

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF November 20, 2012**

**Present:** David Fleming, Nick Singh, William Roberts, Kate Lawson, Elizabeth Elson, Sybil Wilkinson, Gared Daniel, Ian McIsaac, Louis Gris, John Meijer

**Regrets:** Keith Dicks, Ed Gaigalas, Brian O'Rourke

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:25.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts moved that the agenda of November 20, 2012 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts moved that the minutes for October 16, 2012 (SARA - Minutes 20121016.r2.odt) be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson 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:** Kate Lawson reported that she paid the Village Players \$250.00, SARA's share for the night. Louis Gris will collect the monies and prepare a financial report for the December Executive meeting. It was a successful night. SARA sold more tickets than Swansea Area Seniors Association. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA donate \$45.00 to SASA to welcome them to the Fundraising activity. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
  - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson moved the September report as sent. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried. The October report has been deferred to make revisions.
  - d. **Expenses:** None.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
  - a. **New Members and Guests:** Dianne Bradley and Steve McNally 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. 1990 is going to the OMB and it is expected that 2114 to 2130 may be as well, although the proposal is currently parked. Dianne expressed thanks for the advice that they received from SARA and reported that a Save Our Village campaign, that they are supporting, is starting up. They would like to get SARA as well as the rest of the neighbouring ratepayers and residents associations to participate. They are also investigating a Heritage Designation for the village. They feel that SARA, being a strong community supporter with a strong membership, would be a good addition to the cause of opposing the changes and would like to have SARA as a partner in their communications, communication planning and branding. They are putting together a fundraising strategy to raise monies to help finance the fight. There were suggestions on how to drum up support.  
  
Bill Roberts motioned that SARA add the Save the Village details to SARAs next newsletter as well as add the relevant details to our web page. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
  - b. **Membership Committee:** No news.
  - c. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** Bill Roberts reported that Planning and Growth are proposing some amendments. CORRA is keeping an eye on the progress and reporting as required.

- d. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 14, 2012:** Nick Singh reported that the event was very wet but still a success as the cheering and food were excellent. The Committee met last month and discussed the change of the site location to Parkside Drive, it's difficulties with access and parking. Tony White, a Legion member won the jacket raffle. Sponsors gave \$950.00, the raffle made \$335.00 and the Marathon provided a \$1000.00 honorarium. As a result, after expenses, \$1958.45 was made, of which SARA's third share is \$652.82. We will get a third share of the \$650.00 Champions money, or \$216.66, which the marathon will send in a few months. Vivian, the Legions rep has resigned from the committee. Bill Roberts reported that the Town Hall does not intend to participate next year. There are concerns with the viability of continuing next year if the Town Hall drops out. If we can get another major participant, like the Swansea Public School, or the Rec Centre we may be able to continue. Kate Lawson will approach both to inquire about participation.
- e. **Southport Plaza:** Ian McIsaac reported there were many concerns that they have with serious concerns with the results of the draft bylaw that came to City Council. They do not specifically address or mention what was understood between the developer and the working group: commercial parking, shared parking, live/work townhouses and the size of the retail space. There were other concerns as the site was originally a swamp and there could be problems with changes in the water table, so there was an amendment requiring hydrological reports. The City has recognized some of the deficiencies and there may be changes before the next reading. The working group is attempting to have the deficiencies addressed, including addressing the liabilities that could arise from dewatering damage.
- f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** Nick Singh reported that they are still investigating Heritage Conservation District designations for Bloor West Village from the river to the library. The last meeting was attended by Mark Warriik, a senior Heritage Coordinator from the City of Mississauga. He works with Heritage Toronto and is a member of the BWVRA. They are working on border identification and Toronto Public Space Initiative to research each property. They will approach local Historic Societies for help as well as Councillor Doucette to see if some Section 37 monies can be allocated to help with the work. It is a long term process that can get expensive, and must be supported by the community. It was also reported that Councillor Doucette has got a Avenue Study, for the east end of Bloor West Village from Runnymede to Keele Street, on the list for consideration by the City.
- g. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
- h. **YIMBY (Yes in my backyard) Festival – February 16, 2013:** Bill Roberts motioned that the appropriate fee, around \$25, be requisitioned. The motion was seconded by Ian McIssac and carried.
- i. **The Toronto Public Space Initiative:** They have asked if we would like an urban planning student to help at SARA. We would need to define parameters for participation, such as hours per week, who would give direction, expected outcomes, et cetera. SARA could potentially use a student to help with our website and the Save or Village campaign. David Fleming motioned that Nick Singh strike a subcommittee with Steve Ralphs to investigate. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.

## 6. LAND USE ITEMS:

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

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** Gared Daniel reported that the issues with the living fence and retaining wall have been resolved.
- ii. **22 Mayfield:** Kate Lawson reported that sod has been laid where the parking pad was built. Close.
- iii. **2 Windego Way:** Kate Lawson has been following up. They are still waiting on a forestry report.
- iv. **1844 Bloor Street West:** Bill Roberts reported that the matter is at the OMB.
- v. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** See 5a.

- vi. **Humber Town:** Elizabeth Elson attended the public meeting on October 18, 2012. The councillor spoke against the development by Tridel. There are concerns about traffic, busing of school kids, trees being cut down, street widening and others. Elizabeth showed the printed materials outlining the development and opposition materials. Bill Roberts motion that SARA/SARG support the opposition groups and we will write the appropriate letters when required. The motion was seconded by Louis Gris and carried. Elizabeth Elson will contact the group and advise them of our support.
  - vii. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news. Louis Gris will follow up.
  - viii. **96 Durie Street:** Louis Gris has tried to contact the neighbour with no luck. The OMB has approved the development. Close.
  - ix. **2183 Lakeshore Boulevard West:** No news. Close.
  - x. **14 Valleymede Road:** Kate Lawson reported that trees have been protected and work may be underway.
  - xi. **223 Riverside Drive:** No news. Close.
  - xii. **45 Palisades:** Kate Lawson reported that work is underway. The shoring is falling apart and approved tree has been cut down.
  - xiii. **70 Lavinia:** No news.
  - xiv. **106 Durie:** The renovations appear completed. Close.
  - xv. **154 Windermere:** Kate Lawson spoke with a neighbour, Linda, and Paula Shipman. They would like to meet the morning of Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>, but need a place to meet. Bill Roberts motioned that Kate Lawson will investigate and confirm a meeting room at the Town Hall and coordinate the community meeting. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
  - xvi. **61 and 63 Lavinia:** Move to monitor.
  - xvii. **Swansea Public School Design Team:** The budget has been frozen. Move to monitor.
  - xviii. **Bike Park:** No news. Close.
  - xix. **271 Windermere:** No news.
  - xx. **4 Points Sheraton:** John Meijer reported that a hedge fund has purchased the property for development.
  - xxi. **21 Dacre Crescent:** Approved by the Committee of Adjustment.
  - xxii. **22 Dacre Crescent:** Approved by the Committee of Adjustment with conditions.
- b. **New Items:**
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## 7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** No news.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** Sybil Wilkinson reported that the annual winter clothing drive has been kicked off. Donation boxes are at the Town Hall and Community Recreation Centre.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** New Years Skate is on.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** Bill Roberts reported that the numbers are holding steady.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** No news.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** Bill Roberts reported that they are working on Board Election policy.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported the 17<sup>th</sup> November meeting dealt with Industrial and Heritage Policy.

## 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:** 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 Walk:** There was a meeting at the Town Hall.
- 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. **December 10<sup>th</sup> Executive:** Elizabeth Elson and Kate Lawson will arrange food.

**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:**
- c. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:**
- d. **AGM – speaker, date, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments**

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday December 10, 2012 at 7:15 pm.

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