

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF May 20, 2014

Present: William Roberts, Gared Daniel, Kate Lawson, John Meijer, Elizabeth Elson, Ian McIsaac, Veronica Wynne, David Fleming, Louis Gris, Brian O'Rourke, Sybil Wilkinson, Andrew Reitknecht, Keith Dicks

Regrets: Thomas George, Nick Singh

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Ian McIsaac called the meeting to order at 7:22.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** David Fleming motioned that the agenda of May 20, 2014 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Gared Daniel and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** William Roberts motioned that the minutes from the April 15, 2014 Executive meetings be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** No report. John Meijer will send an update via email.
 - b. **Fundraising:** Louis Gris reported that he will talk to the Village Playhouse and the Bloor West Village Residents Association about organizing the play. Brian O'Rourke motioned that the ticket price be increased to \$18.00. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
 - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson motioned the April report to be accepted. The motion was seconded by William Roberts and carried. Veronica Wynne motioned that we open a separate trust entry for the South Swansea Neighbourhood Committee (1926 Lakeshore). The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. Keith Dicks motioned that we open a separate trust entry for the Save our Village (2265 to 2279 Bloor St West). The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried. Kate Lawson moved that the report for the AGM be accepted once the trust entries for the South Kingsway Neighbourhood Committee are corrected. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Elson and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** Bill Roberts motioned that up to \$100 be allocated for the AGM. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** None.
 - b. **Southport Plaza:** Veronica Wynne reported she is working on the geotechnical assessment is progressing and she is work with the City to make all of the relevant buildings in the area are included. Mike McKay may be retained for \$500 to write a letter indicating which buildings are to be included in the preconditions benchmarks. A full peer review would be \$3000, but may not be required.
 - c. **Membership Committee:** Gared Daniel reported the committee is working on a number of initiative including an electronic mailing list, updating the SARA website to the 21st century. Keith Dicks reported that he has had some discussions with some web developers about updating the site. Sybil Wilkinson suggested that a door to door delivery of a loot bag may be a method to garner support and members. Keith Dicks outlined a few options, DIY at \$750, built for \$1500 plus a shopping cart for subscriptions for and additional \$750. Bill Roberts motion that a new Website Design sub-committee be struck with authorization of up to \$3000, to get at least two more quotes, make progress on a new website and report back at the June Executive. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried. Keith motioned that he set up Mail Chimp. The motion was accepted by Bill Roberts and carried.
 - d. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** No new.

- e. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
- f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting – Heritage Designation Effort:** The group is reaching out to individual BIA members.
- 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.
- j. **Island Airport:** Move to monitor.
- k. **Report To Amend Zoning On Major Streets – PG26.8:** No news.
- l. **AGM – speaker, date, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments:** Ian McIsaac sent a letter to Police Superintendent Heinz Kuck to confirm his speaking at the AGM. Ian McIsaac will contact John Meijer and Chris Korda about a flyer and the press. Ian McIsaac, Bill Roberts and Sybil Wilkinson will be the nominating committee for the AGM.
- m. **City of Toronto All Candidates Meeting:** No news.
- n. **Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto:** No news.
- o. **Development Permit System:** Yonge Eglinton area and Mimico areas are being considered by the City to use DPS.
- p. **Group Home By-law:** Bill Roberts reported that CORRA is not opposed to the new by-law, but there may be loopholes around the “funded” clause. David Fleming motioned that SARA support CORRA's position. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried.

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

- a. **Past Items:**
 - i. **1926 Lakeshore Blvd West - 4 Points Sheraton:** Bill Roberts stepped out due to a conflict of interest. Veronica Wynne motioned that Bill Roberts be retained to represent SARA/SARG at to the OMB appeal. The motion was seconded by Keith Dicks and carried. Bill Roberts returned after the motion was carried. Veronica Wynne reported that she has obtained \$400 in donations for the appeal. She is pressing the local condo boards to participate with donations. We need to make sure that there is a hydrology report required at the OMB.
 - ii. **2265 to 2279 Bloor Street West:** Bill Roberts reported that the SOV is sending out a standard sign showing the proposed development. They are trying to get a peer review and possibly a traffic study funded. There are questions about how to manage donations and expenses. Bill Roberts motioned that subject to the Save our Village (2265 to 2279 Bloor St West) with regard to approving the hiring of a traffic expert for a peer review and subject to them having sufficient funds, SARG will enter into the appropriate agreement to hire the traffic consultant.
 - iii. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news.
 - iv. **2 Wendigo Way:** No news.
 - v. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** No news.
 - vi. **Humber Town:** No news.
 - vii. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
 - viii. **14 Valleysmede Road:** No news.
 - ix. **70 Lavinia:** Keith Dicks reported the wide driveway has been addressed.
 - x. **156 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
 - xi. **52 South Kingsway:** No news.
 - 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:** No news.
 - xvi. **20 Mossom Road:** No news. Louis Gris will check at the Committee of Adjustment for a decision.
 - xvii. **56 Armadale Ave:** No news. Close.

- b. **New Items:**
 - i. **304 South Kingsway:** Bill Roberts reported that the building may be running as a rooming house.
7. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**
 - a. **High Park Resource Group:** No news.
 - b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** Brian O'Rourke reported that there .
 - c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** Spring Fling fundraiser is Friday May 23. There was good response at the Garage sale although it was poorly attended.
 - d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** No news.
 - e. **Swansea Public School:** Graduation is June 25.
 - f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** No news.
 - g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
 - h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported that CORRA is having their next meeting on June 1. They are still pursuing the changes regarding group homes, DPS, Mid-rise Guidelines 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.
 - 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. **Provincial All Candidates Meeting:** David Fleming motioned that SARA hold the All Candidates Meeting on Tuesday June 10, 2014 at the Swansea Town Hall at
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 June 17, 2014 at 7:15 pm.
13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:50 pm.