

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF June 11, 2012**

**Present:** Nick Singh, William Roberts, David Fleming, Kate Lawson, Brian O'Rourke, Ian McIsaac, John Meijer, Keith Dicks, Louis Gris

**Regrets:** Ed Gaigalas, Sybil Wilkinson, Elizabeth Elson, Gared Daniel

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:35.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts moved that the agenda of June 11, 2012 be accepted. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts moved that the amendments to the May 15, 2012 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
  - a. **Membership:** John Meijer moved acceptance of his modified report. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
  - b. **Fundraising:** No report.
  - c. **Treasurer's:** Kate Lawson moved the report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
  - d. **Expenses:** Ian McIsaac moved to pay \$440.70 to Seman Design for the portable banner and carrying case. The motion was seconded by Keith Dicks and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
  - a. **New Members and Guests:** David Stickney, the architect and Chris Holdenreid, the owner came to present the proposal for development at 68 Riverside Dr. David Stickney presented the proposal. The building is being torn down to the foundation, so is not being classified as as of right, and is triggering side setback and rear extension variances. There are issues with respect to privacy because of a second floor balcony. The owner is willing to comply with privacy screening. After the developers left, David Fleming motioned that SARA/SARG not oppose the application providing the developers provide the sight line screenings and build substantially and in accordance to the plans submitted at the Committee of Adjustment. Nick Singh will write the letter to the Committee.
  - b. **Membership Committee:** No news.
  - c. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** Bill Roberts reported the matter will before Planning and Growth on June 18, 2012. Nick Singh will write a letter asking to be kept advised on the matter.
  - d. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 14, 2012:** Nick Singh reported that the committee has had difficulties working though the operation of the committee with respect to management of time and allocation of funds, how to deal with champions, and other operational matters. There was a discussion on how SARA should move forward within the situation. Keith Dicks and Louis Gris have volunteered to help Bill and Nick on the committee in order to help keep SARA's presence and involvement on the committee throughout the summer.
  - e. **Southport Plaza:** Ian McIsaac reported SARA hosted the South Kingsway Neighbourhood Committee meeting on June 5 that discussed and analyzed the studies with respect to the effect that the development will have long term on the community. The development will

come before Community and City Council this fall. Nick Singh will deal with and invoice matters coming out of the meeting.

- f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
- g. **Portable Display Board Update:** Ian McIsaac moved to approve the total to \$440.70 for the banner, including an additional expense of a \$30.00 plus tax for a carrying case. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried. Ian will bring the display to the AGM.
- h. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
- i. **AGM:** Bill Roberts iterated that we need to affirm who is staying on the Executive and the we need to have a Vice President. All attending executive will volunteer for their existing positions. Recruiting new executive members is desirable. The meeting is June 18 at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers. TTC Chair Karen Stintz will speak on issues facing the TTC and the link between public transportation and the community. Bill Roberts will find a volunteer to Chair the elections. Bill Roberts motioned that we present a gift of an Historical Society publication and a card, up to \$20.00. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried. Kate Lawson will arrange the gift. Kate Lawson will also work with Elizabeth Elson on the refreshments. Members will poster the neighbourhood with flyers.
- j. **Sale of Parkland in Swansea:** Bill Roberts reported that the Toronto Region Conservation Authority refused the transfer of the parkland and now wants to have the land rezoned as parkland.

## 6. LAND USE ITEMS:

### a. **Past Items:**

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** Bill Roberts reported that the OMB approved the settlement with a detailed list of 10 conditions. They are detailed in the case decision PL110392 <<<http://www.omb.gov.on.ca/e-decisions/pl110392-may-31-2012.doc>>>. Move to monitor.
- 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:** John Meijer reported that Councillor Doucette is holding a "Development 101" town hall, with planning staff, discussing planning and urban design rules and guidelines at St Pius School on Jane St between 7:30 and 9 on June 20, 2012.
- vi. **Humber Town:** No news, but it is rumoured that the proposal was rejected.
- vii. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- viii. **96 Durie Street:** Louis Gris contacted the neighbour at 4 Mayfield who appealed the approval to the OMB and advised her to contact SARA/SARG for advice on her appeal.
- ix. **2183 Lakeshore Boulevard West:** No news.
- x. **14 Vallymede Road:** John Meijer will write an email and Louis Gris will contact Ruth Stirtzinger to get details on the Committee of Adjustment meeting.
- xi. **223 Riverside Drive:** The matter was deferred at the Committee of Adjustment. Bill Roberts and Nick Singh met with the applicant to.
- xii. **45 The Palisades:** Councillor Doucette will have meetings with City Planning staff and the neighbours to talk discuss the proposal.

### b. **New Items:**

- i. Keith Dicks reported that plans have been submitted for 70 Lavinia Ave that do not conform with the OMB ruling. He has notified the appropriate City staff and it appears that they are dealing with the issue.
- ii. Keith Dicks reported that he talked to an inspector with respect to the apparent excessive height of the building at 106 Durie.

- iii. John Meijer reported that 154 Windermere is proposing a massive development proposal where the applicant is dividing the 130' x 50' into three 33x50 with 1.13 GFA in a 0.35 zone. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA/SARG oppose on many grounds. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried. Bill Roberts will try to get Gared Daniels to write the letter.

#### 7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** Brian O'Rourke will attend the Colborne Lodge 1812 bicentennial celebration.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** No news.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** No news.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** Bill Roberts reported that attendance numbers keep climbing.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** Bill Roberts and Nick Singh will attend the graduation ceremony on June 26 and present the rewards.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** No news. Bill Roberts will report any new information from their June 12 meeting.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** Keith Dicks reported that he has volunteered and still has not heard anything. He will try to contact John Woodburn.
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported that sent a notice about the Harmonized Zoning Bylaw. They will have a special meeting to discuss.

#### 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 to end OMB appearances:** No news.
- g. **Five Year Review of the Official Plan:** Still in progress. Bill Roberts reported that the Heritage Policies have been released for review.
- h. **Impact of Chimneys from the Construction of Taller Buildings:** No news. SARA still has to contact Cheri DiNovo.
- i. **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. The park has been granted at least a one year extension on life.
- h. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street closures:** No news.
- i. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news.
- j. **South Kingsway Streetcar Stop:** No news.
- k. **South Kingsway Ramps:** No news.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Bike Park in Sunnyside Park:** Nick Singh described the development proposal, designed by Jay Hoots, on the north side of Lakeshore Blvd between Colborne Lodge Rd and Ellis Ave. There was some discussion about what will happen if the Lakeshore is moved north, to where the park is, as described in the Western Beaches Waterfront plan. There is a meeting on June 21 6:30 to 9:00 at 3 Ellis Ave. If someone is able to attend, they will bring the issue up.

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. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:** No news.

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday September 18, 2012.

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