

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF June 18, 2013

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

Regrets: Louis Gris

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:15.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** It was motioned that the agenda of June 18, 2013 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** David Fleming motion that the June 2013 minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer moved approval of the June 2013 report as sent. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
 - b. **Fundraising:** No report.
 - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson moved approval of the June 2013 report as sent. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** John Meijer submitted \$85.03 for envelopes and stamps for the newsletter mailing. John motioned the expenses be paid. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** Ed and Robert Lukasiewicz and family from 16 Waller Ave came to discuss their proposed development and try to understand SARA's objections to their proposal. SARA understands that they are proposing to go up to two stories, with the second story being built on top of the existing garage. The existing garage will be extended to two cars wide. In camera discussion: Bill Roberts moved that SARA's objections remain in place, at least until site plans are in place and we understand what the neighbour to the norths position is. SARA is concerned with the proposal of a two car garage.
 - b. **Membership Committee:** No news.
 - c. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** David Fleming reported that he filed the appeal two days late, on June 6, due to a mix up in the filing deadline date. The appeal was accepted by the City Clerks office. We will wait and see if our appeal is accepted before we need to assess any options to have the appeal accepted.
 - d. **Southport Plaza:** SARA has been asked to help support the SKNC in the OMB appeal by matching some of the condominium corporations donations of \$5000. SARA has already donated \$500 and have filed the OMB appeal. There was discussion on the process and possibilities of the extent of the expenses. It was discussed that the OMB decision must incorporate specific conditions with respect to getting a hydrologists to have a peer review study to monitor the water conditions during development. Brian O'Rourke motioned to vote on whether SARA will allocate monies up to \$5000 for hydrologist and/or engineering costs related to the appeal. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson. The motion was carried by a vote of 5 to 3 with 4 abstaining.
 - e. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
 - f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting – Heritage Designation Effort:** Nick Singh reported that he met with Councillor Doucette about if there are any available Section 37 monies from the Old Mill

development. The Councillor reported that the \$350K has already been spent on a landscaper and landscaping. She also indicated that the studies that SARA has been asking for will probably not happen. Bill Roberts moved that SARA write to the City Planner, Jennifer Keesmat, to raise the Bloor West Village Urban Design Study to Guideline Status under the Official Plan. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried. Nick Singh will write the letter.

- g. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
- h. **Issues with Building Permits and the Ombudsman:** David Fleming has not yet composed a letter for review.
- i. **Toronto Casino:** Move to Monitor.
- j. **Annual General Meeting – Wednesday May 29, 2013:** The AGM was a success. Nick Singh will write a thank you letter to Ms. Crean.
- k. **Promoting SARA:** No news.
- l. **CORRA 2013 Membership and AGM:** Bill Roberts reported that CORRA will defer election of officers until December.
- m. **BWVRA call for donations:** Keith Dicks motioned that SARA support the BWVRA with a donation of \$300. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

a. **Past Items:**

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news.
- ii. **2 Windego Way:** No news.
- iii. **1844 Bloor Street West:** The OMB ruled in favour of the developer. Close.
- iv. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** No news. See BWVRA call for donations.
- v. **Humber Town:** Elizabeth Elson reported that the developer was voted down at City Council.
- vi. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- vii. **14 Valleymede Road:** No news.
- viii. **45 Palisades:** Kate Lawson reported that the tree removal was all valid.
- ix. **70 Lavinia:** No news.
- x. **154 Windermere:** The OMB hearing took place. The decision has not yet been made.
- xi. **156 Windermere Avenue:** Andrew Reitknecht reported that the builder must move the north wall, that is falling down, south.
- xii. **52 South Kingsway:** No news.
- xiii. **107 Kennedy Ave:** John Meijer will email Councillor Doucette to ensure that the City is sending a Planner and lawyer.
- xiv. **45 Brule Crescent:** Bill Roberts will try to find out the status of the OMB appeal.
- xv. **6 Windigo Way:** No news.
- xvi. **76 Runnymede Road:** David Fleming and John Meijer reported that the retaining wall is quite small. City Right of Way Management will be dealing with the matter.

b. **New Items:**

- i. **246 Riverside:** A neighbour, Ann Mul is concerned with the size of the building. The inspector, Umberto Toledo informed her that the building is in accordance to the plans. Bill Roberts suggested that she contact the ravine protect. Elizabeth Elson moved that the land use sub-committee deal with any matters that come up. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
- ii. **High Park Residents Group:** Bill Roberts motioned that we support the HPRG in their efforts to be involved in the working committee dealing with the development proposal near High Park. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac 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:** 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:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** No news.

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.
- l. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:**

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.
- h. **4 Points Sheraton:** No news.

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:**

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday September 17, 2013 at 7:15 pm.

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