

Meeting: Via Italia BIA Board Meeting

Date: September 19, 2023; Location: BIA Office, 836 Erie St.; Time: 7:00 PM

Director Attendees: Filip Rocca, President; Franca Conciatori, Treasurer; Mike Vonella Jr., Secretary; Tony Conciatori, Director; Graham Marko, Director; Adriano Ciotoli, Director; Pete Vitti (call in) Director

Regrets: Mark McKenzie, Councillor; Pietro DiPonio Vice-President; Teresa Silvestri, Past President

Minutes Submitted: Mike Vonella and Brandi Myles

Call to Order

Adoption of the Minutes:

- Moved by Mike V, seconded by Tony C
- That the minutes of the meeting of the Via Italia BIA Board of Directors held August 29, 2023 BE ADOPTED as presented
- Carried.

Finance:

- Franca C, Treasurer, reports that there is currently \$25,254 in the bank with \$4900 outstanding and a \$20,000 balance. Final levy installment for the year is delayed due to miscommunication with bookkeeper and KPMG. Auditors and Nizam Bookkeeping will
- Discussion regarding QuickBooks to aid with streamlining for future.
- Issue trying to file for HST as new access code is needed and government is difficult to connect with. Franca has tried multiple times and will continue to pursue this. Graham suggests trying to set up and file through bank.

Events & Marketing:

Butterfly Festival Wrap-Up:

- Refer to August minutes. Garden will begin to be winterized with cooler weather.

Mural Fest/Walls 4 All:

- Deferred discussion resumes on upcoming mural fest and sponsorship. Due to extenuating circumstances with board members going away and the possibility of quorum not being met at an upcoming meeting, an email vote was sent out. A motion was made by Filip R to sponsor \$2300 to help provide the necessary equipment the organizers requested. It was noted that the media already had focus on the upcoming event, and several board members declared that if there were more walls selected within the BIA they would have approved more funding towards the beautification of the area. The board meeting continued to discuss the vote with quorum being met and the majority votes in favour of the sponsorship. Motion was passed.
- Discussion continued about location of the murals at the block of Highland and Erie, the launch of the festival at the 400 Erie complex, what the organizers requirements were and why they chose where they chose.

Beautification/Safety:

Bocce Courts:

- No new updates from Frank at Medica (owner of property.) Filip states it will most likely be next spring when the courts will begin. Filip spoke with MP Irek Kusmierczyk regarding possible grants. Filip to follow up. Discussion to be continued.

Christmas Décor:

- Waiting to hear back from CLSS and will be able to report further at next meeting.
- Waiting to hear back from city regarding new Christmas light installation at roundabout. Will be able to report further at next meeting.
- Franca notes Christmas tree needs some more embellishments, and Filip agrees that more décor throughout is needed. Discussion deferred.

Safety:

GFCI's/Poles

- Enwin has been contacted. Garden pole is now not lighting at all. Waiting for a response as to when Enwin will be able to get to them. Once they are attended to, Bre&EI can begin their work.

Open Discussion/New Business:

Shuttle:

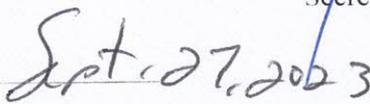
- Sold for \$2000.
- All decals were removed.
- Discussion about reimbursing merchants who advertised. Deferred until more board directors are in attendance.
- Filip notes a marketing meeting is needed. Next one set for Tuesday, September 26th at 4 pm in BIA office.
- Progress is being made at "The Well" (former Il Gabbiano.) Brandi notes she is getting the BIA as a Rainbow Registered community conducted through TWEPI
- Vibe Café reopened.
- Mancini Bakery sold the retail operations.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 836 Erie St, BIA Office, at 7:00 PM.

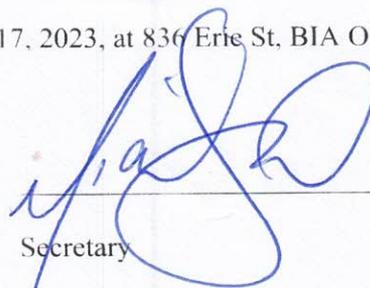
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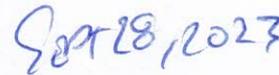
President



Date



Secretary



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