

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF April 16, 2013

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

Regrets: Ed Gaigalas, Ian McIssac

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:** The agenda of April 16th, 2013 were accepted.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** The March minutes were not available.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** No report.
 - b. **Fundraising:** Louis Gris reported that he has not had any response from the Senior's Association. Louis Gris motioned that SARA proceed with the fall fundraiser with the Village Playhouse alone. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
 - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson read and moved approval of the March 2013 report. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** None.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** None.
 - b. **Membership Committee:** No news.
 - c. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** City Council approved the by-law without the corrections recommended by CORRA. There has been a verbal confirmation that the corrections that Bill Roberts has recommended for Swansea were included. The process is not complete.
 - d. Bill moved, seconded by John that SARA file a formal appeal if our concerns have not been satisfactorily dealt with. Motion Carried
 - e. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 14, 2012:** Kate Lawson reported that no other community group has come forward to partner with us. Nick Singh will contact Joe Madracki before sending Bonnie Taylor a message declining this year's opportunity to continue as a Cheering Section for the marathon.
 - f. **Southport Plaza:** The sub-committee reported that \$5,000 had been raised SKNC, a planner had been confirmed in writing and the appeal of the City's zoning by-law approval had been filed at the OMB by SARA/SARG. The planner is Bob Truman and a lawyer is being hired. SARA is hosting a fundraiser on Tuesday April 30th to help raise money for the appeal.
 - g. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
 - h. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting – Heritage Designation Effort:** The effort is ongoing and the BIA has been engaged in discussion.
 - i. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** The AGM Committee will forward the appropriate information to Mark McAllaster at Global News.
 - j. **YIMBY (Yes in my backyard) Festival – February 16, 2013:** Move to Monitor.
 - k. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:** Move to Monitor.
 - l. **Issues with Building Permits and the Ombudsmen:** David Fleming has not yet composed a letter for review.
 - m. **Toronto Casino:** Nick Singh will write a letter opposing a casino in the former Toronto.

- n. **Annual General Meeting – Wednesday May 29, 2013:** Fiona Crean, the City Ombudsman will attend as speaker and talk about the Role of the Ombudsman. The doors will open at 7:00 pm. The meeting will start at 7:30pm in the Rousseau Room. SARA will take 1/4 page ads in both Snap and the Villager with both the AGM information and a call for new members of the Executive. Elizabeth Elson has created an information package for both the AGM details as well as the call for new members. Nick Singh will be the personal contact for potential members. Elizabeth, Kate and Brian will work on the content and layout for the ad. They may contact Chris Korda for help with newspaper contacts and getting both items in the current events sections. They will also forward the information to Mark McAllaster at Global News. Bill Roberts motioned that we strike a Nominating Committee of Nick Singh, Bill Roberts and Brian O'Rourke. The motioned was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
- o. **Promoting SARA:** No news.
- p. **Swansea Town Hall Garage Sale:** Elizabeth Elson attended the event and promoted SARA. There were some difficulties in getting a table, and we will try to mitigate the problems with next years events.
- q. **Sobey's Plaza Traffic Lights:** No news. Elizabeth Elson reported that the situation seems to be improved. Move to Monitor.
- r. **Bus stop at South Kingsway and the Queensway:** Sybil Wilkinson reported that there is a stop at both Windermere and the Queensway, as well as the Queensway and the access ramp to South Kingsway (Queen Street). Close.

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

a. **Past Items:**

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news. The house has been listed for sale.
- ii. **2 Windego Way:** No news.
- iii. **1844 Bloor Street West:** No news.
- iv. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** No news.
- v. **Humber Town:** Elizabeth Elson reported that there will be a public meeting on Tuesday May 14, 2013 at The Church on the Queensway, 1536 The Queensway, from 3:00pm on. There will be a dinner break at 6:00 for one hour.
- vi. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- vii. **14 Valleysmede Road:** No news.
- viii. **45 Palisades:** No news.
- ix. **70 Lavinia:** Keith Dicks reported that the work appears to be progressing according to plan.
- x. **154 Windermere:** Bill Roberts reported that there is an OMB hearing is scheduled for 6 June, 2013 for one day. Kate Lawson will contact the neighbours about the hearing.
- xi. **271 Windermere:** Nick Singh contacted the inspector. After a number of attempts at getting a response from the inspector, Umberto Toledo the response was that the building is in accordance to what was approved.
- xii. **125 Beresford Avenue:** The plans were approved that the building is progressing. Close.
- xiii. **156 Windermere Avenue:** Bill Roberts reported that construction is progressing.
- xiv. **52 South Kingsway:** No news.

b. **New Items:**

- i. **107 Kennedy Ave:** The application was refused.
- ii. **45 Brule Crescent:** The committee approved the variances even though the variances were for zoning in an R2, not R1. As well, some variances were not identified correctly. The neighbours opposing the application will likely appeal to the OMB.
- iii. **354 Windermere Avenue:** SARA inadvertently missed objecting to the application.
- iv. **6 Windigo Way:** SARA did not object to the application.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** No news.
 - b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** Sybil Wilkinson reported that will be a meeting April 23rd.
 - c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** Kate Lawson reported that there will be a Spring Fling on May 24th, 2013 and a garage sale on Saturday June 1, 2013. Kate Lawson motioned that SARA purchase a table, up to \$50, at the event. The motion was seconded by Louis Gris and carried. Kate will take care organizing SARA's participation.
 - d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** No news as there was no report at the last meeting.
 - e. **Swansea Public School:** Kate Lawson will contact the school to inquire about SARA's participation. Both Sybil Wilkinson and Bill Roberts will attend if their schedules permit.
 - f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** No news.
 - g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** Kieth Dicks reported that there are two major issues, a new roof for ~\$300K that was approved and DMS's request that the board adopt the City policy with respect to Rent Geared to Income (RGI).
 - h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported they are having their AGM on Saturday May 25, 2013. SARA will send delegates.
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:** There is bill before the provincial legislature to abolish the OMB in the City of Toronto. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA speak at any public hearings on the matter. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA contact the MPP, Cheri DiNovo, to ask her for information on the matter. The motions were seconded by Kieth Dicks and carried.
 - f. **Five Year Review of the Official Plan:** The review is ongoing.
 - g. **Impact of Chimneys from the Construction of Taller Buildings:** No news.
 - h. **Swansea Nursery School at Swansea Town Hall:** No news.
 - i. **Swansea Public School Design Team:** No news.
 - j. **4 Points Sheraton:** Bill Roberts suggested that SARA contact Councillor Doucette regarding the new proposed development. Move to Items for Councillor Doucette.
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:** Nick Singh reported that SARA have been invited to a Roncevilles ratepayers meeting on or about May 4th, 2013.
 - g. **Save the Zoo in High Park:** No news.
10. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a. **TTC stops at South Kingsway and the Queensway:** Close. See 5q.
 - b. **Information and call for volunteers to battle the Emerald beetle infestation:** Louis Gris reported that Green 13 is looking for volunteers to help catalogue trees and provide expertise.
 - c. **City Report on Global Warming and the Council Summary Report:** Louis Gris reported that there is a report before the City Council. There could be far reaching implications for City Planning.
11. **LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:**

- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** Meetings have been booked for 2013.
- b. **State Farm Insurance Policy:** No news.
- c. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:** No news.
- d. **AGM – speaker, date, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments:** Nick Singh will book Wednesday May 29th in the Rousseau Room.

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday May 21, 2013 at 7:15 pm.

13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:25 pm.