

JRA Agenda and Minutes

Helen Vassilakos is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: JRA Bi-monthly Board meeting (election planning)

Time: Feb 16, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Attendees:

Regrets:

Chair:

Minute/Note taker:

Time	Item	Discussion	Notes	Action items (who & what)
7-7:30	Provincial Election How? What? Where? Why? Who?	-brainstorm ideas with committee leads. -survey for community members to identify issues of concern. Notes and agenda from Bhutla's budget meeting with residents groups: https://docs.google.com/document/d/14_haNJDDj0un4gssagemS1xMfbFcadY5/edit?usp=sharing&	JRA Meeting Board (Feb 16 2022) IN ATTENDANCE Helen V Sam C Mahima Mario Sue F Katherine M	

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H- let's discuss upcoming election- how to get residents get to know candidates. "Chat" rather than debate? Debates are dry and FOSTRA may be planning something like that so let's do our thing

S- What about having some pre-submitted questions? Give the, the questions before hand so they have time to digest...?

H- Like an informal sit-down?

Mahima- but how would we logistically? Worried about timing- election is June 2? When would this happen? And all the different parties- how do we do something and stay a-political? If we invite one, we have to invite everyone?

S- yes. and in other organizations they go by the criteria of the federal style- go with parties that have a seat? Or highest percentages? Like the main 4. How many ran last time?

			Mario- could we combine with other groups? FOSTRA, other residents groups? H- Those groups might want to have debate tho, where we want meet and greet S- they might appreciate the more casual event. Concerned about doing individual ones- may not get everyone out to each one. And if they are all together, it makes it easier to contrast different opinions Mah- give each participant have equal amount of time to respond at the event. Would we need a moderator? Keep everyone on time H- and leave debate out of it. Mario- invite all the candidates and keep it very controlled H- yes that's what made the BWV debates so good- having the questions handed out beforehand. They had 8 topics with questions (it was a debate)a and invited people to send in questions before hand. Also had some spontaneous questions during Q&A. This way	
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			there is no attacking yeah other, and is less boring Mah - really does make it easier to head what everyone thinks K- will have to give clear ground rules on timing and no attacking H- I have ground rules templates from other organizations that cover that, in our planning sessions. We can review these and “borrow” what works for us....also add our own. S-We can mute people if need be. Also, residents with kids, could ask classes/teachers to come up with questions to ask? Make it a school activity? They could discuss it in classes afterwards. I have a few parents i could ask.... Mah- and I’m on Parent council at High Park. Could the question be posed as from youths, and frame their answers that way. S- and if there’s too many questions (and not enough time), we can upload....	
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			K- make it a small ask group and get teachers to filter best questions S- yes, keep it to the schools in our catchment H- so, we have about 2 hours..... BTW The 413 has been cancelled So do we need to send out a survey if we are going to be asking people to submit? K- Maybe they get the survey plus a blank spot to add their own issue? S- need to send it out before May to get to candidate. Let's come back to this H- we will have to plan this- M- let's send it to Community outreach subcommittee. S- yes the meeting is in two weeks- that's enough lead time	
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7:30	Bylaws related to insurance	-review the bylaws together to establish whether we need membership to approve the cost of insurance. https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:654158b1-6745-4d90-acfe-412ae3425d70 https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VUcojdcHmBO2ZepUxcZq9LoD5IZ_n0gV/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=100541650812044401215&rtpof=true&sd=true	BYLAWS- do we need permission from members to get insurance? Is it in our bylaws? S- It says in our bylaws having insurance is non-negotiable. K- wasn't it approved in the budget at the AGM? Membership voted in March 2021 to allow for D & O insurance expenses. H-	

			Given that insurance is non negotiable, as indicated in our by-laws, we will go ahead and purchase General Liability Insurance. Annual General Liability application: Had to present a list of types of events we will be having to insurance company .ie. food drives, fun days, FITJ, etc. We need to have separate insurance once we start doing events I'll send out the quotes when they come.	
7:35	JRA Committees FOSTRA	-summary of Community Engagement/Events efforts. Jane's Walk- no interest in hosting an online walk. Will revisit the possibility of hosting an in person version next year. 4 Cats Art sponsorship for Four Villages- -summary of Development and Community Spaces efforts. Design Your Mains Street-	FOSTRA- Mario- 2 meetings, Jan and Feb. Jane meeting was insignificant Big one this month, dealing with official plan, drawing more members etc, the issue of "report on housing affordability" got lots of comments at feb meeting. talking about the framework on how we're dealing with development issues . And there's a parks action committee.	

		FOSTRA: Advocacy and Activism Committee Meetings (minutes in links below): January 13, 2022 https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:d3c65a09-7b18-4dbe-a54b-27dd1917d491 February 10, 2022 https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:f05385e2-ae2b-473b-a224-07946d9439bc Parks Action Committee (minutes in link): https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:8dd044e7-74d9-4223-99ef-2e7d028b4be3		
7:45	Indigenous organizations to support: The JRA board participated in a budget consultation meeting with Bhutila. Rather than doing a traditional	-identify what this action/support would look like within the context of the JRA. -Identify next steps in establishing Indigenous	S- AT Bhutila's meeting, she didn't do land acknowledgement, but instead did an action- she educated us on an indigenous organization.... Indigenous people have said they'd prefer that instead of a land acknowledgements. Can we	Helen- make spreadsheet

	land acknowledgment, Bhutila has committed herself to taking action to support Indigenous people. Indigenous communities have requested that individuals/orgs go beyond doing land acknowledgements and take action in support of indigenous communities.	organizations to add to our list of organizations to support.	start a list of Indigenous Organizations we could spotlight K- can we start a spreadsheet on the drive— helen will make one H- can we have one local one to support during joy in the junction? I will make a sheet And share it	