



Old East Village Community Association

Executive Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14/2015
Location: 770 Lorne Avenue
6:30-8:00pm
Open to the public

Executive Members Present:

Kristina Greenaway-Courey, *President*
Benjamin Vazquez, *Vice-President*
Jacalyn Grabowski, *Treasurer*
Lori Aitken, *Secretary*
David Cook, *Director-at-Large*
Joel Eckert, *Director-at-Large*
Rodger Moran, *Director-at-Large*
Carole Perraud Joly, *Director-at-Large*
Carrie Vaughan, *Director-at-Large*

Executive Members Absent:

Jennifer Diplock, *Past President*

Executive Members *ex officio* Present:

Michael Courey, *Social Committee*
Paul Seale, *Communications Committee*

Guests:

Shelly Happy, *London Intercommunity Health Centre*
Randy Stoecker, *Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison*

6:34pm Kristina Meeting called to order
6:36pm Kristina Suggests deferral of September minutes until our next monthly meeting
Rodger Motions to defer September minutes until next month
Joel Seconds the motion. All in favour. No abstentions.
6:37pm Kristina Introduces herself. Second year of first term. Loves making OEV better
Dave 10 years in business in OEV, resident since 2014
Rodger Second year of first term. Looking forward to the changing roles of the director- at-large in the OEVCA executive
Carrie New to OEV. Likes to give back. Enjoys being a part of the welcome committee.
Michael Kristina's spouse. Not a voting member but likes to be active in our open

- meetings.
- Lori** 2 year resident of OEV. Most comfortable volunteering in a support position.
- Paul** 3 years as secretary. Now OEV news editor.
- Shelly** 20 years as an OEV resident, 23 years working at LIHC.
- Joel** 3 ½ year resident. Second year of first term as director-at-large. Excited about the buzz in our community.
- Benjamin** New vice president. Chair of the London East Historical Society. Wants to focus on maintaining and building the fabric of OEV by continuing to pursue developers for our area.
- Randy** Focuses on building community development through grassroots processes.
- Carole** Second year of first term as director-at-large. Loves to support OEV residents in all ways.
- Jacalyn** 26 year OEV resident. 3 terms as treasurer. Current focus is to resolve the OEV tree nursery and walk to shop initiatives.
- 6:46pm Kristina** Brief updates provided for her involvement in Homelessness Action Day and the People’s Forum on Eliminating Poverty. Question to the executive regarding an email received from the Urban League asking the OEVCA to support their Pledge for Science.
- Paul** Notes that historically, the OEVCA has not endorsed political candidates or political topics. There is consensus among the executive to maintain this as such.
- Kristina** Will forward the Urban League’s email to the group and any of us may support it on a personal level if we choose to do so.
- 6:51pm Kristina** She’s attending the next planning meeting on October 21st with Jen Pastorius and Sarah Merritt from the BIA. This meeting is a precursor to the next public meeting due to be held November 4th. Details to follow in the coming weeks. Kristina wonders if we need to invite others to attend these planning meetings?
- Rodger** Asks is we should be concerned that our current OEV representative to the McCormicks development, Oliver Godbout, is no longer a voting member of the OEVCA?
- Paul** Suggests the more the merrier.
- Jacalyn** Wonders if we can obtain reports from our representatives so the executive are up to date on the goings on? Even a verbal update would be appreciated.
- Benjamin** Endorses the desire to have a board appointed representative for reporting purposes.
- Kristina** Notes that other initiatives that affect OEV don’t necessarily have a board appointed representative (ie. Queens Park committee).
- Benjamin** Wants to see the president plus one other executive member on the

- McCormicks committee.
- Jacalyn** Wonders if Greg Thomson might be willing to get more involved?
- Paul** Indicates that we could ask the city for permission to appoint additional representation. Asks Kristina to let us know how the city responds. Wants to know if November 4th is the next public meeting. Kristina will let us know when she's certain.
- Shelly** Offers LIHC support to McCormick's residents.
- Benjamin** Motion to address future policy regarding OEVCA executive representation on city and other committees.
- Jacalyn** Seconds the motion. All in favour. No abstentions.
- 7:02pm Shelly** LIHC offers both primary health care and holistic care. This includes social workers, psychologists, gender and age-based programs, support for aboriginal community members, and many more. Their programs often include the vulnerable and marginalized. LIHC encourages leadership, fostering community identity, developing skills and resources and building relationships. Historically, they helped form the OEVCA and the Boyle Activity Council. They also led the charge on the Save Lorne Ave campaign and continue to help Carson Library maintain their identity within the community. LIHC runs the Fuel Up nutrition program at Beal Secondary School and the Boyle After School program. Their current initiative looks to focus on "What will your library be like 100 years from now?" They are facilitating an art project wherein community groups will choose one of 8 questions pertaining to the library's future 100 years from now and using artistic means, display the answer to the chosen question on a square of fabric. These will be arranged to form a travelling exhibition throughout the area. The OEVCA chooses question 1, "What will your library look like in 100 years from now?". Our square will be completed at the end of tonight's meeting.
- Paul** Wonders if the LIHC has a point form condensed history of their operation?
- Shelly** No, but she'd be willing to compile that as an informative reference tool for future use.
- Michael** Notes that the homeless outreach centre has been closed to reduce unfavourable behaviour along the Dundas Street corridor due to a rise in crime and potential danger to LIHC staff. Are the services that were available at the drop in program available elsewhere?
- Shelly** Yes. Those services are all still available through LIHC's main entrance...just no longer on a drop in basis.
- Dave** Asked who handles LIHC's Twitter account because he wanted to pass

- along that they're doing a great job.
- Shelly** She'll pass this along to Meghan.
Also wants to remind us to continue to promote the Skillshare project being developed by OEVCA and LIHC. Their logo design contest has only received one submission so far.
- 7:34pm Paul** Member message refresher. They're messages sent out to provide information for upcoming events and keep in touch with our full list of members.
These are drafted by OEV News and distributed by the secretary (the secretary maintains the distribution list).
Paul asks us to keep an eye out for any gaps in information so we can ensure we never miss anything.
We also distribute information from the BIA, Western Fair District, the Western Fair Farmers and Artisans Market and the Boyle Community Centre.
- 7:39pm Kristina** Wants to survey the executive for a pre-plan of agenda items prior to our twice yearly strategy meeting scheduled for November 1st.
This includes thinking about our statement of purpose, what's important to us and what we'd like to lobby to include on our calendar.
- Randy** Suggests a shift in thinking. Consider "how" something is important is often more productive than thinking of "what" is important.
He notes that formula thinking is often helpful:
Look at all suggestions.
What's easiest or most winnable?
What do we think is most important to our residents?
- Kristina** Likes these ideas for sorting through brainstorming lists.
Notes that the walk to shop, front yard parking and traffic calming issues are important to her.
- Michael and Paul** Suggests two lists, one for existing initiatives that still need work and one for new initiatives.
- Randy** Suggests a 3rd for existing initiatives that we're doing well and wish to maintain.
- Group** Existing but developing:
Block party, soirees, annual general meetings, garden party, finding block connectors for the community exchange (skillshare) project and the history symposium.
New:
Oral history of the area, petty crime issues, Neighbourhood Watch program.
Existing but doing well:
Newsletter, welcome baskets.
- Benjamin** Has a dream of seeing an OEV internet radio station come to fruition.
- Jacalyn** Transplant trees out of the OEV tree nursery, Christmas tree sale, worries

that walkability may be a winter concern with the new community mailboxes. (Jesse Helmer is currently exploring changes to the snow removal policies).

- 7:50pm Benjamin** Requests \$141.25 from OEVCA budget to pay half of the cost to rent Aeolian Hall for the History Symposium. The Hamilton Road BIA will pay the other half. 125 people attended last year. Only \$20 donated last year but donation box wasn't advertised. They plan to heavily advertise the donation box at this year's symposium.
- 7:54pm Group** All in favour. No abstentions.
- Jacalyn** Notes that Kristina and Benjamin need to visit the bank to update the signing authority for our account.
- Michael** Hopes for online payment becoming available for OEVCA membership renewals. This may streamline the process.
- 8:04pm Kritina** Wishes to go back to a regularly scheduled monthly meeting day/time. She'll send a survey out to the group to solicit our suggestions.
- 8:05pm Kristina** Meeting adjourned.