

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF September 18, 2012**

Present: Nick Singh, William Roberts, Kate Lawson, Elizabeth Elson, Gared Daniel, Brian O'Rourke, Sybil Wilkinson, Ian McIsaac, Louis Gris, John Meijer,

Regrets: Ed Gaigalas, Keith Dicks, David Fleming,

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 September 18, 2012 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts moved that the amendments to the June 11, 2012 minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer no report. Kate Lawson requested an amended June 11, 2012 membership report.
 - b. **Fundraising:** Louis Gris encouraged all to continue selling tickets for the November 8, 2012, Dangerous Obsession. Elizabeth Elson could sell more tickets, Ian McIsaac will email condo committee to post notice in condos.
 - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson moved the report as read. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** Nick Singh reported expenses for \$18.64 from the Town Hall for photocopies. Kate Lawson moved to pay the expenses. The motion was seconded by Nick Singh and carried. William Roberts moved to pay the expense of \$36.39 for turning on the "Zoning by Law" for review. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. John Meijer moved expenses of stamps and paper for the newsletter. \$94.07. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. The Town Hall sent invoice for \$117.63 for the community meeting held with SKNC.

This is being questioned as SARA free meeting quota which has not been exceeded. William Roberts reported that no request for cancelation was brought up at the Board of Management. Nick will send invoice to SKNC and will check records and write a formal letter to the Town Hall to investigate the charge

5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** No news.
 - b. **Membership Committee:** No news.
 - c. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** Bill Roberts reported a September 19, 2012 meeting at the Etobicoke Civic Centre. He will meet with city officials to discuss proposed changes get clarification on the subtle changes.
 - d. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 14, 2012:** Nick Singh reported that the location has changed to west side of Parkside and Lakeshore. The next meeting is September 24, 2012 at 4:30 pm. Keith Dicks and Louis Gris are on the committee with Nick Singh. It was reported that the Committee declined to work with the Legion on their beer tasting. Tickets are being sold for the Danier Leather Jacket draw.
 - e. **Southport Plaza:** Ian McIsaac reported the public meeting held by the city and SKNC sent out 2,000 invitations and about 200 attended including Counsellor Sarah Doucette. Due to Veronica Wynne

1 ½ hours were spent on questions from the floor. Concessions were made as to retail space and traffic. The developer's positions on height and density remained unchanged.

- f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news. They have not met.
- g. **Portable Display Board Update:** Ian McIsaac reported that the board was on display at the AGM and this is now closed.
- h. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
- i. **AGM:** Nick reported the meeting went very well with Karen Stinz taking questions from the floor at the AGM on June 18th. Executive. The refreshments were exceptional with the suggestion that next year cold drinks rather than hot be provided. The 2012 AGM is now closed.

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

a. Past Items:

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** Bill Roberts reported that landscaping finished, the roof and deck are removed. This item to be monitored.
- ii. **22 Mayfield:** No news.
- iii. **2 Windego Way:** No news.
- iv. **1844 Bloor Street West:** Nick Singh met with the ratepayers group who find themselves behind in the OMB representation. No requests have been made as of yet.
- v. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** Nick Singh reported an opening and introduction to the charet process tonight and another one next week Tuesday with a reserved seat for SARA to guide others through the process. Ian McIsaac is interested in attending next meeting if he has no conflict.
- vi. **Humber Town:** The Humber Valley Residents Association's open meeting was attended by Elizabeth Elson. 647 Condos and no traffic study. Due to the volume of attendance another meeting will be scheduled. This issue has received televised news and press for their cause. Elizabeth will attend next meeting and report.
- vii. **185 Windermere Avenue:** Louis Gris will follow up on the decision.
- viii. **96 Durie Street:** Louis Gris will follow up with neighbour at 4 Mayfield and the OMB.
- ix. **3 Lakeshore Boulevard West:** No news.
- x. **14 Valleymede Road:** No news.
- xi. **223 Riverside Drive:** Catherin Martin sent a thank you letter for SARA's help along with a \$500.00 donation. Nick Singh will write a thank you letter for the donation.
- xii. **45 Palisades:** Louis Gris will check status.
- xiii. **106 Durie:** Building permits displayed and completed. Monitor
- xiv. **70 Lavinia:** Nick Singh showed pictures of the walls being supported by cross beam braces. Keith Dicks is monitoring the progress.
- xv. **154 Windermere:** Paula and Glen Shipman concern over the committee of adjustment petition and presentation, asked whether we will attend the October 24th meeting. William Robert motioned to write a letter of opposition and attend as witness to the hearing, to be reported from the Land use subcommittee of Gared, Louis and John. Seconded by Gared. Carried
- xvi. **24 Kennedy:** William motioned that John send letters of opposition. Louis seconded. Motion carried.
- xvii. **89 Runnymede:** William motioned that John send letters of opposition. Louis seconded. Motion carried.

b. New Items:

- i. **61 and 63 Lavinia:** Photo of retaining wall and fence were reviewed. Owner Mara of 61 Lavinia is inquiring as to her rights. Nick will suggest the owner get a land survey of her property. The retaining wall may impact the neighbours below and the City for the ravine access by law.

- ii. **Swansea Public School Design Team:** William moved Elizabeth Elson be the SARA representative. Ian seconded the motion. Carried. Elizabeth will write a letter.
- iii. **Bike Park:** Design on display at the Town Hall.
- iv. **271 Windermere:** The wall was moved forward. Nick to contact building department, copy Councillor Doucette, for permit was built within zoning by laws.
- v. **4 Points Sheraton:** John Meijer heard it was closing. John Meijer to email Councillor Doucette to ask for further details.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** Brian O'Rourke attended the brain storming meeting to increase usage of Colborne Lodge and the Coach House. Councillor Doucette was in attendance
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** No news.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** Kate Lawson reported that The New Year's Family Skate will continue its tradition.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** No news.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** Bill Roberts reported that he and Nick made the presentations at the graduation. John took pictures.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** No news. Bill Roberts will report any information.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported there will be a special meeting to discuss the Harmonized Zoning Bylaw and Heritage Policy in the fall.

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:** Closed.
- g. **Five Year Review of the Official Plan:** William Robert's emailed the link to all and is reviewing.
- h. **Impact of Chimneys from the Construction of Taller Buildings:** Monitor, nothing will happen for a couple of years.
- i. **Swansea Nursery School at Swansea Town Hall:** Construction of Phase II is ongoing.

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 Walk:** No news.
- f. **Western Beaches Plan:** No news.
- g. **Save the Zoo in High Park:** No news.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Lakeshore east turning lane for Windermere north:** John Meijer commented on how hazardous it can be of being rear ended when the traffic is backed into the Lakeshore flow though lane. John moved to send Councillor Doucette a letter to investigate and who to follow up within Transportation. Kate seconded. Carried.
- b. **SARA meeting Start Time:** Elizabeth Elson noted that meeting were running out of time to complete and motioned the start the next few meetings at 7:15 pm and evaluate the effectiveness at that time

11. LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:

- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** Nick will book the 2013 meeting rooms and sign the contract.
- b. **State Farm Insurance Policy:** Not received yet.
- c. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:** No news.
- d. **AGM – speaker, date, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments**

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday October 16, 2012 7:15 pm.

13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:50 pm.