



Preston Street BIA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Minutes February 7, 2023, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Zoom Video Call

Attendance: Steve Moffatt, Lauryn Santini, Tony Zacconi, Joey Frangione, Shane Olsen, Sabrina Mtanos, Claudio Lepore, Lindsay Childerhose, Councillor Troster, Tessa Franklin

Absent: Marcus Filoso, Houry Avedissian

Presenter: Angelo Filoso

**9:30am – Presentation by Angelo Filoso, Preston and Albert Archway Proposal
(See “Appendix A” for Archway Committee Preston Street BIA Proposal Agenda)**

Key Highlights

- Angelo Filoso is proposing to chair a committee that would spearhead construction of a second portal archway at Preston and Albert Street.
- The proposed committee includes Joe Cotroneo, Delio D’Angelo and Leo Bortolotti.
- The experience and qualifications of the proposed committee pertaining to a project of this kind and scale are outlined (see Appendix A).
- The proposed committee is asking for authority from the Preston Street BIA to approach and meet with the City, the Planning Committee and other involved parties to discuss building the second portal archway at the intersection of Preston and LeBreton Flats.
- A draft budget of \$320,000 has been presented to the Board.
- It is noted that the original archway pillars were constructed using granite. While the objective of the project would be to create a second archway that is near identical to the first, some concessions may be made to stay within budget, including use of concrete instead of granite where possible.
- A timeline of 6-8 months is proposed.
- The proposed committee is requesting that an initial budget of \$35,000 for soft costs be approved for design and engineering. If approved, Angelo proposes to contact Ajedlian, the engineers who did the plans for the first archway, to quote out the project.
- The following motions are presented to the Board:
 - o Motion to add a director of the BIA on the committee;
 - o Motion to approve the draft Budget;
 - o Motion to give authority to the committee to meet with the City and Design Engineers;
 - o Motion to approve \$35,000 for soft costs to design and apply for permits;



- Motion to report back to the BIA Board at the next meeting on the progress and schedule of construction.
- Should the proposed committee be given authority from the BIA, the first step would be to arrange a meeting with the planning committee at City Hall.

10:00am – Welcome and Presentation by Councillor Troster, Somerset Ward

1. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

1.1 Approval of the Minutes

Approved by: Shane Olsen

Seconded by: Lauryn Santini

Unanimously approved.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Approved by Lauryn Santini

Seconded by Claudio Lepore

Unanimously approved.

2. Chairperson's Report:

2.1 Archway Committee Proposal Discussion

The Board agrees that a second portal archway should look as identical to the first as possible.

Angelo Filoso has proposed to build the new archway close to the intersection of Albert and Preston, set back far enough to not interfere with existing infrastructure and lighting. Many Board members would like to see its construction as close to LeBreton Flats as possible. It is noted that the development of LeBreton Flats will largely dictate the outcomes of this project, including timeline, location and design.

It is suggested that the contingency plan for the archway project be increased to 10% the total draft budget.

The Board agrees that some design concessions will need to be made to stay within budget. A hybrid of concrete and granite tiling is suggested for the pillars.

The Board agrees that the City's plans for LeBreton Flats may largely draw out the proposed timeline for construction. Although the redevelopment of the Flats may prevent the project from breaking ground within the next 6-8 months, the Board agrees that it is worthwhile to approach the City for pre-approvals on design and location.

The Board would like to appoint directors to sit on the committee before giving authority to the committee to act on behalf of the BIA. The Board agrees that two or more directors should be appointed to the proposed committee so that the group can be considered a sub-committee of the



BIA Board. Any board members who are interested in sitting on the Archway Committee are to reach out to Lindsay.

Concerns about the draft budget are shared. It is discussed that actual spending is expected to exceed the expenses outlined in the draft budget.

The Board would like to know actual spending for the first portal archway in 2002 before voting to approve the draft budget. Lindsay is to retrieve records and expenses from the first archway project and report back to the Board.

It is noted that the current value of the reserve is \$320,000, not including the projected surplus from 2022.

The Board agrees that reporting back to the Board with reports, quotes, engineering plans and other updates is implicit for a sub-committee and project of this kind. They do not table the final motion to report back to the Board for this reason.

The Board would like to draft terms for the proposed committee before authorizing \$35,000 for soft costs. It is noted that, if approved, while the BIA would be authorizing the expenditure, all expenses will be done internally. Any costs associated with the project must be presented to and approved by the Board in advance. All invoices relating to the project are to be expensed directly to the BIA.

Lindsay is to circulate a summary of the terms discussed during the meeting with the Board for review and revisions.

MOTION: *that the Board approve granting authority to the Second Archway Sub-Committee, once established with two or more directors from the BIA, to approach the City and design engineers.*

Moved by: Steve Moffatt.

Seconded by: Shane Olsen.

Unanimously approved.

2.2 Ottawa Footy Sevens Meeting Update

On January 29th, Steve, Marcus, Tony, Claudio and Lindsay met by Zoom with the Ottawa Footy Sevens to discuss their proposal to improve St. Anthony's soccer field.

During this meeting, it was determined that the BIA will form a joint partnership with the Ottawa Footy Sevens to approach the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board to discuss the project.

Lindsay is to provide an update to the Board following communication with the School Board.



2.2 Italian Festival Update

The Board is updated on the new dates for the 2023 Italian Festival. The city has confirmed that there are no issues with Police Paid Duty on the weekend of June 9-11. The Preston Street Bicycle Race will remain on Father's Day, June 18th and will take place on the north end of Preston Street this year.

A deadline of February 6th was set for organizations to submit requests for sponsorship from the BIA for Italian Festival events.

Lindsay is to send all proposals to the Board once received in full.

2.3 Neon Archway Repair

In January, the Board asked that a second opinion be looked into for the repair or replacement of the neon archway. The current product used in the lighting system is obsolete, meaning that the system will need to be replaced in full.

Graphix2K has sourced a product called Aurora Flex, a type “faux neon” tubing that emits a 270-degree beam of light and could be installed in such a way that the archway maintains illumination from all angles on the street.

The Board agrees that illumination on all sides of the archway is important.

Lindsay is to send all neon quotes to the Board for consideration.

3. Marketing Report

Lindsay is to send a summary of social media highlights for January to the Board.

Carry Forward Items:

1. Second Archway Sub-Committee
2. Neon Repair
3. Overpass Sign Repair
4. Italian Festival Rebrand
5. Italian Festival Sponsorship Requests

"Appendix A"

Archway Committee Preston Street BIA

Proposal Agenda

Tuesday February 7th 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Angelo Filoso, Delio D'Angelo, Joe Cotroneo

1. Introduction Angelo Filoso
2. Experience of Committee members:
 - a. Angelo Filoso
 - (i) Chair of Reconstruction of Piazza Dante and Memorial Wall
Cost \$900,000 Four Columns similar to Preston Street Art, Granite Wall
\$350,00 paid by Federal Government, \$550,000 water and interlock paid by
City of Ottawa
 - (ii) Leonardo da Vinci Mural and Monument Preston and Louisa
 - (iii) Chair of Construction Ottawa Firefighters Monument in front of Ottawa City
Hall Two-Million-dollar project
 - b. Delio D'Angelo
 - (i) Chair of the Italian Car Parade and on The BIA Board for many Years
 - c. Joe Cotroneo
 - (i) Chair of reconstruction of Preston Street , Artifact columns, Murals, Electrical
lighting and many years on the Board of the BIA
3. Leo Bortolotti original engineering firm Ajedlian which constructed and designed the
original Arch at Preston and Louisa
4. Draft Budget

Soft Costs for design and Engineering	\$ 35,000
Electrical Transformer and Wiring	50,000
Structural Sign Neon /Columns	175.000
Installation and excavation	50,000
Contingency	<u>10,000.</u> \$ 320,000
5. Motion to add a director of the BIA on the Committee
6. Motion to approve the draft Budget
7. Motion to give authority to the committee to meet with the City and Design Engineers
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8. Motion to report back to the BIA Board at the next meeting on the progress and
schedule of construction.