

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF Sep 17, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The meeting was called to order by Veronica Wynne at 7:30. There was one conflict of interest, temporary.

Present: Veronica Wynne, John Meijer, Janice Kaldor, Brian O'Rourke, and William Roberts.

Regrets: Sybil Wilkinson, Nick Singh, Sydney Reimer

Guests: None

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL

Sep 17, 2019: It was Moved by William Roberts, seconded by Janice Kaldor, and CARRIED to accept the agenda and deal with the priority items as follows:

- **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL June 18, 2019**
- **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. Membership and Report (5 mins) – John
 - b. Fund Raising & Report (5 mins) – Sybil & John Use of Event Payment Process, Funding 2326 Bloor.
 - c. Treasurer's Report (5 mins) – John
 - d. Expenses' Approvals & Payment (5-10 mins) Graduation?
- **NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS (10-15 minutes each including Q & A)**
- **IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS**
 - a) All Candidates Debate Oct 3, 2019
 - b) Swansea Graduation and payment to school June 25 – Bill and Sybil
 - c) Calendar and Events 2019- 2020 Dates – Candidates Debate, SARA Mtg Dates, AGM, YIMBY, Picking a Speaker, Sidewalk Sales, C of Adjustment dates etc. – Veronica & Executive
 - d) Fundraiser at Village Playhouse – October 30 Distribution of Tickets and Plan of Action.
 - e) Riverside Drive Letter re Rehabilitation? – Sydney and Veronica
 - f) Official Plan Policy Review: Public Realm and Built – Bill & Veronica
 - g) Bill 108 Provincial Housing Plan – SARA Response and Next Steps - Bill et al
 - h) 2442-2452 Bloor Settlement Hearing Update and Next Steps – Veronica, Bill
 - i) Street Permit Meeting with Councillor Follow Up - Sydney
 - j) Project for Swansea Community Street Signs Project – Sydney, Bill
 - k) C of A Applications 154 High Park Avenue Garden Suites – Veronica and Executive Invitation to Members to form C of A Committee on Executive with Training
 - l) Update, Monitor or Close: Veronica & Executive
 - Land Use Items in Section 10 from the Minutes/Agenda of June 18, 2019
 - Other Matters that Need attention from the Minutes/Agenda of June 18, 2019
- **COUNCILLOR ITEMS**
- **IN-CAMERA ITEMS**
 - a) 2265 Bloor Modified Development and Review for Feedback
 - b) 2326 Bloor (JC Salon) Appeal Process – Bill & Veronica
 - c) 229 Riverside Drive Appeal – Sydney, Veronica & Bill
 - d) Humber Odeon Update on the Traffic Study Sign off by the City – Veronica, Bill
 - e) 569-13 Appeal SARG/CORRA Party Update and Next steps
 - f) CORRA Meeting Organization & Next Steps – Bill, Veronica

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:15 pm in the Swansea Town Hall

3. MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL

Sep 17, 2019: It was MOVED by William Roberts, seconded by Janice Kaldor and CARRIED to approve the June 18, 2019: minutes as amended.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

a. Membership Report:

Sep 17, 2019: It was Moved by John Meijer seconded by William Roberts and CARRIED to accept the report as circulated.

b. Fund Raising & Report:

Sep 17, 2019: *Bill Roberts motioned to approve use of Eventbrite for the fundraiser at \$20 plus service charges, seconded by Brian O'Rourke. John Meijer to investigate and implement.*

June 18, 2019: The Village Playhouse fundraiser for the Fall is scheduled for October 31st. Sybil will confirm the date and get the tickets printed.

c. Treasurer's Report:

Sep 17, 2019: *It was Moved by John Meijer seconded by Brian O'Rourke and CARRIED to accept the report*

June 18, 2019: It was Moved by John Meijer seconded by Brian O'Rourke and CARRIED to accept the report as amended

d. Expenses, Approvals & Payment: Sep 17, 2019:

Sep 17, 2019: *37.22 to Sybil Wilkinson for ticket printing, 21.46 to John Meijer for domain renewal. Moved by Bill Roberts, seconded by Janice Kaldor*

June 18, 2019: It was Moved by John Meijer seconded by Brian O'Rourke and CARRIED to reimburse John \$38.95 for the cost of the school award.

June 18, 2019: It was Moved by William Roberts seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and CARRIED to reimburse Sydney \$28.98 for coffee and \$39.98 for anniversary cakes, and Nick Singh up to \$35, subject to receipts, for the speaker gift.

e. Riverside Neighbourhood Group

June 18, 2019: No news

5. NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS (10-15 minutes each including Q & A)

Sep 17, 2019: *None*

June 18, 2019: Christine and Russell Woodman of 231 Riverside Dr. spoke to us about their concerns regarding the redevelopment of their neighbour's property at 229 Riverside Dr. Regarding their concerns about blockages of the shared driveway and garage access they were advised to engage a real estate litigation lawyer to ensure that the owner of 229 Riverside is put on notice that any blockages, encroachments, or impingements of the right of way resulting from the redevelopment may be actionable. Regarding the excessive size, Christine and Russell were advised to ask the City Councillor for a deferral of the COA hearing to permit negotiation with the owner for a more reasonable design. They were also advised to request support from their neighbours and ask them to write the Councillor and the Committee. The Woodmans asked SARA to support their opposition to the development.

June 18, 2019: Veronica and Sydney will work on a message to the RNG members.

June 18, 2019: It was Moved by William Roberts seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and CARRIED to write the COA to oppose the proposed development at 229 Riverside Dr. on the grounds of excessive changes to the setbacks,

GFA, massing, height, main wall height, deck size, and any other changes that might be inappropriate for this address.

6. **CURRENT MATTERS: (Chair and Members to identify & discuss only items that need attention)**
- a. **All Candidates Meeting Oct 3, 2019 – Veronica reported candidates from four of the leading parties have responded and she is following up with others. Brian banner; Bill moderator; Veronica questions; John Timing. Communications taken care of by Veronica. Sybil to take care of coffee and water (and cups). John to bring membership forms.**
 - b. **Swansea Graduation – John confirmed to Veronica that payment was made.**
 - c. **Calendar and Events – Veronica and John to investigate adding to our website.**
 - d. **Fundraiser – no new discussion**
 - e. **Riverside Drive letter – (to city)**
Sep 17, 2019: postponed for further thought/action
 - f. **Official Plan Policy Review –**
Sep 17, 2019: Bill reported on Sep 16 meeting Public Realm; motion for SARG to write letter before Sep 25 supported the CORRA position and built form. (John to send to Steven.dixon@toronto.ca) Moved by Bill Roberts; seconded John Meijer; CARRIED.
 - g. **Bill 108 – Sep 18, 2019: no news**
 - h. **2442 Bloor W. (Humber Odeon) & Plaza Corp. Redevelopment:**
Sep 17, 2019: No news.
June 18, 2019: No news.
 - i. **Street Permit Meeting with Councillor Follow Up – Sydney. No news.**
 - j. **Project for Swansea Community Street Signs Project -Sydney, Bill. No news.**
 - k. **Garden Suites CoA – 154 High Park; attended by V Wynne; proposal was rejected, SARA to monitor for appeal**
 - l. **Harmonized City-Wide By-Law 569-2013/ OMB PL 130592/Healthy Neighbourhoods**
Sep 17, 2019: Oct 16-18 hearing; witness statement schedule released; CORRA getting organized. SARG to file witnesses in addition to CORRA. Motion by John Meijer, seconded by Brian O'Rourke that SARG support the CORRA position on the appeal of 569-13.
June 18, 2019: It was Moved by Sydney Reimer, seconded by John Meijer, and CARRIED to strike a committee to review the City's position when it is revealed. The committee will be John Meijer, Nick Singh, Veronica Wynne and William Roberts.
 - m. **CORRA Meeting Organization & Next Steps – 20 paid members; 138 access to paid members; working on banking, need to change officers as banking requirement**
 - n. **Traffic Study at Bloor Street W and South Kingsway:**
June 18, 2019: Veronica Wynne reported that the May 28th meeting went very well and congratulated the team (Brian, Sydney, and Veronica) for Sydney's presentation. Sheldon and Dylan from the City traffic Department were interested in, and were impressed by, the new approach enough to say that it could be used to inform changes the next time work is planned for the intersection and that the development of the Humber Odeon could require such work.
June 18, 2019: It was Moved by Sydney Reimer, seconded by John Meijer, and CARRIED for Sydney to write a follow up letter thanking Sheldon and Dylan for their participation and requesting a future meeting.

- o. **Pathway between Palisades and Ellis (from Valleymede Rd. southward to Ellis Park Dr.):**
June 18, 2019: John Meijer reported that the group was not able to retain a lawyer and the Civil Practices Court deferred setting a date until they have one
- p. **Riverside Drive Redesign:**
June 18, 2019: Ian Flett did not respond to the request to write this letter.
- q. **1978-2002 Lake Shore Blvd. (Joyco Station)**
June 18, 2019: Veronica Wynne reported that fundraising has been slow, but information is getting out to the local community and is appreciated.
- r. **Local Improvement Project:**
June 18, 2019: No News
- s. **Humber River 20th Anniversary Heritage Designation:**
June 18, 2019: It was reported that the completion of the Heritage Pathway is on hold pending the completion of area construction
- t. **Official Plan Policy Review – Transportation**
June 18, 2019: William Roberts reported that given the changes announced by the province the framework for discussion is not known and the meetings have been deferred sine die.
- u. **Provincial Bill 108**
June 18, 2019: William Roberts suggested that given the City-wide impact of the Bill it would be appropriate for grass root organisations to work with CORRA in making their positions known.
June 18, 2019: It was Moved by William Roberts, seconded by Sydney Reimer, and CARRIED to support opposition to changes to the park levy and development charges and changes that reduce citizen participation.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Sep 17, 2019: None

Jun 18, 2019:

I. Calendar of Events:

June 18, 2019: Veronica Wynne proposed that she would create a digital calendar of events to help keep deadlines, events and meetings in clear view. So far, we have:

- Our regular Executive Meetings every third Tuesday in each month save July and August when there are no meetings, and in 2019, December 10th
- The tentative date for the 2020 AGM is Thursday, May 16th.
- Federal election candidates' debate 2019 October 3rd
- Committee of Adjustment dates will be captured from the website by Veronica

II. Taxi Driver Training:

June 18, 2019: It was Moved by Sybil Wilkinson, seconded by Sydney Reimer, and CARRIED, Veronica Wynne will write a letter to City Council in support of training for all for-hire drivers.

III. On Street Permit Parking:

Councillor Perks held a community meeting to gather the thoughts of the residents of the old Ward 13 regarding on street parking permits. Meetings had been previously held in the Parkdale neighbourhoods before the imposition of the boundary changes. The Councillor was in favour of expanding the practice to promote fairness where certain streets were oversubscribed. It is unfair, he said, that some people can have a place to park their cars but not others. The attendees at the meeting were generally not welcoming of people who were not from their street parking on their streets and asked to have their streets exempted. The Councillor reminded them that the streets are public

property and a shared resource not private property. However, he asked them to submit their requests to his office and to participate in the online study.

June 18, 2019: It was Moved by William Roberts, seconded by Janice Kaldor, and CARRIED for Bill to write a letter supporting exempt areas.

8. COUNCILLOR ITEMS:

- a) **Site Plan for 2265 Bloor St. W.: See 6(d)**
- b) **1926 Lakeshore Blvd. W.: See 6(c)**
- c) **34 Southport St.: See 6(b)**
- d) **2259 Bloor St. W.: See 6(w)**
- e) **Avenue Study for Bloor West Village: See 6(i)**
- f) **Humber Theatre 2442 Bloor St. W.: See 6(b)**
- g) **Community Issues: Swansea Safety Meeting: See 6(z)**
- h) **Park Site at The Queensway and Ellis Ave.:**
- i) **Construction Problems on South Kingsway:**
- j) **City Budget:**
- k) **Leaves and snow removal**
- l) **Housing**
- m) **Halloween Road Closures**
- n) **1987 to 2002 Lakeshore Boulevard West**
- o) **Swansea Mews Homework Club:**
- p) **Local Robberies:**
- q) **Ward Newsletter:**

9. LAND USE ITEMS: (Chair & members will identify and discuss only the items that need attention.)

a. New Items

- I. June 18, 2019: It was agreed by consensus to strike a standing committee of Veronica Wynne, Sydney Reimer, and Janice Kaldor to review and deal with COA applications. Sydney Reimer will chair the committee and William Roberts will train the committee. William Roberts will ask Terry Mills for tips to help the committee to map the homes in Swansea.
- II. June 18, 2019: For 229 Riverside see XXXVII,

b. Previous Items

- I. **86 Deforest (Tree House):**
- II. **44 Ellis Park**
- III. **100 South Kingsway:**
- IV. **20 Deforest**
- V. **79 Mayfield:**
- VI. **91 Beresford**
- VII. **57 Beresford**
- VIII. **17 Mayfield**
- IX. **288 Ellis Ave**
- X. **50 Kennedy Ave.**
- XI. **34 Beresford Ave.**

- XII. **16 Willard Gardens:**
- XIII. **37 Riverside Cres.:**
- XIV. **44 Ellis:**
- XV. **46 Beresford:**
- XVI. **69 South Kingsway:**
- XVII. 41 Beresford.**
- XVIII. 7 Riverside Cres.**
- XIX. 35 Worthington:**
- XX. 209 South Kingsway:**
- XXI. **245 Riverside Dr.**
- XXII. **15 Durie**
- XXIII. **15 Riverside Crescent:**
- XXIV. **253 Riverside Drive:**
- XXV. **229 Riverside Drive:**

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XXVI. 85 Windermere:

June 18, 2019: No objection

XXVII. 379 Ellis Park Rd.

June 18, 2019: SARA has been asked by the neighbour to support their opposition to the application

June 18, 2019: It was Moved by William Roberts, seconded by Brian O'Rourke, and CARRIED for Bill Roberts to review the application and to write the COA as warranted.

10.COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

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

- a. **High Park Resource Group**
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee**

June 18, 2019: There will be a luncheon at the Old Mill for the retirement of Div.11 Police Superintendent Heinz.

June 18, 2019: It was Moved by William Roberts, seconded by Brian O'Rourke, and CARRIED for Sybil to write a letter of thanks for the Superintendents work.

- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park**

- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:**
- e. **Swansea Public School**

Sep 17, 2019: See 6. b)

June 18, 2019: It was Moved by William Roberts, seconded by John Meijer and CARRIED to give the Swansea Public School \$240 for the award plaques.

- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management**
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences**
- h. **CORRA:**

June 18, 2019: The CORRA meeting of June 3 was well attended and there was a lot of discussion on many issues. Jeff Kettle will be the agent for CORRA at the hearings left unattended by the previous agent.

- i. **Tango**

11. ITEMS BEING MONITORED:

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

- a. **Windermere by the Lake**
- b. **Humber Odeon Developments See 6a.**
- c. **Red Oak initiative.**
- d. **2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development**
- e. **Five Year Review of Official Plan**
- f. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure**
- g. **YIMBY (Yes in My Back Yard):**
- h. **Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB)**
- i. **Former Joyco Station:**
- j. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street Closures**
- k. **Swansea Traffic Study**
- l. **South Kingsway Ramps**
- m. **Leaves and snow removal (See 8)**
- n. **Harmonization of Cash in Lieu Fees for Parking**
- o. **Have Your Say / Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan**
- p. **Park Lawn / Lake Shore Area Transportation Master Plan**
- q. **57 Lavinia: See 9, b**
- r. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West**
- s. **2117 Bloor Street West / 19 Harcroft – ongoing**
- t. **Swansea Public School Graduation Plaques etc.**
- u. **Lobbyist Registration List for Not-for-Profit Organizations:**
- v. **Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT)**

12. LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:

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

- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings in 2019:**

June 18, 2019: Sybil will make bookings for SARA's 2019/2020 meetings (see 7. l)

- b. **State Farm Insurance Policy:**
- c. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:**
- d. **AGM: speaker, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments: See 6k**
- e. **Procedures for visitors and guests at Executive meetings**

- f. Potluck for the December 2019 Executive
- g. Swansea Town Hall Sidewalk Sale & Events Template

13. **ADJOURNED: 9:10pm**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:15 pm in the Swansea Town Hall