



Old East Village Community Association

Winter General Meeting and Soiree
 Friday, January 29th/2016
 Location: Aeolian Hall
 Time: 6:30-9:30pm
 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*

Guest Speaker:

Mike Courey, *Project volunteer with the OEV Community Exchange Program*

8:13pm	Kristina	<p>Official welcome and kick off our winter general meeting and soiree</p> <p>Some of the highlights in 2015 included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boulevard Blitz ● Garden Party ● Healthy Hearts Festival ● the annual Block Party & neighbourhood yard sale ● exciting development underway at both the Kellogg's and McCormick sites in the smokestack district ● newsletter distribution to over 2,000 homes <p>The OEVCA delivers all of this exciting news and information to OEV residents and friends of OEV in a myriad of ways including posters, our volunteer produced newsletter, email messages out to our members, through social media and of course, through word of mouth</p>
8:16pm	Kristina	<p>Would like to give a big thankyou to Paul Seal for all of his hard work and dedication in his past role as secretary and chair</p>

		of the communications committee. Also wants to thank him for putting up with her as a ‘fly by the seat of her pants’ president. Since his departure, the OEVCA is redistributing Paul’s task list and we’ve certainly realized that it takes many people to replace one Seale.
8:18pm	Kristina	<p>Introduced all of the members on the OEVCA;</p> <p>Benjamin Vazquez, Vice President - a wealth of knowledge on local history, city planning and our current development issues in OEV</p> <p>Lori Aitken, Secretary - quick with the minutes and great at keeping everything in order</p> <p>Jacalyn Grabowski, Treasurer - an OEVCA executive member ‘since the dawn of time’</p> <p>Carole Perraud-Joly, Director at Large - organizes all of the volunteers and plans all of the social events</p> <p>Joel Eckert, Director at Large - our communications whiz</p> <p>Rodger Moran, Director at Large - enthusiastic and always bringing special guests to the meetings to give us good ideas and educate us on what’s going on in neighbouring areas</p> <p>Dave Cook, Director at Large - well known for the Western Fair Farmers and Artisan Market and Fire Roasted coffee and he’s formed a development sub-committee within the OEVCA to keep up with all of the development changes and opportunities in and around OEV</p> <p>Carrie Vaughan, Director at Large - last but certainly not least, Carrie heads of a volunteer list made up of Esther Andrews, Bailey Teeple and Angela Galloway who assemble and distribute welcome baskets to new residents who move into OEV. In 2015, they delivered 62 welcome baskets! If you have a new neighbour, email their name and address to oevwelcome@hotmail.com so they’ll get a welcome basket, too!</p>
8:22pm	Kristina	Presented Rodger Moran with an OEV history book and t-shirt to thank him for his service on the OEVCA. Rodger is stepping down for personal reasons. The OEVCA supports Rodger in this decision and wishes him all of the best.
8:24pm	Kristina	Photo gallery of memorable OEV pictures from 2015 including volunteer extraordinaire, Marianne Patterson with the walking school bus
		2016 OEVCA Mission Statement: In 2015/2016 the OEVCA will promote the skills and talents of our community through the implementation of our community exchange program. We will continue to closely interact with the stakeholders involved

		in local redevelopment projects. These efforts will complement our ongoing commitment to interconnectivity in the neighbourhood and through the city.
8:27pm	Benjamin	Updates on local development issues...the new grocery store, McCormicks and Kellogg's developments and rapid transit plan are all ongoing. There are still planning meetings coming up or other ways to get involved. It's so worth it! The Adelaide Street train crossing issue has begun it's planning process. This will take place over the next 1-3 years through the consultation phase. Please get out to these meetings and make your opinions, preferences or concerns known.
8:29pm	Kristina	The Lorne Ave public school request for proposals has not gone out yet. OEVCA is watching this very closely as Kristina sits on this committee as our community liaison and she'll keep us apprised of any developments on this issue.
8:30pm	Kristina	Can we get a motion to adopt the mission statement? Toni Rai will motion. Seconded by Rodger Moran. All in favour? Majority reached by show of hands. No opposition voiced.
8:31pm	Kristina	Wants to point out that our Ward Councillor Jesse Helmer is with us this evening. He's been a tremendous resource keeping the OEVCA on point with city and community issues. Thank you, Jesse!
8:32pm	Mike Courey	In previous meetings over the past year, the Community Exchange Program (herein noted as CEP) has been updating us on this concept and how the planning stages have been going. Ellen Husk has been an active member of this program, too. It's a local trading system which facilitates the ability to trade resources, skills, services or goods between residents in a certain geographic region. Participants may choose to use the barter system or monetary compensation as agreed between parties. The project includes an online tool developed by SEO Ontario and LIHC has been helping with securing grant funds, documentation, facilitating meetings and setting up block connectors. Block connectors are the key to success in the program as they will liaison among the neighbours on their block to make everyone aware of the program and help to register those who wish to participate.
	Earl	Audience member Early asked if there's any worry of the government causing any complications with the CEP program (ie: dipping in for taxes on transactions, etc)?
	Mike	Answer: This project has been facilitated by a volunteer group

		but once up and running, all transactions will take place entirely between individuals. The project group is not involved in transactions. An interesting note: In Calgary, a similar project is up and running successfully and they've even developed 'Calgary bucks' as currency for the program. It remains to be seen whether something like that will develop with our project here.
8:35pm	Question period	A number of other questions were asked regarding the CEP program which Mike Courey answered. Fortunately/unfortunately, I was approached by several residents interested in renewing or obtaining new OEV memberships so I was tied up with that and unable to capture the question period in the minutes. We'll address this in the planning for future meetings so both minute taking and membership sales can occur simultaneously.
8:40pm	Carole	Social event and volunteer coordinator Carole Perraud Joly spoke of the annual summer block party and our need for a good quantity of volunteers. There are lots of simple, low commitment volunteer opportunities available. The first block party planning meeting is at 7pm on February 16th/2016 at Carson Library. Everyone is welcome regardless of how much or how little you're interested in being involved. If you can't make it, all is not lost. Contact Carole or Mike Courey and they'll bring you up to speed on what's discussed at the meeting.
	Toni Rai	Toni spoke up to mention that he'll be booking the groups for the entertainment stage again this year. If you know of any musical groups that are interested in playing, please let him know. You could also pass the info through Carole or Mike or anyone on the OEVCA.
	Carole	The other important event this year is the 2016 version of Healthy Hearts week. Last year it was one week long and focused on cardiac health (boot camp, yoga, cooking, etc). This year it will run over 2 weeks to give people a greater opportunity to participate. Some of the same great activities will be included but this year we'll be using a passport and you can get stamps at all of the places where you participate. Some of our local merchants will be getting involved offering classes or special meals, etc. The new event name is the OEV Health Challenge. You can get involved in the planning, too. Paul, Carrie, Jacalyn, Jacob, Kristina, Maya and Carole would love to have your help! If you know of businesses that might want to get involved, please let them know. We'll promote their

		business through health focused promotions.
8:44pm	Jacalyn	<p>Before she gets started, we'd like to develop a slogan to put on our banner when we set up a display table at festivals. Any ideas? We'll come back to this in a few minutes...</p> <p>Financial update: Revenue \$16467 in 2015. Most of this came from two grants of approximately \$5000 each. We earned approximately \$4000 from sponsorships. The rest was from newsletter advertising, memberships, etc. Expenses totalled \$17534. The block party almost broke even. We spent almost all of the Healthy Hearts grant. We reserved a small amount towards putting on this year's event. If we didn't use or designate the funds, we had to give it back. We spent all of the garden blitz budget. The newsletter is our most significant expenditure. T-shirt sales are down. We're hoping to boost that in 2016. Each annual general meeting costs approximately \$300 so if you're willing to give more...please do!</p>
8:48pm	Jacalyn	<p>Our municipal bylaws don't allow for parking on the street overnight (some years they lift this in the summer months) and you can't park in your front yard or on your grass. For a long time, we've been given a reprieve as our neighbourhood was built before cars existed. Unfortunately, a handful of minor complaints have brought this issue back to the forefront. The OEVCA is working with the city to develop guidelines for making the process of obtaining parking permits more streamlined and with less red tape. We'll keep you posted on our progress.</p>
8:49pm	Kristina	<p>Back to our slogan ideas</p> <p>Paul Seale noted that as Jacalyn said "if you want to give us more, please do!"</p> <p>Toni Rai suggested that we're "THE place to live".</p> <p>Carroll Halford suggested "Where we love to live".</p> <p>Kristina indicated that we'll keep all of those good ideas in mind.</p>
8:51pm	Kristina	<p>Wanted to thank all of the executive, the many volunteers (again, it takes many people to replace a "Seale"). Thanks to newsletter volunteers Marty Godfrey, Angela Galloway, Zack, Brook, Sarah Howard, Kevin Greene, Patrick Dunham, Jenny Diplock and Adam Flint. The next newsletter will go out on February 27th/2016. Thanks to musical guests Westminster Park and Kevin's Bacon Train.</p>
8:53pm	Kristina	<p>Does anyone in the audience know of anyone interested in submitting a proposal for the Lorne Ave site? If so, maybe the</p>

		<p>OEVCA and local residents would like to review any potential proposals in the hopes of making any local proposals as successful as possible. Sarah Brooks feels strongly that working as a group to bring forth ideas for the site has some real potential.</p>
8:56pm	Kristina	<p>A few more thank you's to Sarah Howard for the Soiree poster, Scott Howard for maintaining our OEVCA website, Patrick Dunham for catering and the community for being here.</p>
8:57pm.	Kristina	<p>Let's adjourn this meeting and get on with Kevin's Bacon Train!</p>