

**Notes from Regal Heights Residents' Association meeting,  
February 21, 2023 via Zoom**

Attending: John Keating, Richard Cavanagh, Margaret Smith, Mary Anne Quance (recording), Peter Norman, Harry Lay (chair)

Regrets: Linda DiGiorgio, Rosa Cordiano, Julie Dzerowicz

**1. Review/Revision to Agenda and Approval of Agenda**

- a. Agenda approved as tabled

**2. Reports from Local representatives** [an opportunity for updates from elected officials]

- a. Julie send regets. She is in Brussels on Parliamentary Duty this week and not able to attend.

**3. Projects / Updates** [by members who are leading the projects]

a. RHRA Newsletter (Brigitte & John, John reporting)

- i. Regal Heights Review was distributed by Canada Post during the week of February 6. Due to postal routes, Canada Post could not deliver to Westmount Ave or east of Oakwood. Members of RHRA did those streets.
- ii. Congratulations go to Brigitte and John and all the contributors for an excellent publication, described as a truly charming document and one that all residents of Regal Heights should be proud of and interested in.
- iii. Brigitte brought particular attention to John's invaluable assistance in the final stage: including layout, editing, proof-reading.

b. Laneway Project (John & Peter)

- i. The laneway project addresses the lane between Dufferin and Westmount, north off Rosemount.
- ii. Late in January, John, Peter and Lanrick Bennett (Executive Director of The Laneway Project) went door-to-door to talk about the laneway project. There were good conversations at the door.
- iii. In general, there is a good level of support among owners most affected by the project.
- iv. The library has not yet expressed much interest in the project.
- v. There is not yet much feedback from businesses along Dufferin and St. Clair but it is hoped that interest and support will improve
- vi. Implementation is scheduled for the summer with construction complete in the autumn

c. Recognitions – Marie Goldthorpe (John)

- i. The RHRA supports the supply & installation of a plaque at the foot of the stairs between Springmount & Glenholme Aves. Budget approx. \$50.
- ii. Message of the plaque might include references to Marie looking after the stairs, being a long-term RH resident, her friendships tying the street together.

d. Recognitions – Florence Watt

- i. There is desire to provide a plaque or other recognition of Florence's major contributions to the RHRA. Daffodil hill is a possibility [but has already been targeted for a plaque identifying it as a RHRA project (see Nov. 2022 meeting notes)].
- ii. Harry met with the principal and VP of Regal Road PS last week and described the plaque as similar to that in the RRPS front yard [honouring a grad who died young.] The school is supportive of a plaque recognizing Florence & the RHRA
- iii. The wording of the plaque is:

**DAFFODIL HILL**  
**In honour of**  
**Florence Watts**  
 1927-2022

**whose vision was to plant this once barren hillside with daffodils and trees**

- iv. Harry contacted Wynanne to verify Florence's birth / death dates. Wynanne generously offered to pay for the plaque. Harry graciously accepted on behalf of RHRA.
- e. Regal Heights Maple Syrup (John)
- i. Sap collection from 10-11 maple trees started in mid-February. So far, the weather does not promise a generous harvest
  - ii. The public "Boil Down" happens in mid-March (again, weather permitting)
  - iii. John has boiled down a first bucket. The result is not quite a syrup but is delicious.
  - iv. If anyone has empty/clean maple syrup bottles from previous years, please drop them off on John's porch (99 Springmount Ave).
- f. Roseneath Park
- i. 1-2 years ago the City did a call for ideas to improve the quantity and quality of parks, particularly in areas known to be underserved. RHRA responded in tandem with the Northcliffe Residents Association .
  - ii. The City has not yet informed the Associations if any site has been chosen.
  - iii. Recently John & Maurice Williams (Northcliffe Res. Assoc.) were told by a City staff that there will not be an expansion to Roseneath Park because the land is too expensive.
  - iv. John & Morris sent a letter to the City last week asking for more information and justification for this decision.
  - v. There is currently active conversation between the city and owner of the No Frills site regarding the development of the property.
  - vi. It is worth noting that the City has amassed approx. \$1.2 billion for park development.
  - vii. John will follow up with A.Bravo for her support in improving information flow and in exploring park supply opportunities

- g. Porch Music Tour (Mary Anne)
  - i. The Regal Heights community includes many people who make music as a profession or as a hobby.
  - ii. Mary Anne introduced the idea of people preparing a short piece (3-6 minutes?) to be performed on their porch to an audience that walks as a group from porch-to-porch through the neighbourhood. This would be scheduled for some time in late May or early June.
  - iii. Mary Anne is still looking for a volunteer to team with her to explore this idea further.
  - iv. Margaret will touch base with others at the Carol Sing (Dec.2022) to identify the opera singer who participated that evening.

4. **Seasonal Events / Updates** [by members who are leading the projects]

- a. February Pub Night
  - i. The February Pub Night was convivial but very lightly attended, likely due to the torrential rainfall that evening.
  - ii. MARCH 16 PUB NIGHT - The RHRA decided to hold the next pub night on Thursday, March 16.

5. Communications [Peter Norman]

- a. Nothing to report

6. Police Community Partnership [Rosa]

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7. **Street Beautification Coordination** [Gardening - Mary Anne] [Daffodil Hill - Richard]

- a. Coordination strategy with TDSB
  - i. Mary Anne spoke with the principal of OCI who then connected her with a teacher who is interested in enhancing her program with gardening opportunities. The collaboration will focus on the bed at the corner of Oakwood & Rosemount.
  - ii. Mary Anne is in communication with a 2<sup>nd</sup> teacher (nutrition) and hopes to meet in late-Feb to explore mutually beneficial activities (eg herb garden?)
- b. Barrel Planters and winter finery
  - i. The barrel planters are enhanced with winter finery. The winter finery will be reduced or removed as the ground thaws (likely in early April)
- c. Daffodil Hill
  - i. Richard strives to connect with Trevor Whiteside to get trees identified and dead stuff removed

8. **Community Welcome Project** [Harry]

- a. No update

9. **Finances to January 17, 2023** [Linda]

a. In the last month, expenses, about \$1,200, relating to the Regal Heights Review have been reimbursed.

b.

Operation	\$3,074.01
Heritage	\$ 76.00
Street Sale	\$ 192.00
<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>\$ 31.35</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$3,373.30</u>

10. **New Business**

a. Election for New Mayor, City of Toronto

i. The next City Council meeting (March 29), will include the start of the process to select a new mayor including the timeline

ii. There is support to organize an All-Candidates meeting, likely held in OCI auditorium

b. RHRA Outreach to new members

i. Members of the RHRA are asked to connect with residents who are active on their various projects and invite them to join the monthly meeting on zoom. Send them the zoom link.