



**Draft Minutes of the annual general meeting of the
Old East Village Community Association**
Wednesday, 25 September, 2013, 6:30pm
Lorne Avenue Public School

Voting members of the executive present: Kate Ahrens; Ken Da Silva; Jennifer Diplock (Chair); Patrick Dunham; Frank Filice (Vice-President); Jacalyn Grabowski (Treasurer); Scott Maclean; Paul Seale (Secretary); Benjamin Vazquez

Regrets: Phil Shantz; Greg Thompson (Past-President)

Executive members *ex officio* present: Mike Courey (OEV Block Party); Lewis Seale (OEV News)

100+ association members in attendance

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- 7:00pm Welcome & Opening Remarks
Approval of the agenda moved by Frank Filice, carried.
Chair Jennifer Diplock welcomed the group, introduced the members of the executive, previewed the night's proceedings, thanked all nominees for their willingness to run for executive positions, and introduced a slideshow highlighting some of the year's activity in the Old East Village and by Villagers.
- 7:05pm Slideshow: "Our Year," version available at <https://vimeo.com/76115556>
- 7:10pm Jennifer re-caps history of the association, including the heritage conservation district recognition; the re-configuration of Queens Ave; the inaugural (modern) Block Party; the heritage sign project; the work of the Lorne Ave Collaborative; partnerships with The City of London; and the work of the OEV News
- Jennifer introduces members of the executive who report on some of the year's activity
- 7:18pm Paul Seale reported on the 2013 Old East Village Community Yard Sale
- 7:20pm Michael Courey reported on the 2013 OEV Block Party and inaugural OEV Fall Festival
- 7:24pm Scott MacLean reported on the status of Lorne Ave Public School
- 7:28pm Jennifer reminded the meeting that Lorne Ave Public School will be crowned "London's Favourite Little Gem," and that there will be a SPARKS grant worth up to \$5,000.00 for a neighbourhood improvement project.
- 7:29pm Patrick Dunham reported on the OEVCA welcome program (welcome baskets)
- 7:31pm Jennifer pointed out the OEVCA's purchase of Don Earle's "Hayman House" and the plan to lend it to OEV institutions for display
- 7:33pm Kate Ahrens reported on the 2013 OEV Winter and Summer Soirées
- 7:35pm Jennifer reported that membership of the OEVCA has quadrupled over last year and that membership in the OEVCA Facebook group/community forum had reached 634.
- 7:36pm Ken Da Silva reported on the neighbourhood safety task force, including announcement of November 6th public meeting
- 7:39pm Benjamin Vazquez reported on the London East Historical Society committee
- 7:41pm Jennifer reported that the Old East Village Community Association will be represented at Culture Days
- 7:42pm Frank Filice reported on Queen's Park renewal & Public Art Projects
- 7:45pm Jacalyn Grabowski delivered the Treasurer's Report & a report on compost sales day and the Million Tree Project

- 7:48pm Membership voting on proposed bylaw amendments
Kate Ahrens motions to pass the following Special Resolution:
That articles 3.2 and 3.3 be amended to read:
3.2 The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of the Officers of the Association, the Immediate Past-President if that person is available to serve, and 8 (eight) Directors-at-Large elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Association. (amended April 2010 and September 2013)
3.3 The Directors of the Association shall number thirteen (13) if the Immediate Past-President agrees to serve, and twelve (12) if the position of Immediate Past-President is not filled. (amended April 2010 and September 2013)
The motion carries.
- 7:53 **Special Resolution**
That article 4.5 be amended to include the following at its end:
....A Director may be removed from office for non-appearance at regularly-scheduled executive committee meetings by a vote of two thirds of executive committee members under the following conditions: i) failure to attend three of any six consecutive meetings; or ii) failure to attend three of any twelve consecutive meetings without notice of regrets to the secretary of the association. (amended September 2013)
A member moves an amendment to the amendment to read:
That article 4.5 be amended to include the following at its end:
....A Director may be removed from office for non-appearance at regularly-scheduled executive committee meetings by a vote of two thirds of executive committee members if that Director misses three consecutive meetings with or without regrets. (amended September 2013)
The amendment to the amendment fails.
Frank moves the original amendment and it carries.
- 8:12pm **Executive Elections**
Jennifer explained the process, including the opportunity for each candidate to appoint scrutineers and the opportunity for each candidate to address the membership for one minute.
- 8:15pm **Candidates addresses:**
Ellen Husk (nominee for Vice President)
Paul Seale (nominee for Secretary)
Oliver Godbout (nominee for Director-at-Large)
Guido Mulder (nominee for Director-at-Large)
Greg Fowler (nominee for Director-at-Large)
Katie Toy (nominee for Director-at-Large)
Fiona Graham (nominee for Director-at-Large)
Michael Courey (nominee for Director-at-Large) withdraws acceptance.
- 8:28pm Candidates left the room and balloting began with Lewis Seale leading member volunteers and scrutineers in a count.
- 8:30 Community Input Activity: 'Your Opinion Counts'
Jenny invited the attendees to identify priorities for the association's 2013/14 executive by affixing stickers to sheets with headers "Sustainable Living (204);" "Neighbourhood Watch (183);" "Historical Preservation (156);" "Arts & Culture Promotion (147);" "Problem Properties (133);" "OEV Beautification (108);" "Social Activities (93);" "OEV Promotions (73);" "Traffic Calming (71);" and "Social Services Partnerships (68)."
- 8:45 Ballots are returned counted. Jennifer announces **the acclamation of Ellen Husk (Vice President) and Paul Seale (Secretary) and the election of Directors-at-Large Oliver Godbout, Greg Fowler, Katie Toy, and Guido Mulder.**

8:47 Jennifer thanked outgoing Vice President and founding OEVCA member Frank Filice and outgoing Director-at-Large Ken Da Silva.
Jennifer thanked the membership for attending and voting, and for taking part in the community input activity. Results to be shared with the new executive at their first meeting, October 9.

8:50pm Other business:
Jacalyn Grabowski reminds the assembly that there are free trees available, courtesy of ReForest London;
Jeremy Hayes proposes a community cleanup of the old Embassy site for Sunday, 29 September to be led by Victoria Hayes.
Oliver Hobson, Friend of the OEVCA, makes two requests: 1) that the community show compassion in dealing with currently controversial social issues; and 2) that the community show support for Dr. Tarek Loubani and John Greyson, prisoners in Egypt at www.tarekandjohn.com.

8:57pm **Frank Filice makes a motion to have the ballots destroyed. Carried**

8:58pm **Frank Filice makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carried.**

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