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JWN Executive Board Meeting – March 17, 2020 (on Zoom)

Board Members Present: Ted Coopman (Chair); Dillon Thomson (Vice Chair, NLC rep.); Sue Cummings (Treasurer); Alese Colehour; Cas Casados; Noah Eber-Schmid; Eric Dil

Absences: None

Guests: None

1. Meeting called to order

The Chair called the meeting at 6:30 to order. Agenda adjustments: None.

2. Brief reports from Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and NLC rep

Chair (Ted) - Nobody showed up for the MAT clinic open-house. Chair meets them on Thursday, March 19. / Board member that intend to resign need to confirm that by email.

Treasurer (Sue) - Sue reports that total in OCCU Savings account is currently \$ 800.00, and in ENI account \$ 176.20. Petty cash: \$ 58.03.

Secretary (Eric) -

NLC (Dillon) - In last month NLC meeting following items were discussed: Guidelines for use of funds and conflict of interest, use of public spaces, money from city for neighbourhoods for emergency preparedness, and refinement plan Santa Clara.

3. Brief committee reports

Neighbourhood Matching Grant - Neighbours around EWEB substation would like to use NMG for landscaping.

Outreach - E-news focus on pandemic updates.

Events - n/a

Advisory boards - Dillon and Noah: no news on advisory boards.

Friends of parks affiliates - Park work parties are canceled given Covid risk.

Committees - Chair: Would like to form emergency preparedness committee

4. Prior general meeting review

Board is in general positive about last general meeting and agrees that it is not easy to define liveability criteria. Cas looked through Top 5 as defined by people who joined GM. She is willing to share her observations.

5. Liveability criteria

Dillon: Liveability is such a broad theme; it seems to cover any binding emotion. It appears to be difficult for people to connect to theme like that. Ted: You have to apply it but you can't quantify it. People seem to be pretty happy in their neighbourhood. They value diversity of housing in and tree canopy of JWN, and they like to see more public spaces like terraces. The strengths appears to be in community. The challenge is perceiving and expanding what we have! Chair got email with suggestion to define JWN as historic district.

6. Pandemic

Ted: Paul offered to finance production of JWN hand sanitiser. Pandemic has huge effect on neighbourhood. Regular events like Saturday market are canceled. Restaurants try to survive by offering take out food. Cas: People are really freaked out being unemployed. Alice: There is strong need for mutual aid. We need a positive vibe.

7. Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Chair rounds up meeting by saying that he is very grateful for all that are there. That he does love and respect everybody; you have a good heart. It was an honour to work with you.

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