



Preston Street BIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

[Zoom Video Call](#)

Attendees: Joey Frangione, Sabrina Mtanos, Lauryn Santini, Tony Zacconi, Houry Avedissian, Daniele Cambareri, Lindsay Childerhose, Katy Morassutti

Absentees: Steve Moffatt, Marcus Filoso, Claudio Lepore, Shane Olsen

1. Approval of Minutes

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Approved by: Tony Zacconi

Seconded by: Joey Frangione

Unanimously accepted.

1.2 Approval of Minutes

Approved by: Sabrina Mtanos

Seconded by: Tony Zacconi

Unanimously accepted.

2. Chairperson's Report:

2.1 Welcome Daniele Cambareri

The Board warmly welcomes Daniele Cambareri to the Board. Daniele is the President of Dynacorp Construction Ltd., with a head office located in Preston Square. Daniele has been brought on as an ex-officio Board member with non-voting rights. The Board voted to elect Daniele on September 19th by e-vote.

2.2 Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will take place on October 17th at Collaburo. Registration and doors open will start at 6:30pm and the meeting will officially commence at 7:00pm. There will be light refreshments. 50 people have confirmed their attendance at the annual meeting so far.

2.1.1 Agenda



City Councillor Ariel Troster will give an address at the AGM to open the meeting, where she will speak to community safety in Somerset Ward. Dawn Lyons and Suzanne Obiorah from Somerset West Community Health Centre will give a presentation on the drug and homelessness crisis. Angelo Filoso and Jon Hobin have also agreed to speak about their respective projects. Lindsay will present the Year in Review and the Financial Update. Steve will give a Chairman's Address to close the meeting.

2.1.2 Approval of the Draft Budget

The draft budget was circulated with the Board in September. Lindsay reviews the key highlights for the proposed budget for next year. The Board is asked to approve the draft budget for presentation at the AGM.

Motion: to approve the 2024 Draft Budget

Moved by: Tony Zacconi

Seconded by: Joey Frangione

Unanimously accepted.

2.3 Second Archway Committee Update

Lindsay shares an update with the Board about the Second Archway Committee. The Committee met with City Councillor Ariel Troster on Thursday, October 12 to share the official drawings and ask for her support. The City Councillor is in support of this project and has offered to find funding that could help. Angelo Filoso, Chair of the Committee, will present the plans to the members at the AGM.

2.4 Bridge Replacement Update

2.4.1 Blade Signs

Lindsay shares an update on the bridge replacement. The underpass signs and murals are now in storage at Bayview yards. The blade signs were removed and are now being stored by Heritage Grade, the company who originally built the signs. The Board is asked about the new blade sign program; will the BIA keep blades for businesses who are no longer on the street as historical landmarks, or will old blades be removed to make room for new businesses?

Sabrina agrees that keeping the old businesses on the signs is a nice addition to the street.

Tony adds that new businesses should have an opportunity as they are currently paying into the BIA budget; they should have first say.

The new Blade Sign Program is tabled until the next meeting.

Lindsay is to report back to the Board on the cost of creating new blades for the signs.



2.5. Street Maintenance

2.5.1 Winter Maintenance

Installation of the winter public art covers is scheduled with Ottawa Public Art for early November.

The BIA is looking for a new contractor for the snow removal at the Bambini. In years past, the BIA contracted Denis Klavdianos to clear snow at Preston/Gladstone for \$16/hour, however this service is no longer offered. Lindsay is to report back to the Board on the plan for snow removal in winter 2023/2024.

Removal of the large wooden chairs at Preston Square has been scheduled as well. PGI has asked to keep their chair up for the winter and will manage snow removal for the piece.

2.6 Board Meeting Format

It is proposed that Board meetings return to in-person. All present Board members agreed. The November Board Meeting will be held in person at Preston Square on the 11th floor.

3. Marketing Update:

3.1 SPAO Artwalk Update

Katy shares an update on the SPAO ArtWalk. A first round of prints has been installed on five properties within the BIA. Jon Hobin, Director at SPAO, will provide an update on the project at the AGM.

3.2 Social-Media and Website Report

Katy shares the social media and website report for the month of September. A one-page report will be shared with the Board.

4. Financial Report:

4.1 Operating Status