

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF April 19, 2016

Present: William Roberts, Kate Lawson, Elizabeth Elson, Nick Singh, David Fleming, Keith Dicks, Ian McIssac, Sydney Reimer, Brian O'Rourke

Regrets: John Meijer, Sybil Wilkinson, David Fleming, Veronica Wynne

1. CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- a. Ian McIssac call the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. No conflicts.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (April 19, 2016)

- a. The agenda was moved by Sydney Reimer, seconded by Keith Dicks and carried.

3. MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (March 15, 2016)

- a. The minutes were moved by Keith Dicks, seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

- a. Membership and Report: John Meijer send out the report. 49 memberships plus 2 honorary. The membership report was moved by Sydney Reimer, seconded by Elizabeth Elson and carried
- b. Fund Raising & Report: Kate Lawson reported that the tickets will be available at the AGM for our annual fundraiser at the Village Players. Veronica Wynne, Elizabeth Elson and Kate Lawson have met and discussed fundraising options such as a raffles or open houses.
- c. Treasurer's Report: Kate Lawson moved March Report. The motion was seconded by William Roberts and carried.
- d. Expenses Approvals and Payment: None.

5. NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS

- a. Councillor Doucette.
- b. Regarding Committee of Adjustment application at 253 Windermere Ave. Sean David of 255 Windermere and Don of 251 Windermere attended to discuss options for the 12 minor variances. Advised to look at plans, access MPAC date to see how many in the area that this size and have 5 minute presentation ready for the Committee of Adjustment on April 29th. Councillor Doucette said it was possible that the builder would ask for a deferral pending negotiations with builder. Sean will be emailed suggestions of reasonable lawyers and planner for assistance on the CoA presentation. Don will be copied on all correspondence. Upon discussion, William Roberts motioned that SARA write a letter to request deferral and if the Committee does not defer then we support the concerns of the neighbours and that the building is too long, too close, too high a FSI/GFA, and that the variances individually and collectively are not minor and the application does not meet the four tests. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. Ian will notify Sean David of SARA's position.

6. IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS

- a. LAB Update & Passed with amendment by City Council: William Roberts reported Council agreed to mediation for the pilot project would encompass the whole city rather than just parts. The fee to apply set a \$300. Move to monitor.
- b. Promoting SARA – Plan Presentation of Actions 2016: Discussed under 4b – Fundraising.
- c. SARA AGM, Organization and Slate of Officers: Kate Lawson motioned to spend up to \$80 for coffee, tea and water. Sydney Reimer second, motion carried. A donation jar will be placed on the refreshment table. William Roberts volunteered to contact Jack Slaughter and Bob Broden to act as Election Chair. A table will be set up at the door for memberships and sale of theatre tickets. Nick Singh and Sydney Reimer volunteered to man the table. Kate Lawson motioned to spend up to \$100 for the speaker gift, Sydney Reimer second, motion carried.

- d. Mid-Rise Guidelines Deferral to May 11, 2016: The letter Veronica sent on April 9th to Planning and Growth had a positive response.
- e. Consolidated Zoning By-Law: No news.
- f. Swansea Town Hall AGM: The AGM is April 28th. Speaker to be determined. Brian O'Rourke is stepping down from the STH Board. New SARA member needed. Sydney Reimer is SARA's representative at the Swansea Historical Society.
- g. Heritage Conservation District: No news.
- h. Bloor West Avenue Study: No news.
- i. 76 Morningside, 67 South Kingsway and 156 Morningside: 76 Morningside is being built; 67 South Kingsway looks like not being built to plan, Brian O'Rourke will follow up with building department; 156 Morningside is in process.
- j. CoA Matter – 73 Armadale: No news. April 28th Committee of Adjustment. William Roberts motioned that the subcommittee will report back to SARA, Keith Dicks second, motion carried.
- k. CoA Matter – 253 Windemere: See New Members and Guests.
- l. Ride Sharing Regulation (Uber): SARA registers its opposition to the Ride Sharing Regulations as presented based on its concerns about compromised passenger safety potentially caused by lowered vehicle standards and maintenance standards, undisclosed licensing processes of drivers (such as police checks of the PTC drivers at the time of licensing), lack of uniformity of identification of vehicles, low fees which could jeopardize cost recovery for the city, the potential failure of drivers to speak one of Canada's official languages together with a lack of required and documented training in city by-laws and human rights. SARA is also concerned that any new regulations do not provide a level playing field for all providers of passenger transportation services in this city and the level of standards are at a lowest level for compliance.
- m. Harmonization of the Fee Schedules for Payment-in-Lieu of Parking: The standard for for developers to pay in lieu of providing parking is \$5,000, This has not been changed and is based on 2004 construction costs. There needs to be a review of this rate to see if still relevant. William Roberts motioned that we write a letter to Planning and Growth to support South Armour Heights in their request for a review, Sydney Reimer second, motion carried.
- n. Review to consider eliminating the Waiver Process: Review to consider eliminating the Waiver Process: Waiver errors are causing problems and could be hiding the real info. Kate Lawson motioned to write a letter to Planning and Growth in support of South Armour Heights to eliminate waivers, motion seconded by Brian O'Rourke, motion carried.
- o. **In Camera discussion at or before 9:25pm** - DPS Mediation Update from March 22- 23 meetings: DPS Mediation Update from March 22-23 meetings: Kate Lawson motioned that council approve a test of DPS on 2 pilot projects in order to review operation and allow both Resident groups and developers evaluate DPS enabling a political solution.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Kate Lawson spoke about front yard parking and the vehicle overhanging sidewalk making it a hazard for visually impaired and the elderly, especially when the drive is paved on a slope at about half the sidewalk width. Councillor suggested calling 311.

8. COUNCILLOR DOUCETTE ITEMS:

- a. Site Plan for 2265 Bloor:
- b. 1926 Lakeshore:
- c. OMB Appeal 34 Southport:
Councillor Doucette requested that SARA continue to send the Agenda to her office prior to the meeting date.

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
- h. West End Ratepayer Groups – Heritage Designation Effort
- i. Promoting SARA and Membership Recruitment
- j. AGM Thursday May 5, 2015 – John Sewell speaker
- k. Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto
- l. Development Permit System appeal
- 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. 38 Ellis Park Road: Approved.
 - a.ii. 25 Ellis Park Road: Approved.
 - a.iii. 63 Beresford Ave: Approved.
 - a.iv. 43 South Kingsway:
 - a.v. 1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:
 - a.vi. 2117 Bloor Street West / 189 Harcroft:
 - a.vii. 2442 Bloor West: No news.
 - a.viii. 9 Runnymede:
 - a.ix. 3 Durie:
 - a.x. 12 Windermere:
- b. New Items:

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: The Spring Fling dance is Friday May 27th
- d. Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:
- e. Swansea Public School: June commencement is coming up on June 28.
- f. Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:
- g. J.T. Bonham Residences:
- h. CORRA:

12. ITEMS BEING MONITORED:

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

- a. Windermere by the Lake
- b. Red Oak Initiative
- c. Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster
- d. 2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development
- e. Five Year Review of Official Plan
- f. Impact on Chimneys of Construction of Taller Buildings
- g. Runnymede Fire Station Closure

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

13. LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:

- a. Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings in 2017
- 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 May 17, 2016 at 7:15 pm