

109th Report of the
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held via remote electronic format, Thursday, September 16, 2021, commencing at 4:35 p.m.

Present: M. Donachie (Chair), M. Spencer Golovchenko, T. Regnier, R. Griesmayer, L. Henderson, J. O'Neil, M. Majumdar, M. Halliday, T. Wittmann, N. Michienzi, B. Ardiel

Regrets: R. Koudys, R. Armistead

1. Approval of the Agenda

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER

That the Agenda **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

2. Brief Remarks/Introductions

The Chair is pleased to have the Eldon House board complete with addition of our 9th member. M. Donachie gave short welcoming remarks to new board member M. Halliday; afterward she provided brief background on her interest in being part of the Eldon House board and past involvement with the Heritage London Foundation. Board members provided a brief introduction to their individual participation with Eldon House.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

J. O'Neil declares a potential conflict of interest related to Farhi Holdings Development project due to hiring of same lawyer Farhi uses for legal issues related to property expropriation. There is also an ongoing conflict of interest on record for R. Koudys related to Farhi Holdings Development project.

4. Approval of 108th Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors (attached)

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND HENDERSON

That the 108th Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

5. Overview of Staff and Financial Reports (attached)

The Curator Director provided an update and advised the 2022 Program Plan will be shared at the October board meeting.

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND HENDERSON

That the \$2220.45 cost quoted for purchase of new NVR equipment to support our security monitoring **BE APPROVED** using funds from the Maureen Ryan Bequest.

CARRIED

GRIESMAYER AND HALLIDAY

That the Staff and Financial Reports as distributed **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

6. M. Majumdar and M. Spencer Golovchenko – Heritage District Update

The Roster of potential heritage group stakeholder key contacts was reviewed and considered complete, as drafted. The Ridout Street heritage meeting is on October 5 from 5-7pm via Zoom. This will be an initial meeting to gauge interest and support for making a positive impact along this historically important stretch of Ridout that is part of the Downtown Heritage Conservation District.

An invitation will be distributed from the Curator Director and Board Chair within the next week. M. Donachie expressed his appreciation to Strategy and Innovation Committee members, M. Majumdar (Chair) and M. Spencer Golovchenko for their hard work and involvement in this project.

M. Spencer Golovchenko suggested the initial meeting with heritage counterparts also include an overview of the Eldon House action steps regarding the proposed Farhi tower development. This will be provided at the start of the Zoom meeting by Chair M. Donachie.

7. Committee reports

Collections and Policy Committee (T. Regnier)

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER

That on the recommendation of the Collections and Policy Committee, the donation of the Postcard and the textile items (Cotton Nightgown, Corset Cover, Silk Cap and Mourning Attire) **BE APPROVED** for acquisition by Eldon House.

CARRIED

Education Committee (L. Henderson)

The Chair advised the Education Committee held a meeting outdoors on September 10th. The meeting activity is summarized within the Program Coordinator report.

NEW BUSINESS

8. J. O'Neil - Resuming in-person board meetings

There was a discussion among board members around concerns and opinions on readiness to resume in-person board meetings. There was still hesitancy from some members to being together as it may still be too soon. The October meeting will be held as an online meeting, with an opportunity to review the situation again.

ADJOURNMENT

HALLIDAY

Motion to adjourn.

CARRIED

Adjourned at 6:42 PM.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 21, 2021