

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF December 10, 2012**

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

Regrets: Ed Gaigalas

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:20.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts moved that the agenda of December 10th, 2012 be accepted. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts moved that the minutes for November 20, 2012 (SARA - Minutes 20121020.r2.odt) be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer moved the membership be accepted as read. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
 - b. **Fundraising:** Louis Gris reported that we collected a total of \$846.00. After paying the Village Players and donating \$45 of our proceeds to SASA, SARA netted a total of \$541.00.
 - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson read and moved approval of the October 2012 and November 2012. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** Kate Lawson moved that we pay the expense of \$117.63 for the SKNC meeting. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried. Bill Roberts will investigate with the Space Use Committee in the new year. The SKNC will cover the expense. John Meijer submitted 193.87 for various items. John Meijer motioned the expensed be paid. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** Tracy Grandison is attending to see how SARA works.
 - b. **Membership Committee:** No news.
 - c. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** Bill Roberts reported that work on the by law is progressing. CORRA is keeping an eye on the progress and reporting as required.
 - d. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 14, 2012:** Kate Lawson approached both the Rec Centre and the Swansea Public School Parent Teachers group and has had no responses yet. The Legion will continue to participate with SARA. The accounting from the 2012 event has not been completed yet.
 - e. **Southport Plaza:** Bill Roberts reported that there was a meeting called by Councillor Doucette. At the meeting the City solicitor recognized there are problems with the draft by law around the items like commercial parking, shared parking, live/work townhouses and the size of the retail space. At the solicitors request for wording input, Bill Roberts suggested that there be a minimum retail/commercial parking space defined, the shared visitor and commercial park ratio be defined, and there be a minimum 1200 square metres of retail store space. There is a SKNC is holding a meeting tonight.
 - f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** Nick Singh reported that there was a meeting that was attended by the City officer in charge of Heritage Conservation District designations. She talked about the process and how to proceed. They put in an application for volunteers with Toronto Public Space Initiative for help. They are also trying to get the BIA involved.

- g. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
- h. **YIMBY (Yes in my backyard) Festival – February 16, 2013:** No news.
- i. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:** Bill Roberts reported he attended the community meeting that Councillor Doucette called. There are issues around service times and that with the exception of the small pumper at the Swansea station all of Swansea will be serviced by two stations. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA/SARG oppose the closing of the station given the impacts of the vertical growth and accessibility in Swansea. The reason for closure and other alternatives was discussed. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. Nick Singh will write the letter. Kate Lawson reported that she is gathering signatures for a petition to keep the fire station.
- j. **Issues with Building Permits and the Ombudsmen:** Bill Roberts reported that, via CORRA, it has been reported to the Ombudsmen, there have been inconsistencies in the enforcement of Building Permits by the Buildings department. Bill moved that SARA/SARG write a letter to the Ombudsman detailing three properties in Swansea that have had the same issues. The motion was seconded by Ian McIssac and carried. Bill Roberts will work with David Fleming to write a letter. A discussion about the Committee of Adjustment process and reporting be investigated. Kate Lawson will contact Sue Pringle.
- k. **Toronto Casino:** Jenifer Keysmat, the Chief Planner will be looking into the Casino planning issues.

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

a. Past Items:

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news.
- ii. **2 Windego Way:** Kate Lawson that there is no change.
- iii. **1844 Bloor Street West:** Nick Singh reported that ratepayers groups are trying to find funds for the OMB process. Bill Roberts moved that \$100.00 be donated to their cause. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
- iv. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** No news.
- v. **Humber Town:** Elizabeth Elson reported that she has written a letter on behalf of SARA. Gared Daniel will review the letter and deliver it via email.
- vi. **185 Windermere Avenue:** Louis Gris reported that all variances were approved on conditions of tree protection and right of way encroachment agreement for the stairs. Close.
- vii. **14 Valleysmede Road:** No news.
- viii. **45 Palisades:** Kate Lawson reported that she has documented the size of the tree that was removed and will follow up with Urban Forestry.
- ix. **70 Lavinia:** Keith Dicks reported that the building is proceeding according to plan. He is concerned about the processes and procedures around the new building and how the existing walls are being maintained.
- x. **154 Windermere:** Kate Lawson and Bill Roberts reported on the community meeting that Kate helped arrange. Over 20 people attended the meeting. Kate Lawson will continue to keep involved in the matter. There was a proposal to subdivide the property.
- xi. **61 and 63 Lavinia:** No news.
- xii. **271 Windermere:** No news.
- xiii. **4 Points Sheraton:** No news.

b. New Items:

- i. **125 Beresford Avenue:** Louis Gris reported that the application variances were all granted with conditions.
- ii. **156 Windermere Avenue:** Kate Lawson reported that there could be issues with the building as it appears that the walls are falling down.
- iii. **42 Morningside Avenue:** The neighbour at 1 Durie, Graliuo Semeniuk, is concerned with debris on the property that is related to the construction. Nick Singh will advise her to file a complaint to Property Standards and copy SARA and Councillor Doucette.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** No news.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** Sybil Wilkinson reported that the last meeting was attended by 9 people. The clothing drive collected 89 bags of clothes. There are donation boxes at the Town Hall and Community Recreation Centre.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** New Years Skate is on. There will be a community skate, bonfire and marshmallow roasting.
- 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 the AGM is coming up in February, They will be looking for new members as members are resigning or not seeking reelection.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** Keith Dicks reported that he has been getting notifications for the meetings and will be attending when he can.
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported the 17th November meeting was held and many groups attended. There will be a west end meeting in the new year.

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:** 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. **December 10th 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 had been thought to have been booked but were not. Nick Singh dealt with the matter by resending the dates. He will confirm that the dates are booked.
- b. **State Farm Insurance Policy:** Nick Singh reported that State Farm will be
- c. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:** No news.
- d. **AGM – speaker, date, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments:** David Fleming suggested that we invite the Ombudsman, Fiona Creamer, be invited.

12. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday January 15, 2013 at 7:15 pm.

13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:18 pm.