



**Minutes for the meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021 7pm
via Zoom Link**

Board members present: Anne Barkman (AB), Caroline Breslaw (CB), Louise Carpentier (LC), Jan Fergus (JF), Claudette Stecher Lopez (CSL), Jane Martin (JM), Ruth Allan Rigby (RAR), **Absent:** Mavis Young (MY)

- I. Call to order** Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by AB.
- II. Approval of the February 2021 Agenda** CB made motion to approve, RAR seconded.
- III. Approval of January 2021 Minutes** JF made change to V. RAR made motion to approve, JF seconded.
- IV. Presidents Update** no update
- V. Monthly Reports**
 - A. Financial Report MY absent, nothing to report.
 - B. Membership There was concern over the low membership renewals in LC report, (48) but it was clarified that WHA reduced its fees nor collected membership due to loss of lecture series. With research into the Goode family and completion of February newsletter, CB suggested WHA should advocate for renewals this month. AB will email reminder for WPL/WHA joint lecture February 25th, and mention newsletter and membership fees. CSL to draft email and send to AB/board for review.
 - C. Website AB working on items for board restricted pages which she will put out to bid with existing and other programmers. AB asked board for referrals.
 - D. Archives JM to send copy of current grant request to board. She did not have time to send draft before application due date, and mistakenly sent last year's final version. JM will also email board link to WP survey regarding nature elements in park redesign.
 - E. Westmount Heritage Council (Formally Local Heritage Council) CB had no updates to report.
 - F. Newsletter CB almost completed newsletter, waiting upon one article from Urban Planning. JF did a wonderful job on Diana Martin oral history article, incorporating pieces of Goode research.

G. Oral History JF had no updates to report.

VI. New business

- A. CB Proposal At next WHC (LHC) meeting on February 24th, CB would like to propose a series of articles/lectures on Westmount architectural styles on interior/exterior features. With board approval, CB would like to request financial support for this research from Westmount and ask researchers to contribute articles to WHA newsletter. It would be a joint collaboration between city and WHA. CSL suggested that researchers give informal lectures to residents/WHA members based on their articles, and this would be part of the compensation. CB to make proposal to city, and request that they assist with virtual presentations.

- B. Board planning meeting CSL suggested that WHA create a strategic operational plan for upcoming year or so, which board would like to see draft. CSL to request feedback from board.

VII. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned by AB at 7:58pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Claudette Stecher Lopez
WHA Secretary 2020/21



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February 2021 Monthly Reports

A. Financial Reports MYoung No updates for this month

B. Membership LCarpentier

The WHA membership figures for inclusion in the update to the WHA Board meeting of February 3, 2021 include mostly online renewals in December 2020 & January 2021 via PayPal and those who renewed between June 1 to December 31 2020 using (or not) the WHA printed form. Figures are as follows:

4 honorary
1 complementary
7 new memberships including 1 couple
38 renewals including 2 Board members & 2 Patron
94 unheard from

Figures, supplied by Anne B. and updated to by Louise to include memberships via PayPal.

C. Website Report ABarkman

An item has been added to In The News stating that receipts for donation made in 2020 will be sent out by the end of February, 2021. The printable membership application has been corrected to show the discounted membership fees for 2021, namely \$10 for single membership and \$15 for couples. Later this week I'll add something about the remote lecture co-sponsored by the Library, and will also send a reminder about it by email to our members on 11 February, 2 weeks before the scheduled date.

I only just found my notes about possible web pages restricted to Board members (discussed at a board meeting on 9 December, 2019) so I'll circulate them later this week and we can discuss them further at our March board meeting.

D. LHC, Newsletter Reports CBreslaw

LHC

Although the council's name has been changed officially, the City is still using the designation LHC for its abbreviation, so I'll stay with that. The first meeting of 2021 is scheduled for Feb. 24th. We haven't received the agenda yet. I will be presenting (with luck) the newsletter, which the members will receive digitally. I also hope to discuss the focus of the Sept. newsletter, pending approval of the concept at our Board meeting. I will also once again stress our lack of access to the WHA archives & our urgent need for more space.

Newsletter

I hope that by this meeting I will have received all the articles for the Feb. edition. Youki Copi at Westmount Urban Planning has been carrying 3 jobs recently, so her article will be the last in.

Antoine Crépeau, landscape architect with WAA Montreal, has written an excellent & lengthy article in exquisite French about the garden of the Goode property. He included images for his article, many of them from the Goode Fonds in our archives. I asked Ron Williams if he would translate the article, and he graciously accepted. He stressed that it was important to include the original French version, as well as his English translation, in the newsletter. Jane & I discussed this and have agreed that this is essential. At the time of my writing this report, Ron had sent me his translation and was working on his own description of Mrs. H.E. Goode's gardening journal. Jane has the articles that require editing & is doing the proofreading. As soon as everything is in, I will begin on the layout. I will update you on progress at the meeting.

Almost all readers will be accessing the digital version of the newsletter. The print copies will only be sent to a few Luddite members, archives, and institutions. The newsletter will be much bigger than any we have published, but the actual cost will be low because of digitization. This issue will be a source of scholarly and accessible information on the Goode House, the grounds, and the family. We are very proud of the research that has been put into this issue and the contributions by such notable individuals.

E. Oral History JFergus No updates for this month