

WRA Minutes Template	Meeting Date January 25 2021			
Attending: Marianne Cerilli, Bert Siemens, Ken MacKinnon, Alexandra Osipova, Micheal Bennett, Ray Hignell, Larissa Skakum Boning, Ross Brownlee, Adrian Challis, Cynthia Neuderhoffer, Erna Buffie				
Agenda Item	Action	Motions, dates	Who's responsible	
<b>Regrets: Dorit Kosmin</b>				
1. Call to order	19:04:00			
2. Introductions	Our introduction question was how do you feel about the structure the WRA is taking? With a central executive and several committees committed to areas of interest. Everyone seems to agree that the system seems to be working well.			
3. Approval of Agenda		Erna Buffie moves to approve the agenda Ken MacKinnon Seconds. Passed.		
4. Approval of Minutes		Erna Buffie moves acceptance of November 30, 2020 minutes. Bert Siemens seconds. Passed.		

<p>5. Governance items</p>	<p>Marianne has entered a Document into the shared drive regarding the protocol by which disputes and conflicts could be managed within the organization. We will discuss at our next meeting. There is a meeting tomorrow at 9:30 am with Cindy Gilroy to discuss the letter the WRA sent in the new year. Marianne, Adrian, Ray, Erna, Ken and Sascha have expressed interest in attending. Hopefully we can advocate for the neighbourhood and for some more meaningful input into city decisions regarding the ward. Marianne also encourages the board to have a look at the city's new governance review <a href="http://engage.winnipeg.ca/governancereview">http://engage.winnipeg.ca/governancereview</a> There they discuss public engagement, transparency and policies Meetings on Jan 28 and Feb 1.</p>			
<p>Communications</p>	<p>Alexandra Osipova Would like the communications committee to meet outside of WRA executive meetings to discuss some details of congruency and procedure for the roll out of posters and social media events etc.. Solidifying protocols and educating everyone who is posting on the different photo file structures etc. We have the event checklist as part of that toolkit now but more needs to be done. For example if we set up a shared drive where committees can post their communications needs the committee could get out ahead of them and not be on such a short timeline. Communications needs and projects could be disseminated from there. Paul Burrows has joined the team, Larissa Skakum Boning and Melissa Bowman Wilson are also currently on the committee. Chris Green is not willing to move the website over to a new platform. There has been a lot of uptake on many of our social media posts and we are being reposted by several different places. It is generating interest and reaching a broader audience than usual. Alexandra is hoping to recruit a few more folks for the committee. It is agreed that follow through is key to the communications strategy and things need to be getting out in a timely fashion. Also it needs to be said that on public and social media we need to make sure we are not negative towards WRA initiatives.</p>		<p>see notes in Greenspace Committee</p>	

Volunteer Drive	<p>Erin Keating, Marianne Cerilli and Carla Bergstrom are working on a digital volunteer program for the website that will track volunteers and their interests. (likely nation builder or sign up) board is encouraged to look into these further. We are hoping to also set up a block by block list that Carla has offered to help with. There was talk of a community survey in the past but it hasn't been followed up on. This kind of thing can also be covered in the volunteer acquisition questionnaire. Marianne will send a video link for the board to look at.</p>			
Finance	<p>Bert Siemens reports our major expense remains insurance at \$600 per year. The majority of the money currently in the account belongs to the greenspace committee for the victory gardens. WRA needs alternate sources of funding and since the per capita grant has been rejected we need to find people who wish to help write and find grants that appropriate to help us achieve our goals. Currently there is a grant from the federal government that involves addressing racism in the community, and as there have been reported incidents of racial profiling in Wolseley, we are looking into that one as well as a grant from the kinsmen. The Health and wellness grant will be sent off to the city tomorrow morning before the meeting scheduled with Cindy Gilroy. In old business Erna Buffie needs to add her signature to the records at Assinboine Credit Union. Although our local branch is closed during the pandemic the one across from Polo Park on St James should be able to accommodate her.</p>		<p>Erna needs to follow up on Signing authority. Keep your ear to the ground for grants and grant writers everyone!</p>	
4d) Planning				

<p>5. Transport Committee</p>	<p>Adrian Challis has been soliciting volunteers for his committee he currently has 8 or 9 people on board. First meeting is tomorrow @7pm. As he sees it his main priorities are the number 10 bus, bike paths, safety and speed of traffic in the community. Adrian made a presentation to Infrastructure and public works department on January <a href="#">14th.at</a> their meeting to vote on recommendations for the changes coming in April 2021 with rerouting bus 10 up Wolesley to the Aubrey loop. Bike path will be being put in from Westminster to Arlington. Adrian is concerned that meaningful consultation is not being done. There have been many meetings and city feels they are done consulting and are moving on to the next phase Natalie Geddes of public consultation says they have moved on the inform phase for the east end of the project but we still have no real idea what the west end of the bike corridor will look like. Ross Brownlee has had much consultation with the city via public engagement processes and feels that he has been well informed in a 1.5 to 2 year discussion and survey format through the city. Overall it seems as though the city has little ability to be flexible with conflicting viewpoints. Currently they are not offering much insight into the whole project. Unfortunately, it seems as though the meetings held in 2020 to raise concerns have fallen on deaf ears. Cynthia Neudoerffer thinks we should advocate for a more cooperative decision making process. We need to consider what is meaningful consultation and what role we might need to have to be consulted with.</p>		<p>Adrian will host Transport Committee meeting Jan 26th 7 pm</p>	
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<p>6. Greenspace</p>	<p>Erna Buffie and her committee have been gearing up to the Garden meeting set for Feb 8th. She has stories in both the Leaf and Canstar. Also info up on community Gardens Facebook and Insta pages. There will be three speakers first consultation on the site plan, Then fundraising and grants and lastly trees and the importance of our urban forest in Wolesley and how we can take action to improve. Updates have been made to the WRA website to allow access for applications for an allotment garden. These will be drawn via lottery at the end of march. Area applicable to apply is from Omands Creek to Sherbrooke St. 5 of the 20 4x8 raised beds have been reserved for those in shared living situations that do not afford the space to garden. There will also be 2, 4 x 16 community raised garden beds. Sascha will set up the social media event on the WRA Facebook page Erna will link from garden page. Chris Green has uploded a link to the event on the WRA website. Communications will help with a poster Alexandra Osipova has 3 templates available for Erna's approval Jan 26th. Would like social media and postering etc to be congruent.</p>		<p>Alexandra Osipova needs to send Erna some options for the poster for the Garden meeting on Feb 8th tomorrow Jan 26th Also an event needs to be created for the WRA Facebook page.</p>	
<p>7. Housing</p>	<p>Ken McKinnon reports the first virtual meeting of the committee will be held this week. As yet the committee of 10 has only met via email string. They intend to discuss the idea of a secondary plan for Wolseley for infill housing, Omand"s Creek Bridge, and the possibility of further energy effeciency talks. Ken has set up the youtube channel for WRA use</p>		<p>meeting to be held this week</p>	
<p>8. Safety</p>	<p>Chair Dorit Kosmin not in attendance No Report.</p>			

Other items	<p>Ross Brownlee reports on his follow up for the Wolseley Winter Wonderland meeting regarding connecting with the Bourkvale side of the river to discuss how things are managed on their end. He reached out and via email originally and managed to get a phone call in with Scotty(last name?) who is deeply involved with the Bourkvale site and the community club as it turns out. In St.James there is no collaboration between the neighbours and the Community Club there as yet it is all grass roots and 20 years of experience doing it together. They ice safety test simply with hand held drills with bits marked out at different depths. Scotty thinks that the possibility of working together with the community club or possibly the WRA for that matter could lead to some liability issues. He feels the city seems to sort of pretend they don't exist. They are just now getting into bigger equipment but for years they worked with just with shovels etc. They are doing a go fund me to get some new equipment but up until now equipment was just owned by citizens and was shared as needed. Scotty is very excited about connecting the two areas together.</p>			
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