

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF April 15, 2014

Present: William Roberts, Gared Daniel, Nick Singh, Kate Lawson, John Meijer, Keith Dicks, Elizabeth Elson, Ian McIsaac, Veronica Wynne

Regrets: Louis Gris, Thomas George, David Fleming, Brian O'Rourke, Sybil Wilkinson, Andrew Reitknecht

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:** William Roberts motioned that the agenda of April 15, 2014 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Veronica Wynne and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** William Roberts motioned that the minutes from the March 18, 2014 Executive meetings be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Elson and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer reported another 21 renewed/new memberships. Will send a revised with a total of 48 renewed/new memberships.
 - b. **Fundraising:** Nick Singh reported on working with Diane Bradley of BWRA and the Save our village (SOV) current campaign for 2265 Bloor Street West. Donations collected on the SOV web site will be transferred to SARA to be the trustee.
 - c. The need to get the word out on this development discussion followed. John Meijer will email members on a campaign to have SOV signs placed on more lawns around Swansea. Keith agreed to help get the signs out.
 - d. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson motioned the February and March reports to be accepted. The motion was seconded by William Roberts and carried.
 - e. **Expenses:** John Meijer motioned a total of \$207.91 for newsletter stamps and return labels. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson. William Roberts motioned a total of \$15.00 for gas and parking at City Hall. The motion was seconded by Kate. Lawson Motion was carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** None.
 - b. **Southport Plaza:** Veronica Wynne reported that the geotechnical assessment is progressing. Committee is considering retaining Mike McKay to write a letter indicating the preconditions benchmarks and to request a copy of the report.
 - c. **Membership Committee:** Gared Daniel reported the committee has not met.
 - d. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** No new.
 - e. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
 - f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting – Heritage Designation Effort:** Nick Singh reported that a meeting was held April 12. The Heritage Designation application is moving forward.
 - g. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
 - h. **Issues with Building Permits and the Ombudsman:** No news.
 - i. **Promoting SARA:** See Membership Committee item 5c. Nick Singh reported handing out SARA membership form was received this interest at the Swansea Town Hall garage sales. The Save our Village co-hosted with us.
 - j. **Island Airport:** The City Executive meeting of March 25, 2014 at City Hall was deferred. The study to be available in 2015.

- k. **Report To Amend Zoning On Major Streets – PG26.8:** No news.
- l. **AGM – speaker, date, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments:** Nick Singh has the following tentative dates: May 27, 28, 29 and June 4, 5. William Roberts will contact Sybil Wilkinson to see if she can get the Division head Heinz Kuck to attend our AGM as speaker.
- m. **City of Toronto All Candidates Meeting:** The cut off for candidates' nomination is September 12, 2014. The meeting will be September 30, 2014. Discussed holding Councillor and Mayors debates separately and to co-host debates with surrounding residence associations. Nick Singh will follow up with resident association groups about holding a joint meeting for the Mayor's Debate.
- n. **Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto:** No news.
- o. **Development Permit System:** Planning and Growth management will be going to council with minor changes. Veronica Wynne motions to write a letter to planning objecting and questioning the method of community consultation, which plan's the vision of stable neighbourhoods, and length of notice to community extended to 45 days' notice. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson. The motion was carried.

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

a. **Past Items:**

- i. **1926 Lakeshore Blvd West - 4 Points Sheraton:** Veronica Wynne reported that she attended the meeting of April 3. The meeting was well attended. There is a meeting April 17 at 6:30pm at the 15 Windermere boardroom that was organized by the participants to discuss the process Veronica will attend. Nick Singh and William Roberts will try to attend as well.
- ii. **2265 to 2279 Bloor Street West:** Nick Singh reported that the meeting of April 10 at St Pius X at 7 pm was well attended. They wanted to hear from the residence, builder and BIA. See 4 b. The 4 neighbourhood groups of Old Mill Community Association, High Park Residents Association, Bloor West Residents Association and SARA have joined to form a campaign to raise funds and awareness using the brand SOV and an amendment to the Swansea Secondary Plan. A joint coordinating meeting for the groups will be held at the beginning of the week of the 21st. William Roberts reported that they need a rezoning from residential to mixed use to meet this design.
- iii. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news.
- iv. **2 Wendigo Way:** No news.
- v. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** 11990 Bloor Street West moved to monitor and 2114 Bloor will come forward shortly as the new Land Use Items, past items.
- vi. **Humber Town:** No news.
- vii. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- viii. **14 Valleymede Road:** No news.
- ix. **70 Lavinia:** Keith Dicks will obtain OMB ruling to determine if parking space is approved.
- x. **156 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- xi. **52 South Kingsway:** TUnder construction. The neighbour to the north has experienced damage during the construction.
- xii. **16 Waller Ave:** No news.
- xiii. **246 Riverside Dr:** No news.
- xiv. **256 South Kingsway:** No news.
- xv. **2213 and 2215 Bloor Street West:** The Committee of Adjustment decision has been appealed by a neighbour. John Meijer will follow up with neighbour.
- xvi. **20 Mossom Road:** No news. Louis Gris will check at the Committee of Adjustment for a decision.
- xvii. **56 Armadale Ave:** No news. For sale and possibly sold.

b. **New Items:**

- i. **The Legion:** Building is being cleaned up. Have set up a yoga studio. We need to see if neighbours have concerns..

7. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- a. **High Park Resource Group:** No news.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** No news.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** Nick will ask the Save our Village to see if they want to attend as well on April 26th 9:00am to 1:00pm. Kate Lawson discussed concerns regarding the way expenditures are approved and audit exposure being treasurer. Kate Lawson will be stepping down from the committee.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** No news.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** Kate Lawson will follow up on graduation details.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** No news.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported that CORRA is pursuing the changes regarding group homes and digital signs.

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. The intersection is being realigned.
- e. **Five Year Review of the Official Plan:** The review is ongoing.
- f. **Impact of Chimneys from the Construction of Taller Buildings:** No news.
- g. **Swansea Nursery School at Swansea Town Hall:** No news.
- h. **Swansea Public School Design Team:** No news.
- i. **YIMBY (Yes In My BackYard) Festival:** No news.
- j. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:** No news.
- k. **Toronto Casino:** No news.
- l. **Swansea Legion:** No news.
- m. **Digital Signage:** 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. **Western Beaches Plan:** No news.
- f. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street Closures:** No news.
- g. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news.
- h. **South Kingsway Ramps:** No news.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Group Home By-Law:** William Roberts reported the removal of controls on distancing requirements and the conditions on who can reside at a group home is concerning.

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 May 20, 2014 at 7:15 pm.

13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:50 pm.