron parking easement issue

Chair exited due to conflict of interest 7:55 pm and Vice-Chair took over leading meeting

- Marianne recommended that the Board to make clear points to Devron/Councillor as to what their asks are.
- A board member should reach out to Devron asking due to the sensitive nature and they have the rapport built already.

Motion: For Vice-Chair to reach out to Devron for a Zoom or in-person meeting by end of month
Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Jonny Repasch **Carried 06-12-08**

Chair re-entered 8:16 pm resumed leading meeting

Marianne Szczuryk

- City is looking at resources to better support BIAs and their training. Ex. conflict resolution and presenters to come to the board and do some trainings. BIAs should reach out if they can think of areas, they want training on.
- Chair asked about traffic studies. Marianne explained that usually requested through Councillor's office. Depending on what stage developments are at they can express their stand to the planning office. BIA can take part at LPAT, it's a complicated process, due to having to get votes amongst the BIA etc. BIA cannot go against a decision already made by the City.
- BIA can get consulting firms to get studies completed for them.
- Will look into who our planning person is and up until what stage a BIA can express their concerns. Will see if the planner can come to a board meeting.
- Planter grant is coming to the end of its 3 months. Board decided that they will take responsibility of cleaning those planters. LOU to be shared

Motion: Board decided to have JJ Landscaping to add in plants into the planters along Lawrence. Will spend up to \$1200 (pro-rated) for four (4) planters

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

Carried 06-12-09

Coordinators Report

- What is in the workplan is not clear where it pertains to the strategic plan many items blur the line. Need more clarification. Chair to contact Audrey to meet with Nicole about Safety RFP.
- Board prefers to have a bench instead of community board at Fern

Motion: Remove sign structure at Fern to have benches and BIA will maintain the pad. Suri to contact City.

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Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Jonny Repasch **Carried 06-12-10**

Omar left meeting 9:00 pm
Omar returned 9:24 pm

Other Business

- Chair clarified with Sylvio whether Sylvio had conflict of interests regarding Devron. He does not.
- Romano from WVRA had accosted the Chair regarding the appearance of the BIA in passing on the street. Omar suggested that the BIA have a meeting with the WVRA to mitigate harassment and personal attacks. Marianne suggested that that would be a good idea and be mindful of the tone used when inviting so that BIA is building bridges. Peter will reach out to WVRA to help with building relationships.

Meeting Adjournment: Masum called the meeting to a close at 9:43 PM.

Minutes Approved By:

Suzi Wenzel-Glinsky
Name _____
Title Board Member

Peter Kalamaris
Name _____
Title SECRETARY.

July 17/25
Date

July 9, 2025
Date