

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF November 19, 2013**

**Present:** Ian McIsaac, Louis Gris, Andrew Reitknecht, David Fleming, William Roberts, Elizabeth Elson, Gared Daniel, Nick Singh, Sybil Wilkinson, Kate Lawson, Brian O'Rourke

**Regrets:** John Meijer, Keith Dicks

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:22.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** David Fleming motioned that the agenda of November 19, 2013 be accepted as amendments. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** David Fleming motioned that the minutes from the October 15, 2013 Executive meetings be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
  - a. **Membership:** No report for October or November.
  - b. **Fundraising:** Louis Gris reported that 47 people attended the play, but more tickets were sold. Louis will tally the tickets and gate and report via email and at the next Executive Meeting. Nick Singh reported that the BWVRA may be interested in joining forces in the Fundraising event.
  - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson motioned to defer the report until the December Executive meeting and to transfer \$7000.00 from the ING to the BMO account to cover upcoming expenses and Karl Jaffary's account. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
  - d. **Expenses:** Nick Singh presented a bill of \$630.72 for the State Farm insurance. Bill Roberts motioned that the bill be paid. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
  - a. **New Members and Guests:** Brian and Beverly Donnelly from 58 Armadale Avenue are opposing the Committee of Adjustment application at 56 Armadale Avenue. The application is to be built on top of the existing garage as well as from the back of the garage to just over 5 feet beyond the existing back wall of the existing house. The addition will dramatically reduce the amount of light available to them. It was suggested that they contact Counsellor Doucette to help get the matter deferred for a period of consultation, It was also suggested that they find an architect to provide a shadow study based on the planned setback as well as the minimum 0.9m setback as well as validate that there have been no missed variances.  
In camera discussion: Bill Roberts motioned that SARA oppose the application as well as support the neighbour's request for a deferral. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. Louis Gris will write a letter.
  - b. **Southport Plaza:** The OMB appeal was refused. A larger hydrology survey of properties adjacent will be allowed site plan input.  
Nick Singh negotiated a settlement of \$4,890.00 for John Winters account and \$15,000 for Karl Jaffary's account. For Karl Jaffary \$12,000.00 will be paid immediately and \$3,000.00 by the end of the year. A membership drive was suggested to be done to help defer the costs and beef up our membership. Veronica Wynne may be able to help with a membership drive.
  - c. **Membership Committee:** The membership committee is still working on the flyer layout.
  - 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 met with the BIA on October 28, 2013. Counsellor Doucette helped coordinate the meeting. Four members of the BIA attended. One of the members was interested in working with the group.
- 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. **BWVRA call for donations:** They sent us a thank you email.No news.
- k. **Island Airport:** Bill Roberts reported CORRA's will put out a formal position.
- l. **Report To Amend Zoning On Major Streets – PG26.8:** No news.

## 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:** It appears that a settlement with a more reasonable development plan has been agreed to.
- iv. **Humber Town:** No news.
- v. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- vi. **14 Vallemede Road:** No news. Work is in progress.
- vii. **45 Palisades:** Construction in completed. Close.
- viii. **70 Lavinia:** No news.
- ix. **156 Windermere Avenue:** Andrew Reitknecht reported that he contacted the inspector. He said that permits have been issued and offered no further information. This could be an item for the Ombudsman as it is nearly impossible to get any information on these matters.
- x. **52 South Kingsway:** No news.
- xi. **107 Kennedy Ave:** No news. Close.
- xii. **354 Windermere Avenue:** No news. Close.
- xiii. **6 Windigo Way:** No news.
- xiv. **76 Runnymede Road:** No news. Close.
- xv. **16 Waller Ave:** Kate Lawson has made more inquiries and still not heard anything.
- xvi. **246 Riverside Dr:** No news.
- xvii. **256 South Kingsway:** No news.
- xviii. **2213 and 2215 Bloor Street West:** No news. Change to 2215 Bloor Street West.
- xix. **25 Brule:** The matter is coming back to the Committee of Adjustment. Sybil Wilkinson motioned that SARA/SARG support the neighbour and write a letter. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
- xx. **8 Deforest Road:** No news.
- xxi. **29 South Kingsway:** No news.
- xxii. **20 Mossom Road:** No news.

### b. **New Items:**

- i. **56 Armadale Ave:** See item 5a.

## 7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** No news.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** The annual Hats and Scarves drives will be taking place soon. The next meeting is Tuesday November 26.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** The New Years family skate is on with an early 9pm New Years celebration for the kids.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** No news.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** No news.

- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** The AGM is coming up February 20, 2014.
  - g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
  - h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported that their next meeting is on November 30. They are dealing with mid rise guidelines, the Toronto Island Airport and the Eglinton LRT. Eglinton mid rise guideline principal are dealing with Section 37 monies, Heritage Districts, avenue studies, as of right zoning and mid rise guidelines. Kate Lawson motioned that SARA support CORRA and their position on mid rise guidelines. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
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. **YIMBY (Yes In My BackYard) Festival:** No news.
  - k. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:** No news.
  - l. **Toronto Casino:** No news.
  - m. **Swansea Legion:** 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:** No news.
10. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a. None.
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:**
  - e. **City of Toronto All Candidates Meeting:**
12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday December 10, 2013 at 7:15 pm.
13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:45 pm.