

Minutes WPRA Annual General Meeting November 6, 2017

Location: Hugh Garner Cooperative meeting room

Attended by: Almost 100 people from the community

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Hosted by: Michael Nolan, WPRA Vice President

Home baking was available to those attending throughout the evening

The meeting was called to order.

- Christina Robinson, Treasurer, provided a financial statement. A motion was made to accept and seconded. Motion passed.
- Sponsors Re:print, Fairview Market, Kendall and Company, MiCasa and PetValu were thanked for their financial support.
- Short updates were provided on the progress with respect to transitioning the TCHC rooming houses and the work of the WPRA Working Group, including that an RFP was sent out from the City to non-profits, which had responded to the REOI.
- A short update on the City's plan for new by-law on short term rentals was presented. Thorben Wieditz from Fair BnB was present as a community member and participated in this discussion.
- Krista Lamb and Michael Nolan presented on the WPRA's new social media channels and encouraged those present to become involved in the online conversation.
- The meeting moved directly to the slate of candidates putting their names forward and to elections:

Sean Campbell

Irene Carrol

Dee Lewis

Rick Keegan

Michael Nolan

Osholene Oshobugie (due to a flight delay candidate was unable to be present)
Christina Robinson
Heather Wilberforce

Krista Lamb Appointed by Fieldstone Co-op
Hugh Garner will identify replacement for their retiring representative

The meeting was opened for nominations from the floor. There were none.

A motion was made to accept the slate of candidates and seconded.

The candidates were introduced to the members present prior to election of each person.

All candidates were elected unanimously.

Krista Lamb's Appointment by Fieldstone was ratified.

- The newly appointed councillor replacing Pam McConnell was introduced as guest speaker. Councillor Lucy Troisi has worked for the City as a Parks and Recreation Manager for 30 years and for the past year as Executive Director of the Cabbagetown youth Centre. Councillor Troisi spoke briefly about her goals as appointed councillor
- The WPRA president spoke to the organization's concerns and hope that Councillor Troisi would work closely with the WPRA on safety and security issues for the rooming houses and continuity to the process underway for transitioning TCHC rooming Houses to non-profit organizations.

The floor was open for members to ask questions of the councillor.

Draws were held for four door prizes, three donated by Kendall and Company and one donated by Chartwell.

Following the draws, the meeting was closed by motion and seconded and members were thanked for attending and participating.