

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF October 16, 2012**

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

Regrets: Gared Daniel, Ed Gaigalas

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Elizabeth Elson called the meeting to order at 7:20.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Kate Lawson moved that the agenda of October 16, 2012 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Kate Lawson moved that the minutes for September 18, 2012 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer moved the membership be accepted as sent. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
 - b. **Fundraising:** Louis Gris encouraged all to continue selling tickets for the November 8, 2012 fundraiser, Dangerous Obsession. The Town Hall will post the event in their glass display out front. Ian McIsaac has posted a event notice at his condo.
 - c. **Treasurers:** Deferred until the November Executive meeting.
 - d. **Expenses:** Nick Singh reported that the insurance premium of \$568.08 is due. Bill Roberts motioned that the bill be paid. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Elson and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** Dianne Bradley from the Bloor West Village Residents Association to talk about the two proposals at 1990 Bloor Street West at Parkview Gardens, and 2114 to 2130 Bloor Street West. All pertinent information is available on their web site. The community meeting was well attended. Two smaller groups have formed in opposition to the proposals. Issues relate to the size and design of the proposal and the loss of greenspace. There have been a number of working groups attended by the City, Councillor Doucette and many of the community. The solicitor for MBI indicated that they will go to the OMB on the 1990 property. City staff does not support the proposal. Subsequent community meetings regarding 1990 Bloor have been cancelled. There were some questions on procedure and process that Bill Roberts answered. Bill also suggested how to proceed to deal with the OMB meeting, including retaining their own experts in addition to using the City's resources.

Symantha Rush and Zoran Vukasinovic from 23 Dacre Crescent. Their immediate neighbour at 21 Dacre Crescent is proposing a development that will result in cutting down a 50 foot blue spruce. They have had a dialogue with urban forestry and the City attempting to save the tree, but have not made any progress. They are asking for advice and/or support in opposing the plan. Bill Roberts suggested some ways to proceed including asking the City to provide a negative planning report and hiring their own arborist. Keith Dicks also suggested getting more people to oppose and present a solid front of opposition.
 - b. **Membership Committee:** No news. Nick Singh suggested that we send a welcome letter to new members. John Meijer and Nick will work something out.

- c. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** Bill Roberts moved approval of the letter that was sent regarding the R1S to R zoning. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. Bill reported that he has completed an analysis of the by-law and submitted it to Eileen Denny at Teddington Park. It will eventually go to CORRA. Bill and Nick attended a public meeting where religious, daycare and others are proposed to not be allowed in industrial parks.
- d. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 14, 2012:** Nick Singh reported that the event was very wet but a success. Cheering and food were excellent. The Committee will meet next on October 29, 2012.
- e. **Southport Plaza:** Ian McIsaac reported that the SKNC presented their arguments at the Etobicoke Community Council. All but one councillor, Doug Ford, approved the proposal. There will be 558 units in two towers of 29 and 26 stories and 16 three story live/work townhouses with a minimum 1250 and max of 2203 square metres of retail space. The SKNC will also make their arguments when the proposal goes to City Council.
- f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** Nick Singh reported that they are investigating Heritage Conservation District designations for Bloor West Village from the river to the library. They will approach the BIA for support.
- g. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

a. Past Items:

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** Bill Roberts reported the property owner is making alterations to the property. Bill Roberts has advised the neighbours to hire a lawyer to deal with the matter.
- ii. **22 Mayfield:** No news.
- iii. **2 Windego Way:** No news.
- iv. **1844 Bloor Street West:** Nick Singh reported that the residents are trying to raise money for opposition at the OMB.
- v. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** See 5a.
- vi. **Humber Town:** There is a public meeting on October 18, 2012. Elizabeth Elson will attend.
- vii. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- viii. **96 Durie Street:** No news.
- ix. **2183 Lakeshore Boulevard West:** No news.
- x. **14 Valleymede Road:** No news.
- xi. **223 Riverside Drive:** No news.
- xii. **45 Palisades:** No news, although it appears there has been cutting of concrete.
- xiii. **70 Lavinia:** Under construction and appears to be in compliance with the OMB order.
- xiv. **106 Durie:** No news.
- xv. **154 Windermere:** This will be going before the OMB on October 24, 2012. This appears to be a winnable case, but there is no interest by the neighbours.
- xvi. **24 Kennedy:** Approved at 0.83 GFA on a 0.6 zone. Close.
- xvii. **89 Runnymede:** Approved, with landscaped open space at 4.7% in a 30% zone. Close.
- xviii. **61 and 63 Lavinia:** The neighbour at 61 Lavinia was advised to contact the necessary persons for advice.
- xix. **Swansea Public School Design Team:** Elizabeth Elson volunteered in a written letter, but was not accepted. As well, the addition has been put on hold as there is no funding.
- xx. **Bike Park:** No news.
- xxi. **271 Windermere:** No news.
- xxii. **4 Points Sheraton:** No news.

b. New Items:

- i. **21 Dacre Crescent:** John Meijer suggested that SARA oppose the variances, the removal of both mature trees, and the front landscaping altering the grade on the property. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried. Nick Singh will write a letter.

- ii. **22 Dacre Crescent:** The variance is for a below grade garage. John Meijer will take a look at the property.

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:** No news.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** No news.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** No news.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** No news.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** Keith Dicks will attend any meetings.
- 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. **Five Year Review of the Official Plan:** No news.
- g. **Impact of Chimneys from the Construction of Taller Buildings:** No news.
- h. **Swansea Nursery School at Swansea Town Hall:** Construction is ongoing, needs phase II.

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. **Opposition to a Casino in Toronto:** Deferred.
- b. **Student Volunteers:** The Toronto Public Space Initiative has inquired if we can use their volunteers as a resource. Nick Singh will ask for more information.
- c. **Wilf's Retirement:** Wilf, a employee at the Town Hall is retiring. Sybil Wilkinson motioned that SARA write a letter thanking him for his help over the years. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried. Sybil will write the letter.

11. LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:

- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** 2013 meetings have been booked.
- b. **State Farm Insurance Policy:** See expenses.
- c. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:**
- d. **AGM – speaker, date, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments**

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday November 20, 2012 at 7:15 pm.

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