

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF December 9, 2014

Present: William Roberts, Kate Lawson, John Meijer, Elizabeth Elson, Sybil Wilkinson, Nick Singh, Brian O'Rourke, Keith Dicks, David Fleming, Veronica Wynne

Regrets: Louis Gris, Gared Daniel, Andrew Reitknecht, Ian McIsaac

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** John Meijer called the meeting to order at 7:29 pm. No conflict of interest.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** David Fleming motioned that the November 18, 2014 be accepted. The motion was seconded by William Roberts and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** William Roberts motioned that the minutes from the October 21, 2014 Executive meetings be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer will report after the meeting.
 - b. **Fundraising:** No news.
 - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson presented the November 2014 report as sent. Kate Lawson motioned the report to be accepted. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Elson and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** No expenses declared.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** Councillor Doucette and Rebecca Keenan from Councilor Doucette's office.
 - b. **Southport Plaza:** Councillor Doucette is working on getting retail (grocery store) in the proposal. The developer wants some parking issues remediated and changes to the site plan. She advised them to contact the working group. There is an upcoming Working Group meeting to deal with the issue. They could potentially go to the Committee of Adjustment after the meeting, then get the site plan changes.
 - c. **Membership Committee:** No news.
 - d. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** No news.
 - e. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
 - f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting – Heritage Designation Effort:** No news. The questionnaire may be responded to in the new year.
 - g. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
 - h. **Promoting SARA:** No news.
 - i. **Report To Amend Zoning On Major Streets – PG26.8:** No news. We are waiting on the report.
 - j. **Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto:** This will come up as part of the new budget process. There is a City report in the works.
 - k. **Development Permit System and OMB Appeal:** Councilor Doucette is going to hold a public meeting in the new year and will invite Jennifer Keesmat to explain the system.
 - l. **Eglinton Connects OMB Appeal:** No news.
 - m. **SARA Donations towards SOV – 2265 Bloor St W:** Kate Lawson asked if SARA might be contributing to the funding of the SOV campaign. Bill Roberts excused himself because of potential conflict of interest. An In Camera discussion followed.

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

a. Past Items:

- i. **1926 Lakeshore Blvd West - 4 Points Sheraton:** Bill reports reported that there has been no progress on the Section 37 monies.
- ii. **2265 to 2279 Bloor Street West:** Nick Singh reported that the Working Group met this morning. The City and the developer have been discussing changes. Bill Roberts explained the proposed changes. There are a number of options on the table, and Councilor Doucette will be presenting a motion at City Council about the development and City legal involvement with respect to settle or continue to oppose. Bill Roberts disused options for Planning arguments surrounding the motion. Councilor Doucette will welcome any Planning arguments she can take to Council. Nick Singh will discuss the issues with the Working Groups Planner and get planning points to Councillor Doucette.
- iii. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news.
- iv. **2 Wendigo Way:** No news.
- v. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** Councillor Doucette reported that 2114 had a working group meeting today.
- vi. **Humber Town:** No news.
- vii. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- viii. **70 Lavinia:** No news.
- ix. **156 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- x. **52 South Kingsway:** They are negotiated their driveway changes.
- xi. **246 Riverside Dr:** No news.
- xii. **256 South Kingsway:** No news.
- xiii. **2215 Bloor Street West:** No news.
- xiv. **20 Mossom Road:** No news.
- xv. **304 South Kingsway:** No news.
- xvi. **Shoppers Drug Mart at the Runnymede Theatre:** Councillor Doucette reported that the renovations are progressing and are expected to open in February. Councillor Doucette is trying to get the seats and projectors saved.
- xvii. **2117 Bloor Street West (at Harcroft):** Rebecca Keenan reported that the developer is considering the Working Group feedback and are looking at a 7 story development with front and rear setbacks at the second story. They have asked for more transparency from the developers with their plans.
- xviii. **43 South Kingsway:** No news.
- xix. **8 Brule Gardens:** No news.
- xx. **13 Armadale:** No news.
- xxi. **161 Riverside Drive:** John Meijer wrote a letter opposition.
- xxii. **25 Mayfield:** John Meijer wrote a letter opposition.

b. New Items:

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7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- a. **High Park Resource Group:** Need representative.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** Councillor Doucette reported that the second in command, Ed Rosario is retiring. There have been a number of door kick in break ins in the neighbourhood.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** New Year's Family Skate December 31st 7:30 pm with an midnight count down at 9:00 pm.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** There is a new manager. Councillor Doucette is on the Library Board.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** No news.

- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** William Roberts reported the AGM is coming up in February. Executive Board vacancies are available.
 - g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
 - h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported the meeting at Swansea Town Hall was well attended with more than 20 groups. They are still involved in the City Airport and other groups with the DPS and Eglinton appeals.
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:** No news.
 - f. **Impact of Chimneys from the Construction of Taller Buildings:** No news.
 - g. **Swansea Public School Design Team:** No news.
 - h. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:** No news.
 - i. **YIMBY (Yes In My BackYard) Festival:** No news.
 - j. **Toronto Casino:** No news.
 - k. **Swansea Legion:** No news.
 - l. **Island Airport:** No news.
 - m. **New SARA Website:** No news.
 - n. **14 Valleymede Road:** No news.
9. **ITEMS FOR COUNCILLOR DOUCETTE:** Councillor Doucette provided answers to the items. Her office will forward an electronic copy for the minutes.
- a. **Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette:**
 - b. **Humbergate Initiative:**
 - c. **Former Joyco Station:**
 - d. **Bloor West Urban Design Study:**
 - e. **Western Beaches Plan:**
 - f. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street Closures:**
 - g. **Swansea Traffic Study:**
 - h. **South Kingsway Ramps:**
 - i. **34 Southport:**
 - j. **Leaves and Snow Removal:**
10. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a.
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.
 - d. **AGM – speaker, date, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments:**
 - e. **Procedures for visitors and guests at Executive meetings:**
12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday January 20, 2015 at 7:15 pm.
13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:54 pm.