

Minutes for the OHHA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday March 28th, 2024

Board Member	Position	Present	Absent
David Blakey	Secretary	x	
Afsaneh Dhalla		x	
Tonya Elmazi	President	x	
Janet Jackson	Vice-President	x	
Zein Lavji	Treasurer	x	
Preeya Malik			x
Stacey Reason			x
Lenni Rodrigues			x
Raya Shadursky		x	

Meeting Called to Order at 7:43 pm

1. Acknowledgement of quorum

Tonya acknowledged we have a quorum with 6 board members present

2. Reading of the Indigenous Land Statement

The land acknowledgement statement was printed in the agenda

3. The agenda was approved

4. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected unanimously to serve until the next AGM

Tonya Elmazi – President
Janet Jackson – Vice-President
David Blakey – Secretary
Zein Lavji - Treasurer

5. January 11, 2024 Board meeting minutes were acknowledged and approved

6. Standing Committees

All board members have agreed to serve on the following committees with the exception of Preeya, who has not confirmed yet.

Board Member	Communications	Governance	Infrastructure	Membership	Events
David Blakey	x		x	x	
Afsaneh Dhalla				x	x
Tonya Elmazi	x	Chair	Chair	Chair	x
Janet Jackson	Chair	x	x		
Zein Lavji		x			x
Preeya Malik			x		x
Stacey Reason	x		x		
Lenni Rodrigues					x
Raya Shadursky	x	x			

6. Standing Committees (continued)

Tonya will approach Preeya about becoming the chair of the Infrastructure Committee and will also question Lenni about joining the communications committee.

7. Events

Neighbourhood Yard Sale

It was decided that we would hold a neighbourhood-wide garage sale on May 11. **Tonya** will contact Leanne Hederson to get things started and will create a communications piece to promote it. **Tonya** will also create an email to appeal to all Orchard Heights residents asking for help in promoting the event.

Annual Picnic

The picnic this year will be held on September 7. Dimitra has offered to help with the organization. **Tonya** and **Janet** will turn over last year's documentation to Dimitra.

Halloween

We will continue with both the best house contest and the pumpkin walk

Christmas

In addition to the best decorated house contest we will explore hosting a Christmas event at the church with a Santa, games and refreshments. **David** will contact Alex and/or the church diocese office to see if it is available to us.

Newsletters

The newsletters are planned to be published in May and October

8. Clubs for the Neighbourhood

We decided that **Stacey** should be in charge of overall club management. That said, **Tonya** would like to take personal charge of establishing a euchre club and **David** the same for a genealogy club. A couple of other club ideas put forward in the past were a youth club, a garden club and a book club.

9. Bulletin Board and Mini-Library

Tonya will move to purchase the bulletin board from [here](#). The total cost including tax and shipping is \$1,410.84. She will approach Brian Andaloro to do the installation and to also to relocate the mini-library from its current location to one in the park. The locations for both the bulletin board and mini-library have been approved by the Mississauga Parks department.

10. Tanaka Gardens

David agreed to do the write-up detailing the history of the garden and the career of George Tanaka. Some of us will work with the city regarding the plaque and its installation in the art piece provided by Sawmill Sid.

11. Coordination with Neighbourhood Watch

It was decided that Elaine Tonge-Adamson, the current Neighbourhood Watch coordinator would be invited to all future board meetings.

12. New Board Member

Dudley Briggs asked to rejoin the board. He has previously served as President, Past-President and board member. All unanimously agreed to invite him to rejoin the board. **Tonya** will inform Dudley.

13. Stop Signs

Posts for future stop signs have been placed at Skyline and Park Royale. No date for the appearance of the stop signs has been provided by the city. If they don't appear by the middle of April, **David** will contact Stephen Dasko's office for an update.

14. Insurance Coverage

Concern has been expressed that we, as board members, could be subject to repay fees incurred by a developer in defending a challenge to the developer's plans. **Tonya** is checking with our insurance provider. See [here](#) for the source of our concern.

15. Annual General Meeting Wrap-up

All agreed the venue was more than adequate and in general the meeting went very well. Lessons have been learned for next year.

16. Other Items

- **Tonya** will create a short survey regarding the no parking signs adjacent to Ron Searle Park to be used as grounds to have them removed.
- **Tonya** announced that she will be on vacation from June 15 to August 13.
- **Raya** is attending an upcoming meeting concerning new grants from the City of Mississauga that may be available to neighbourhood organizations

The meeting adjourned at 8:52

NB: If your name is highlighted in **red** then you have an action item