
The 519 Church St. Community Centre

Board of Directors

Monday, January 31, 2011

Meeting # 4 (2010 - 2011)

Board Members Present: Natasha Garda, Scott Bomhof, Pascal Dessureault, Tyler Fleming, Donald Middleton, Anthony Partipilo, Rudy Ticzon, and Kira Vallen.

Regrets: Lee Schofield, Michael von Teichman and Jeff Zoeller – re: change of date

Staff Present: Maura Lawless, Matthew Cutler, Rick McCarty and Helen Rykens

The meeting was opened by Natasha Garda at 6:40 PM

- 1) Welcome.
- 2) Agenda approval
Motion: To approve the Agenda as amended: Items involving guests will occur when the guests arrive at the meeting. Moved by Kira Vallen and seconded by Don Middleton. Carried.
- 3) Visitor – Kevin Beaulieu, Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam’s Executive Assistant
- 4) Minutes of the last meeting
Motion: To approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2010 meeting. Moved by Scott Bomhof and seconded by Tyler Fleming. Carried
- 5) Declaration of conflicts of interest: none.
- 6) Chair and Executive Committee Report –
 - a) Visit from the Councillor’s office. Natasha Garda invited Kevin Beaulieu to speak.

Kevin introduced himself and expressed Councillor Wong-Tam’s regrets. He expressed support for community agencies like The 519 which provide valuable services throughout the community.

Presentation Highlights

There has been a major shift at City Hall the City has known that there is a structural deficit that needs to be addressed in 2012.

Association of Community Centres (AOCC) budget – the 2011 submitted operating budget for the AOCC group is at 0% overall, with The 519 receiving a slight increase related to COLAs. Capital budget amounts scheduled to The 519 for 2011 and 2012 (auditorium roof replacement, AC replacement and elevator refurbishment) have been deferred to 2014 or later.

This is an area of concern for the Board, as not replacing the roof on a timely basis will increase the scope and cost of the eventual repair/replacement. Structural damage is likely in this scenario.

AOCC Governance Review – the framework agreement will be reviewed in the first quarter of 2011. Everything the City does will be undergoing a service review. Chris Brillinger (City Staff) will be in touch with The 519.

Kevin noted that The 519 is well respected and well regarded – a poster child for good governance. The AOCC structure of community engagement is an excellent model. In a comparison of an organization like The 519 with a Parks and Recreation Community Centre, you will see a higher level of activity and community involvement and community programs and services at The 519.

The Board noted that The AOCC model is a public private partnership. For every dollar of City funding, an AOCC will bring in 2-3 times that value in fundraised dollars and volunteer time. Therefore, we are very cost effective with other services. Private dollars + public funds = excellent community services. The Community hubs being developed by United Way Toronto look to The 519 for policy models.

The board noted that The 519 will want to be included in the terms of reference for the governance review.

The Mayor and any Councillor who wishes to visit The 519 to see our agency first hand would be most welcome to arrange a tour.

Kevin noted that Councillor Wong-Tam has been in the media discussing homophobia on the street. There is a neighbourhood meeting coming up, organized by a community member. Brief discussion on avenues available to individuals who experience homophobia on the street – engaging Jarvis Collegiate staff in the solution, calling the police when incidents take place, and contacting The 519's anti violence program for support.

Park revitalization – the community is changing and development continues. There is a Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association. Cawthra Square Park comes up in constituency calls, yet there is nothing in the upcoming capital budgets to complete the 2nd phase of work in this park. As development takes place, section 37 money could be directed to neighbourhood improvements. Cawthra Square Park is a priority for the Councillor.

The Board noted that The 519 holds numerous special events in the park, which serve to bring in residents and reduce negative behaviour such as drug use. The BIA in partnership with the Centre plan to put on events such as movie nights, a farmers market, etc. Dufferin Grove Park has made major improvements through involving community members in programming.

The 519 is also working with the BIA, Park staff, the Works and Streets to Homes on neighbourhood and park safety issues. The 519 has invested in additional lighting around the building. We now have a security staff who patrols both the building and the park on Sundays during our drop in for homeless people. The south side of The 519 sees fewer incidents of activity when the restaurant is open, as there are numerous eyes on the park. We hope to work with all stakeholders on continuing to improve safety in the neighbourhood.

Natasha Garda thanked Kevin for his report and proceeded with the rest of the Executive Committee report.

b) Pride Event Planning

Honorary Chairs for the Green Space on Church advisory groups will be Mathieu Chantelois and Natasha Garda. Advisory group members will have to be aware of and follow The 519's policies. However, we do not want volunteers to be required to read a large volume of documents.

Volunteers will be apprised of the need for competitive bidding processes and will have the conflict of interest and purchasing policies explained in a short document. The Chairs are aware of policies and procedures and will be able to ensure that volunteers comply with these documents.

Matt circulated the Terms of Reference for the Green Space on Church advisory groups.

Motion: To approve the terms of reference for the Green Space on Church advisory groups, as amended. Moved by Tyler Fleming and seconded by Anthony Partipilo. Carried.

7) Agency business

a) Community Services Partnership: Supports the Older LGBT Drop In and anti-violence programming in the Community Support Services program. Grant Request: \$35,190

Motion: To approve the City Community Services Partnership Grant application in the amount of \$35,190. Moved by Rudy Ticzon and seconded by Anthony Partipilo. Carried.

b) Major Recreation: Funds Children's programming including Summer and March Break Camps and the Family Resource Centre and the Older LGBT program. Grant Request: \$27,676

Motion: To approve the City Major Recreation Grant application in the amount of \$27,676. Moved by Rudy Ticzon and seconded by Scott Bomhof. Carried.

- c) AIDS Community Investment Program: Supports HIV prevention education and health promotion programming with Trans Sex workers. Grant Request: \$41,511

Motion: To approve the City AIDS Community Investment Program application in the amount of \$41,511. Moved by Rudy Ticzon and seconded by Pascal Dessureault. Carried.

- d) Access, Equity and Human Rights: Supports the queer specific anti hate initiatives including the reporting line. Grant Request: \$20,000

Motion: To approve the City Access Equity and Human Rights application in the amount of \$20,000. Moved by Rudy Ticzon and seconded by Don Middleton. Carried.

- e) Ontario Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf (ORAD)– trusteeship re: Community One: The 519 has been asked by ORAD to trustee a \$5,000 grant which will foster communication between hearing people and deaf people.

Motion: To approve the trustee arrangement between The 519 and ORAD for a \$5,000 grant from Community One Foundation. Moved by Anthony Partipilo and seconded by Kira Vallen. Carried.

Update: The 519 is in the negotiation stage regarding funding for one of our key programs. We should know in two weeks. This amount was not included in the 2011 budget, so if we receive the funding we will present a revised budget to the Board.

8) Executive Director's Report – Maura reported

a) Update on the 200 Wellesley project

We have distributed \$30,000 in supplies and household goods to residents via the Toronto Community Housing process.

We have two candidates for the consultant role. We will expect the work of establishing the community space and activities to be complete in six months.

9) Human Resources Policy Committee – no report

10) Finance Committee – no report

11) Strategic and Program Planning Committee – no report

12) Advocacy Committee – no report

13) Resource Development and Communications Committee – no report

14) Correspondence – none

15) Emerging Issues

Pride Uganda Alliance International (PUAI) will be holding a Vigil tomorrow evening at The 519 from 7-10 PM to honour David Kato of Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG). David was murdered because of his sexuality and activism – it is in the international news. PUAI is one of the many groups that holds its regular meetings at The 519.

16) Other business – Natasha reported

Board Retreat: The board retreat will have to be rescheduled. The two possible dates will be February 26 and March 6. Natasha agreed to circulate an email to all to determine the best date for the retreat. Note that the Board Retreat is an important planning date and it will be important to have as many Board members at the table as possible.

Next Board Meeting will be February 28 at 6:30 PM.

17) Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Pascal **Dessureault** and seconded by Don Middleton. Carried.