

OTTAWA STREET B.I.A. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013
204 OTTAWA STREET NORTH 8:00 A.M.
MINUTES

In Attendance:

P. Hayes	J. Newman	W. Kemp	E. Proietti
D. Tosello	T. Cabral	M. Black	A. Gut
J. DeNardi	E. Grad	A. Becker	K. O'Brien
N. Leo			

1. Welcome and Introductions

J. DeNardi thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. Minutes from February Meeting 2013

MOTION BY T. CABRAL TO PASS THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING.

2ND: W. KEMP

Carried

3. Policing Report - T. Incretolli

No report – Officer Incretolli will attend the May meeting. In the meantime, P. Hayes reported on the status update of the graffiti taggers. More information will be available at the May meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report – N. Leo

N. Leo reported that the 2012 audit has been complete. All other budget items are on track to date.

5. BIA Office Update and HABIA report – P. Despinic

New HABIA structure

HABIA is now officially an advisory committee of Council. The processes will now all change and the committee should have more teeth to advise Council on small business issues.

Assessment Appeals/Levy Payment schedule/BIA insurance

All of the above items will be looked at in the weeks and months to come in hopes of changing City processes that are cumbersome for BIA's.

Financial Incentives

The City of Hamilton is introducing new financial incentive programs in all the BIA's. A brochure for distribution will soon be available.

Streetscape Master Plan

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the Streetscape Master Plan sessions. There will be more to come on this topic in the next few weeks and months.

6. Committee Updates

Events

Sew Hungry

N. Leo and E. Proietti updated the Board on all the details for Sew Hungry including the sponsors list, the list of participating trucks, the website etc.,

Other Updates

Other events were updated to the group including Mother's Day and Father's Day activities.

Marketing

T. Cabral indicated that Kitchen Fitters is our next What Will You Create Today project. They are giving away a free kitchen makeover. He also reviewed the year's coop advertising plan where BIA members can pay to participate.

Farmers' Market

E. Proietti indicated that there are new Market vendors starting this spring including an aquaponics farm, Green Vision Farms, Real Sweets Bakery and Rudy's Paletta's. Kitestring also sponsored a new rebranding for the Market and the Hamilton Spectator has offered some free press.

Beautification –W. Kemp

W. Kemp reported that the hanging baskets are due for installation sometime around the May long weekend. The committee is looking for

ways to rid of the cigarette butts on the Street and the constant use of the litter containers for household waste.

7. Board member list

MOTION BY W. KEMP TO FORMALLY REMOVE M. GROVER, T. BIFANO AND K. GUIDI FROM THE BOARD MEMBER LIST.

2ND: J. DENARDI

Carried

MOTION BY M. BLACK TO NOMINATE J. FESTER-CHASTNEY FROM SYNCHRO-NICITIES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

2ND: T. CABRAL

Carried

P. Hayes to submit the list to E. Maloney of the City of Hamilton for approval at City Council.

8. Real Estate Update

A copy of the most recent changes to the Real Estate on the Street was distributed and discussed.

9. Other Items

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2013