

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF May 15, 2012

Present: Nick Singh, William Roberts, David Fleming, Kate Lawson, Elizabeth Elson, Gared Daniel, Brian O'Rourke, Sybil Wilkinson, Ian McIsaac

Regrets: Ed Gaigalas, John Meijer, Louis Gris, Keith Dicks

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:40.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts moved that the agenda of May 15, 2012 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** David Fleming moved that the amendments to the April 17, 2012 minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Louis Gris and carried. David Fleming moved that the amended April 17, 2012 minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer no report.
 - b. **Fundraising:** Louis Gris reported that he presented a proposal for a joint SARA and SASA Village Playhouse Fundraiser. Louis proposed that SARA go ahead with the Fundraiser and that SASA can participate. If SASA participates the \$500 fee would be split 50/50 and the proceeds of ticket sales be kept by each group. SASA will meet June 7 to discuss the matter. Nick Singh suggested that even if SASA does not participate SARA will go ahead in the fall, and SASA can join us if they decide to. A motion to go ahead with the suggestion was moved, seconded and carried. The motion was voted on and carried. There was discussion about the ticket price, whether to increase it from \$16 to \$18 or even \$20. There was a general consensus to keep the ticket price at \$16.
 - c. **Treasurer's:** Kate Lawson moved the report as read. The motion was seconded by Keith Dicks and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** Kate Lawson reported expenses for \$111.19 from the Town Hall for the mailbox for 2012 and for photocopies. Kate Lawson moved to pay the expenses. The motion was seconded by Keith Dicks and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** Ruth Stirtzinger from 12 Valleymede Road came to discuss 45 The Pallisades. Ruth reported that it appears that the Toronto Region Conservation Authority have approved the proposal. Bill Roberts informed her that the residents opposing the building of the garage need to talk to Councillor Doucette to help them in understanding what plans are being proposed and the issues of road access, right-of-way on the open road allowance and what if any building permits have been applied for. Keith Dicks also suggested that she go to the Etobicoke Building department to ask for the file information. She may also need to go via the Freedom of Information Act which will take longer.
 - b. **Membership Committee:** No news.
 - c. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** Bill Roberts reported the matter will go forward to the City in June and public input will be solicited in the fall.

- d. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 16, 2011:** Nick Singh reported that the committee will continue in it's current structure although Town Hall staff want to make changes to who does what. The committee is looking for help from an event planner. Nick has a contact that may be interested. It is also suggested that directed fundraising be focused around the Champions who are running and that the groups support their Champions more.
- e. **Southport Plaza:** Ian McIsaac reported that the studies have been completed and that the developer has agreed on their groups proposal for parking and has proposed 14000 square feet of commercial and 7000 square feet of live-work space. The Groups position on and proposals for height of each of the towers has been formulated and will be presented at the next community meeting on June 5th. The developer's position is for more, but the group will try to get some concessions.
Bill Roberts suggested that SARA have a membership table at the meeting. Sybil Wilkinson and Kate Lawson will run the table.
- f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
- g. **Portable Display Board Update:** Ian McIsaac showed two SARA banner examples. One was chosen. The cost will be \$360 plus tax to produced. Ian McIsaac moved that \$360 be approved to cover the costs. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
- h. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
- i. **AGM:** Nick reported that Karen Stinz will speak and the AGM will be on June 18th. John Meijer will produce a flyer for distribution and send it to the executive members to print and post. Bill Roberts suggested that the next SARA Executive be on June 11th. He also suggested that more people need to be recruited for the Executive. Bill Roberts motioned that up to \$100 be provided for refreshments. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried. Kate Lawson and Elizabeth Elson will arrange the refreshments. The AGM Committee take care of the details.

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

- a. **Past Items:**
 - i. **155 Morningside Ave:** Bill Roberts reported that there will be an OMB settlement hearing via telephone conference on May 17th.
 - ii. **22 Mayfield:** No news.
 - iii. **2 Windego Way:** No news.
 - iv. **1844 Bloor Street West:** No news.
 - v. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** No news.
 - vi. **Humber Town:** Elizabeth Elson reported that the Humber Valley Residents Association opposing the Humbertown Plaza is looking for support for their cause, specifically at the Etobicoke Your Community Council meeting on May 15th. They had contacted John Meijer for support. John informed them that we would discuss the matter at our Executive. There is not enough detail yet for us to give support. Nick Singh will contact the the HVRA to get more information.
 - vii. **185 Windermere Avenue:** The Land Use Committee wrote a letter to oppose the proposal. The decision is not yet known.
 - viii. **96 Durie Street:** John Meijer reported that the proposal was approved with conditions. A neighbour at 4 Mayfield has opposed the approval to the OMB. Louis Gris wil contact the neighbour to find out what they are doing in regard to the appeal.
 - ix. **2183 Lakeshore Boulevard West:** No news.
 - x. **14 Vallymede Road:** Nick Singh read the Committee of Adjustment proposal. The hearing is May 17th. Ruth Stirtzinger is concerned about the development, but the details of the plans are unknown. Bill Roberts suggested that Ruth ask the builder to see the plans to determine what is being built. If she does not see the plans she

should ask for an adjournment so the option to appeal is kept open. Louis Gris will go to the Committee of Adjustment to review the plans and report.

- xi. **223 Riverside Drive:** SARA is concerned with the excessive massing, the third floor and the height. Louis Gris will go to the Committee of Adjustment to review the plans and report. Ian McIsaac moved that SARA oppose the proposal as it is out of character of the neighbourhood due to the third floor, the height, and the GFA. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. David Fleming will write a letter.
- b. **New Items:**
 - i. None.

7. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** No news.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** No news.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** Kate Lawson reported that she has tickets to the Spring Fling Dance on Friday May 25th.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** Bill Roberts reported that attendance numbers keep climbing.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** Bill Roberts reported that he will check on the graduation and report back.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** No news. Bill Roberts will report any information.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** Keith Dicks reported that he has volunteered and has not heard anything. He will investigate.
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported that they discussed 5 to 6 floor mid rises in the Beaches with all areas of the City except Scarborough and that the lack of process for approving developments along Avenues is inadequate. They are picking up groups from all areas. The next meeting will be in July or August.

8. **ITEMS BEING MONITORED:**

- a. **Windermere by the Lake:** No news.
- b. **Humber Odeon Developments:** No news.
- c. **Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster:** No news.
- d. **2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development:** No news.
- e. **Replacement of OMB by Local Appeal Board:** No news.
- f. **City Solicitors end OMB appearances:** The matter came back up at City Council and was turned down. Close.
- g. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street closures:** No news. Move to items for Councillor Doucette.
- h. **Five Year Review of the Official Plan:** Still in progress.
- i. **Impact of Chimneys from the Construction of Taller Buildings:** CORRA discussed the matter and is trying to assess whether the issue is local or citywide. It was suggested that local Ratepayer's contact their local MPP. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA contact Cheri DiNovo. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
- j. **45 Pallisades:** See 5a, New Members and Guests. Move to Land use items.
- k. **Swansea Nursery School at Swansea Town Hall:** No news.

9. **ITEMS FOR COUNCILLOR DOUCETTE:**

- a. **Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette:** No news.
- b. **Humbergate Initiative:** No news.
- c. **Former Joyco Station:** No news.
- d. **Bloor West Urban Design Study:** No news.
- e. **Rennie Park Off Leash Dog Dog Walk:** No news.
- f. **Western Beaches Plan:** No news.

- g. **Save the Zoo in High Park:** No news.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Sale of Parkland in Swansea:** Bill Roberts gave a history of the issue. SARA's position has been that it is not appropriate to sell parkland to private citizens for security issues and that plantings should be made instead. David Fleming moved that SARA reaffirm their position to the City. The motion was seconded by Louis Gris and carried. Bill Roberts will compose a letter.

11. **LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:**

- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** No action.
- b. **State Farm Insurance Policy:** No action.
- c. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news. Move to Items for Councillor Doucette.
- d. **South Kingsway Streetcar Stop:** No news. Move to Items for Councillor Doucette.
- e. **South Kingsway Ramps:** No news. Move to Items for Councillor Doucette.
- f. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:** No news.

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday June 11, 2012.

13. **ADJOURNED:** 10:00 pm.