

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF October 15, 2013

Present: David Fleming, William Roberts, Elizabeth Elson, Gared Daniel, Keith Dicks, Nick Singh, Sybil Wilkinson, Kate Lawson, Brian O'Rourke

Regrets: Louis Gris, Andrew Reitknecht, Ian McIsaac, John Meijer

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:28.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts motioned that the agenda of October 15, 2013 be accepted as amendments. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts motioned that the minutes from the September 17, 2013 Executive meetings be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer did not have the report. He will distribute the report by email when it is ready.
 - b. **Fundraising:** No report.
 - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson motioned to deferred the report until the November Executive meeting. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** None.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** Veronica Wynne from the South Kingsway Neighbourhood Committee.
 - b. **Southport Plaza:** Veronica Wynne presented her financial accounting for the OMB appeal. It outlined each account and the rationale of the work and costs. It suggests that the costs for Karl Jaffary and John Winter be negotiated lower. Bill Roberts motioned that we pay the invoices for Mike McKay for \$1745.85, Bob Truman for \$6000.00 and Veronica Wynne for \$319.00 (\$250.00 for appeal filing and \$69 for meeting security). The motion was seconded by Keith Dicks and carried. David Fleming motioned that the amount of \$12,006.00 be authorized to be paid to Karl Jaffary provided that he accepts this amount or less in settlement of his account. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried. David Fleming motioned that the amount of \$4,891.86 be authorized to be paid to John Winter provided that he accepts this amount or less in settlement of his account. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried. Gared Daniel motioned that although the SKNC has done an exceptional job raising monies to date, that they continue their fundraising activities to help reduce the remaining outstanding amounts. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
 - c. **Membership Committee:** Gared Daniel reported that the committee met and discussed a membership increase strategy to build a foundation for more funds. They are working on a mandate and mission statement. They will take the membership list and make sure that all members in the five years are paid up to date. They are working on a strategy to build awareness of SARA via business cards that are passed out, SNAP, Villager and the SARA newsletter. We could also submit content to SNAP and the Villager. Social media like Facebook and Google as well as door to door soliciting. They are putting together a target membership number to achieve. They are also looking a devising a positive position statement that counters the negative perception of SARA in the neighbourhood.

Sybil Wilkinson has a volunteer who has offered to go floor to floor at the apartments at Windermere by the Lake. The committee will create a new flyer for this particular task.

- d. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** No news.
- e. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
- f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting – Heritage Designation Effort:** Nick Singh reported that they are seeking to have City fund Heritage Designation studies with Section 37 monies. They are also seeking to get support of the BIA.
- g. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
- h. **Issues with Building Permits and the Ombudsman:** No news.
- i. **Promoting SARA:** No news.
- j. **CORRA 2013 Membership and AGM:** Bill Roberts reported that at CORRA's October 1st meeting they appointed two new Vice Chairs, one from the east and one from the west. There is interest more Ratepayers groups in joining. They continue to look at Heritage Conservation, Development Charges, Zoning on Major Streets and other initiatives. Close.
- k. **BWVRA call for donations:** They sent us a thank you email.
- l. **Island Airport Town Hall Sept 19, 2013:** Bill Roberts reported CORRA's position is the bird sanctuary and environmentally significant are near or adjacent to the airport. The Planners do not seem to be focusing on Official Plan Policies dealing with building adjacent to these areas, but on noise and effect on neighbouring residents. Island residents are now getting involved. CORRA's position is that there should be no jets on the island until the environmental issues can be addressed. Elizabeth Elson motioned that SARA support CORRA's position. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
- m. **Report To Amend Zoning On Major Streets – PG26.8:** CORRA is meeting with planning staff and will report on the matter.
- n. **High Park Residence Group:** No news. Close.

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

- a. **Past Items:**
 - i. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news.
 - ii. **2 Windego Way:** No news.
 - iii. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** No news.
 - iv. **Humber Town:** No news.
 - v. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
 - vi. **14 Valleymede Road:** No news.
 - vii. **45 Palisades:** Almost complete.
 - viii. **70 Lavinia:** No news.
 - ix. **156 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
 - x. **52 South Kingsway:** Footings have been poured. It appears there may be water problems.
 - xi. **107 Kennedy Ave:** There appears to be a pre settlement on the matter, two units and a parking pad, that is satisfactory to the neighbour.
 - xii. **45 Brule Crescent:** The appeal by the neighbours was denied. Close.
 - xiii. **354 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
 - xiv. **6 Windigo Way:** No news.
 - xv. **76 Runnymede Road:** No news.
 - xvi. **16 Waller Ave:** Kate Lawson has made inquiries, but has not heard anything.
 - xvii. **246 Riverside Dr:** No news.
 - xviii. **256 South Kingsway:** No news.
 - xix. **2213 and 2215 Bloor Street West:** 2213 was approved at the Committee of Adjustment.

xx. **25 Brule:** TRCA and Urban Forestry sent negative letters asking for the matters to be addressed. The hearing was deferred and the OMB has asked the applicant has been asked to meet with TRCA, Urban Forestry, City Planning and the neighbours.

b. **New Items:**

- i. **8 Deforest Road:** The applicant wants to sever the lots into two. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA opposed the application. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. John Meijer will write the letter.
- ii. **29 South Kingsway:** Second story addition with rear deck and second story balcony, patio and a carport. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA oppose the application as there are missing variances and the second floor balcony, density, carport and addition into TCRA lands is not in character for the area. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
- iii. **20 Mossom Road:** The applicant wants to extend the deck to cover the entire back yard. Sybil Wilkinson moved that SARA oppose. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Rourke 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 would like to step down and would like a replacement.
- 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:** Keith Dicks reported that they are looking at long term repair cost projections for items that may be coming up in the next few years.
- 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:** They must go back to the Committee of Adjustment as too much time has passed since the application was made due to construction delays.
- i. **Swansea Public School Design Team:** No news.
- j. **YIMBY (Yes In My BackYard) Festival:** No news.
- k. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:** No news.
- l. **Toronto Casino:** 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.

- h. **1926 Lakeshore Blvd West - 4 Points Sheraton:** There was a community meeting on September 25. There was lots of interest in the community, especially the shadow study. The builder is going to the OMB. Bill Roberts moved that we oppose the application, support the opposing neighbours and participate in the OMB application. The motion was seconded by Keith Dicks and carried. Nick Singh will contact Counsellor Doucette.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Swansea Legion:** Bill Roberts reported that there is an offer to purchase the building for a single family residence.
- b. **Executive Meeting Guests:** Keith Dicks asked that all guests be announced and introduced to the Executive before the meeting starts.

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

- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** Nick Singh reported that the meetings have been booked for 2014.
- 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 November 19, 2013 at 7:15 pm.

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