

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF February 16, 2016

Present: John Meijer, William Roberts, Kate Lawson, Elizabeth Elson, Nick Singh, David Fleming, Veronica Wynne

Regrets: Sybil Wilkinson, Sydney Reimer, Keith Dicks, Brian O'Rourke, Ian McIssac

1. CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- a. John Meijer call the meeting to order at 7:20. No conflicts.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL

- a. The agenda was moved by Bill Roberts, seconded by David Fleming and carried.

3. MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (January 19, 2015)

- a. The minutes as amended were moved by Bill Roberts, seconded by David Fleming and carried.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

- a. Membership and Report: John Meijer is producing the newsletter and will produce a membership report by February 22.
- b. Fund Raising & Report: No report on the Brule 400 from Sydney Reimer. Kate Lawson reported that the Bloor West Village Residents Association would like to continue to participate with SARA in the fundraiser at the Village Players.
- c. Treasurer's Report: Kate Lawson reported that there will be no report this month.
- d. Expenses Approvals and Payment: None.

5. NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS

- a. Marianne Alacoque, Jared Ong and Jun Nogami from Cycle Toronto, Ward 13. Jared Ong presented Cycle Toronto's mandate in Toronto and specifically about what is happening in Ward 13. They would like to reduce accidents and fatalities of pedestrians and cyclists, to zero. He talked about dangerous School drop off zones, the amount of cyclists in the ward compared to others, and cycling studies in Ward 13. Jun Nogami discussed changes to the south portion of Ellis Ave between The Queensway and Lakeshore Blvd. They like Swansea as it is a great area to ride. They would like input from the Ratepayers and the Swansea community for the things that are planned for the Ward.

6. IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS

- a. Mid- Rise Guidelines Referral back to the Planning and Growth Committee: Veronica Wynne reported that she attended the Planning and Growth meeting on January 20, 2016. She described SARA's concerns in the allotted time which were: respect for the Swansea Secondary Plan and established zoning bylaws, the wrapping of penthouse mechanical rooms with amenity or habitable space above the maximum height and the attachment of the public deputations. The matter comes back, with the public deputations, to Planning and Growth on April 6, 2016 after consultations with the councillors. The motion dealing with the matter also confirmed that compliance with the proposed measures will be deemed to apply immediately for Bloor West Village. Veronica Wynne motioned that she contact the other local Ratepayers and the West Toronto Junction Historical Society to support a letter to Councillor Doucette requesting to be allowed to provide input in the consultation. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
- b. Report on Avenue Study Meeting and Blue Sky Wish List: Veronica Wynne reported that she attended the coalition meeting on Thursday January 21, 2016 and presented our suggestions. The area Planning Manager for Etobicoke York, Sarah Henstock, said she had not been aware of the importance or scope of the retail activity which have parking and transportation consid-

erations. The RFP for the consultants for the Avenue Study will start once the budget is approved. The Blue Sky input will be used to help frame the RFP. The Study and community meetings will potentially start in March.

- c. Invitation to Urban Design Round Table from Jennifer Keesmaat: Bill Roberts reported that CORRA was invited to the Round Table for the Official Plan discussions on March 1, 2016 from 2 to 4:30. Veronica Wynne motioned that John Meijer write to request that up to two representatives from SARA attend the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried. Veronica Wynne will attend.
- d. CORRA AGM and Elections March 6, 2016: Bill Roberts will be stepping down as Chair. Kate Lawson motioned that both Bill Roberts and Veronica Wynne represent SARA as Delegates on the CORRA council. The motion was seconded by Nick Singh and carried.
- e. 34 Southport CoA report and Site Plan involvement for SKNC and SARA: Veronica Wynne reported that the we expect Party status to be granted when OMB proceedings begin. Our offer to State to mediate between State and Corona has been made through Councillor Doucette. SARA is open to informal mediation in resolving the matter.
- f. 2442 Bloor Street West Official Application: The developer, Plazacorp, held a pre-application meeting on Feb 8th at the Humber Cinema. Bill Roberts reported that the developer is looking for a 14 story building, stepping back at the 8th story. It will be one of the highest buildings in the area. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA contact the other Ratepayers groups to galvanize support in opposition to the current proposal. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Elson and carried. At the public meeting, many residents expressed the desire to keep the theatre in the development.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Membership Fundraising Drive: Veronica Wynne will propose some actions that SARA might want to take to increase membership and raise funds.
- b. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The police Superintendent, Heinz Kuck, is hosting an event on Monday March 21st 2016 from 6pm-9pm at the Hallelujah Fellowship Baptist Church, 425 Pacific Ave. (Dundas St W just west of Keele St). The Chief of Police, Mark Saunders will be attending.

8. COUNCILLOR DOUCETTE ITEMS:

- a. Progress on City Budget: Not discussed.
- b. 30 km/h Speed Limit on side streets: To be included in our newsletter.
- c. Process for 2442 Bloor Street West's Application: Not discussed.

9. CURRENT MATTERS:

- a. 2442 Bloor Street West – PlazaCorp Development
- b. 34 Southport Plaza and Site Plan Involvement
- c. Tree By-Law Outcomes
- d. 1926 Lakeshore Blvd and Site Plan Involvement
- e. 2265-2279 Bloor W Site Plan Approval Process
- f. Consolidated Zoning By-Law
- g. Coalition and Formation of the 4 Ratepayers Groups: Nick Singh reported that he and John Meijer met with the BWVRA. They discussed a number of items including how the groups could move forward, informally, with lots of communication between the groups on issues.
- h. West End Ratepayer Groups – Heritage Designation Effort
- i. Promoting SARA and Membership Recruitment
- j. AGM Thursday May 5, 2015 – John Sewell speaker: John Meijer will confirm an initial slate and notify the local politicians and the Major. We will ask for Directors in an email blast. Veronica Wynne will create a flyer and contact the local media.
- k. Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto
- l. Development Permit System appeal: The three day mediation will take place March 14 to 16, 2015.

- m. Eglinton Connects OMB appeal
- n. 400th Anniversary of Brule
- o. Swansea Town Hall Sidewalk Sale
- p. Ratepayers' Associations and the agreement for funds collected for the Save Our Village Fund
- q. Ratepayers' Association formal working body and 2265-2279 Bloor Street West
- r. Traffic Study at Bloor Street W and South Kingsway
- s. Mid Rise Report
- t. South Kingsway and Mossom intersection

10. LAND USE ITEMS:

- a. Past Items:
 - a.i. 2265 to 2279 Bloor Street West: No news.
 - a.ii. 1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West: No news.
 - a.iii. 2117 Bloor Street West / 19 Harcroft Road: No news.
 - a.iv. 256 South Kingsway: Close.
 - a.v. 23 Brule: Close.
 - a.vi. 67 South Kingsway: Move to monitor.
 - a.vii. 34 Southport: Moved to 9. See 9, current matters.
 - a.viii. 1926 Lakeshore Blvd: Moved to 9. See 9, current matters.
 - a.ix. 2442 Bloor West: Moved to 9. See 9, current matters.
- b. New Items:
 - b.i. 38 Ellis Park Road: John Meijer will check out the site.
 - b.ii. 25 Ellis Park Road: Construct a balcony. There may be ravine issues.
 - b.iii. 63 Beresford Ave: zero eves, second story addition, doing back with two stories. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA oppose, particularly.
 - b.iv. 43 South Kingsway: The developer is asking for more GFA in a second application. Object due to two stage application and excessive GFA.

11. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

(Chair & members will identify and discuss only the items that need attention.)

- a. High Park Resource Group
- b. Community Police Liaison Committee
- c. Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park: Kate Lawson reported that the Spring Fling dance Friday May 27th
- d. Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library: Bill Roberts reported that the Library has the least circulation in the system.
- e. Swansea Public School: June commencement is coming up on June 28.
- f. Swansea Town Hall Board of Management: Bill Roberts reported that their AGM will be in April. It was motioned by Veronica Wynne that Bill continue to be the SARA Representative on the Board seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
- g. J.T. Bonham Residences: Bill Roberts motioned that Keith Dicks continue to represent SARA. The motion was seconded by Veronica Wynne and carried.
- h. CORRA: Veronica Wynne motioned confirmation of Bill Roberts to continue to represent SARA. The motioned was seconded and carried.

12. ITEMS BEING MONITORED:

(Chair & members will identify and discuss only the items that need attention.)

- a. Windermere by the Lake
- b. Humber Odeon Developments. Close. See 2442 Bloor Street West in 9, current matters.
- c. Red Oak Initiative
- d. Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster
- e. 2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development
- f. Five Year Review of Official Plan
- g. Impact on Chimneys of Construction of Taller Buildings

- h. Runnymede Fire Station Closure
- i. YIMBY (Yes In My BackYard) Festival
- j. Swansea Legion
- k. Island Airport
- l. 176 Morningside Ave
- m. Humbergate Initiative
- n. Former Joyco Station
- o. Bloor West Urban Design Study
- p. Western Beaches
- q. Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street Closures
- r. Swansea Traffic Study
- s. South Kingsway Ramps
- t. Leaves and snow removal
- u. 156 Morningside Drive
- v. 67 South Kingsway

13. LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:

- a. Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings in 2016
- b. State Farm Insurance Policy
- c. Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches
- d. AGM: speaker, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments
- e. Procedures for visitors and guests at Executive meetings

14. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday March 15, 2016 at 7:15 pm