

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF January 21, 2014

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

Regrets: Ian McIsaac, Louis Gris, Andrew Reitknecht, Sybil Wilkinson

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:24.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts motioned that the agenda of January 21, 2014 be accepted. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts motioned that the minutes from the December 10, 2013 Executive meetings be accepted. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** No report for October, November or December. John Meijer will send the newsletter shortly.
 - b. **Fundraising:** No report. Nick Singh will contact the Bloor West Residents Association about the next event.
 - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson presented the report from August to the end of December, and motioned that the reports be approved. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** \$1.92 for photocopies and mailbox \$114.58 from Swansea Town Hall. Kate Lawson moved that the expenses be paid. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** Thomas George from 25 Dacre. Bill Roberts nominated Thomas George be accepted to the Executive. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.
 - b. **Southport Plaza:** Nick Singh reported that the SKNC is meeting with City staff regarding site plan issues. Bill Roberts reported that the Stone Gate Plaza to the west of Swansea will be shut down as of February 2014.
 - c. **Membership Committee:** Gared Daniel reported that they have put together a new membership flyer and highlighted the changes. They will do a final review and then start distribution once they confirm the number to be distributed after consulting persons who will distribute the flyers. Their target date for distribution is the end of January. They will then tackle contacting the membership and past members list to solicit memberships.
 - d. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** Bill Roberts reported that a hearing has not been scheduled yet. The process of reviewing the amendments is difficult as they do not provide electronic copies until five days before the Planning and Growth Committee. CORRA is examining amendments surrounding group homes.
 - e. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
 - f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting – Heritage Designation Effort:** Nick Singh reported that the Heritage Designation application, for Bloor Street from Keele to the Humber River, has been submitted. John Meijer asked Nick Singh if we could get a copy of the application. Nick Singh stated he will see if we can get a copy since it is now public.
 - g. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** Bill Roberts suggested that the Runnymede Fire Station closure may be an issue that they may be interested in.
 - h. **Issues with Building Permits and the Ombudsman:** No news.

- i. **Promoting SARA:** See Membership Committee item 5c.
- j. **BWVRA call for donations:** No news. Close.
- k. **Island Airport:** There will be a public meeting on January 27, 2014 at City Hall.
- l. **Report To Amend Zoning On Major Streets – PG26.8:** No news.
- m. **AGM – speaker, date, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments:**
Discussions about speaker possibilities including, Mayor Miller, the fire chief, a firefighter union, Jennifer Keesmaat. someone at Metrolinx, Andy Byford, Richard Florida or an engineer to discuss City infrastructure needs. Thomas George will reach out to Richard Florida to see if he may be interested.
- n. **City of Toronto All Candidates Meeting:** The cutoff for candidates nomination is September 12, 2014. Bill Robert moved that the meeting be September 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. Kate will book the room from 7 to 10pm.

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

a. **Past Items:**

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news.
- ii. **2 Wendigo Way:** No news.
- iii. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** There has been a settlement for 1990 Bloor Street West.
- iv. **Humber Town:** No news.
- v. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- vi. **14 Valleymede Road:** No news.
- vii. **70 Lavinia:** Keith Dicks reported that the building is proceeding. There is an issue of the parking space, as it much wider than allowed. He will contact Right of Way Management.
- viii. **156 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- ix. **52 South Kingsway:** Still under construction.
- x. **6 Wendigo Way:** No news. The OMB decision is still pending.
- xi. **16 Waller Ave:** Kate Lawson has made more inquiries and still not heard anything.
- xii. **246 Riverside Dr:** No news.
- xiii. **256 South Kingsway:** No news. Louis Gris will check at the Committee of Adjustment.
- xiv. **2213 and 2215 Bloor Street West:** No news. The Committee of Adjustment decision has been appealed to the OMB.
- xv. **25 Brule:** Bill Roberts reported that a decision has been made. The dwelling must be built substantially and in accordance to the plans, and any other variances that may appear on the plans but not listed in the written decision are not authorized. Close.
- xvi. **8 Deforest Road:** The matter has been appealed to the OMB with a hearing date on April 9, 2014. The neighbours are still raising money.
- xvii. **29 South Kingsway:** No news. Close.
- xviii. **20 Mossom Road:** Louis Gris will check at the Committee of Adjustment for a decision.
- xix. **56 Armadale Ave:** No news. The matter was deferred for consultation with the community. Louis Gris will inquire at the Committee of Adjustment to find out if there is a particular date for the deferral.

b. **New Items:**

- i. None.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** No news.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** The annual Hats and Scarves drive was Saturday December 14, 2013. Nick Singh, Gared Daniel Sybil Wilkinson and Elizabeth Elson attended the to help sort. It was a success.

- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** No news. Kate is looking for someone to replace her.
 - 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. The deadline for applications for the Board of Management is the 28th of January, 2014.. Kate Lawson motioned that SARA nominate Bill Roberts to the Board. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
 - g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** Kieth Dicks reported that there is a new property manager. Kate Lawson motioned that SARA nominate Kieth Dicks to the Board. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
 - h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported that the next meeting is Sunday March 23, 2014. They are dealing with a number of issues, including a Development Permit System, the Island Airport, Consolidated Zoning bylaw and more.
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:** There will be a final sale some time in February.
 - n. **Digital Signage:** No news. SARA/SARG has asked for a deferral.
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:** The walk may be closed due to noise and excrement problems.
 - 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. Move to Land Use. There will be an OMB pre hearing on March 4, 2014. There is a proposal for two towers of 42 and 48 stories. David Fleming motioned that SARA/SARG be a participant in the OMB appeal. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried. David Fleming will write a letter to the OMB.
10. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a. None.
11. **LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:**
- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** No news.
 - b. **State Farm Insurance Policy:** No news.
 - c. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:** No news.

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday February 18, 2014 at 7:15 pm.

13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:11 pm.