

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF May 21, 2013

Present: David Fleming, William Roberts, Kate Lawson, Elizabeth Elson, Ian McIsaac, Brian O'Rourke, John Meijer, Gared Daniel, Ian McIssac

Regrets: Ed Gaigalas, Sybil Wilkinson, Louis Gris, Keith Dicks, Nick Singh

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Bill Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:15.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** David Fleming motioned that the agenda of May 21, 2013 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Ian McIssac and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** The March and April minutes will be deferred to the June Executive.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** No report. John Meijer will get the newsletter out as soon as he can.
 - b. **Fundraising:** No report.
 - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson read and moved approval of the April 2013 report. The motion was seconded by Ian McIssac and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** None.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** Andrew Reitknecht from 160 Windermere Ave attended as he interested in joining the Executive.
 - b. **Membership Committee:** No news.
 - c. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** City Council approved the by-law on May 9, 2013. David Fleming motioned that SARA/SARG appeal the bylaw as passed. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. Kate Lawson will get a certified cheque payable to the Minister of Finance for \$125.00. David Fleming will write a letter and deliver it to the City.
 - d. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 14, 2012:** Nick to confirm that he advised the Marathon that we are not going to continue as a Cheering Section for the marathon.
 - e. **Southport Plaza:** SARA has filed an OMB appeal of the City's zoning by-law approval. Ian McIssac reported that the SKNC is meeting with a lawyer this week.
 - f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
 - g. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting – Heritage Designation Effort:** Nick Singh asked that the executive provide comments on the Heritage Attributes section. Ian McIssac motioned that SARA support the HCD application. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. Nick Singh to write the letter.
 - h. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
 - i. **YIMBY (Yes in my backyard) Festival – February 16, 2013:** No news. Move to Monitor.
 - j. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:** Move to Monitor.
 - k. **Issues with Building Permits and the Ombudsmen:** David Fleming has not yet composed a letter for review.
 - l. **Toronto Casino:** Nick Singh wrote a letter opposing the casino in the former Toronto. At a special City Council Meeting it appears that a significant majority voted against any casino in Toronto.

- m. **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. David Fleming motioned that up to \$75 be allocated for refreshments. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried. Elizabeth Elson will organize the refreshments. Nick Singh reported that Ed Gaigalas will not stand for election to the Board of Directors.
- n. **Promoting SARA:** No news.
- o. **Rennie Park Garage Sale:** Kate Lawson has purchased a table but needs help. Elizabeth Elson has volunteered.
- p. **CORRA 2013 Membership and AGM:** John Meijer motioned that SARA renew our membership for \$45. The motion was seconded by Ian McIssac and carried. Kate Lawson wrote a cheque and gave it to Bill Roberts for delivery.
- q. **BWVRA call for volunteers:**

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

a. Past Items:

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** Elizabeth Elson reported that the new owners are hoping to move around July 1.
- ii. **2 Windego Way:** No news.
- iii. **1844 Bloor Street West:** No news.
- iv. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** Bill Roberts reported that 1990 Bloor Street West is going to the OMB on the 28th of May for a pre-hearing.
- v. **Humber Town:** Elizabeth Elson reported that the Tuesday May 14, 2013 was well attended. The residents are not positive that they will not have success at the OMB.
- vi. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- vii. **14 Valleymede Road:** Kate Lawson reported that the construction is proceeding and all the protection zones are in place.
- viii. **45 Palisades:** Kate Lawson reported that a large tree was removed. Kate will contact Urban Forestry to inquire if all of the appropriate paperwork was in place.
- ix. **70 Lavinia:** No news.
- x. **154 Windermere:** An OMB hearing is scheduled for 6 June, 2013. Kate Lawson is helping the neighbours with communications about the issue. Gared Daniel will attend. David Fleming motioned that SARA/SARG write a letter authorizing Gared to attend as a participant and speak on behalf of SARA/SARG. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.
- xi. **271 Windermere:** No news. Close.
- xii. **156 Windermere Avenue:** Bill Roberts reported that construction does not seem to be progressing. Andrew Reitknecht will contact the building inspector to find out what is going on.
- xiii. **52 South Kingsway:** No news.
- xiv. **107 Kennedy Ave:** The application was appealed to the OMB. Bill Roberts reported that the City will provide a lawyer and a planner. Kate Lawson motioned that SARA/SARG send a person to support the City at the OMB.
- xv. **45 Brule Crescent:** Nick Singh reported that has been appealed to the OMB by Nichola Horton. Ian McIssac motioned that SARA/SARG send a person to support the neighbours at the OMB. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
- xvi. **6 Windigo Way:** Bill Roberts reported that there has been appealed to the OMB. It is not know if the application was denied or a neighbour has appealed.

b. New Items:

- i. **76 Runnymede Road:** Bill Roberts reported that the residents wrote SARA a letter asking why we reported an encroachment violation with respect to a block retaining wall. We did not file a complaint. David Fleming motioned that Bill respond to the property owner. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.

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:** 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 has purchased a table for SARA.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** No news.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** No news. The graduation ceremony will be coming up soon.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** Bill Roberts reported that the Town Hall is introducing a new flexible rule that will allow SARA to book more than one meeting per month.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported they are having their AGM on Saturday May 25, 2013 from 1 to 4pm. Kate Lawson may be able to attend as a delegate. They will appeal the Harmonized Zoning Bylaw and wrote a letter outlining concerns to the City about the proposal to add jets to the Toronto Island Airport.

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:** 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. **Sobey's Plaza Traffic Lights:** No news.
- k. **YIMBY (Yes In My BackYard) Festival:** 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:** 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.
- h. **4 Points Sheraton:** The application has been approved for public consultation.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. None.

11. **LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:**

- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** Meetings have been booked for 2013. Address booking 2014 meetings at the September Executive.
- 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:** See item 5 m. David Fleming motioned that the slate stay the same with following exceptions: Ed Gaigalas, resigning, Andrew Reitknecht new member, Ian McIsaac, Vice President. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday June 18, 2013 at 7:15 pm.

13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:05 pm.