

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING, Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Present: Nick Singh, Bill Roberts, David Fleming, Heather McCulloch, Kate Lawson (departed 9:30), Sybil Wilkinson (arrived 7:55), Ian McIsaac, Chris Korda
Regrets: Bill Jermyn, Louis Gris, George Dubauskas, John Meijer, Bill Steele, Ed Gaigalas

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

The meeting was called to order by Nick Singh at 7:31 pm.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL:

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Chris Korda, and carried, the Agenda for April 15, 2008 were approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Chris Korda, and carried, the Minutes for March 18, 2008 were approved.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a) Membership: None.

b) Fundraising: None. Nick Singh will call Louis Gris to ask him to contact the Village Playhouse regarding the fall fundraiser.

c) Treasurer's: Kate Lawson presented the financial report. The report was accepted upon a motion by Kate Lawson, seconded by David Fleming and carried.

d) Expenses: Swansea Town Hall – 590 Photocopies on account - \$30.98. Kate Lawson motioned that the expense be paid. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.

5. CURRENT MATTERS

a) New Members and Guests: Cheri DeNovo.

b) Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette: Nick Singh reported that he contacted Greg Keys, and the matter is closed as the homeowner has the appropriate documentation backing up their use of the property. Bill Roberts suggested that a title search could be done to research what has happened at the property, and what use the homeowner may have. Kate Lawson motioned that up to \$100.00 be allocated for a title search on the road parcel, 55 Mayfield, and the adjacent property to the west. Bill Roberts will organize the search. The motion was seconded by Heather McCulloch and carried.

c) Meeting with Cheri DiNovo: Nick Singh, Bill Roberts, and Heather McCulloch met with Cheri DiNovo on Friday April 11, 2008. They discussed the OMB, the OMB Reform Motion. At the Executive meeting local matters were discussed. Cheri said she would like to see the OMB out of Toronto matters, but an appropriate appeals process would have to be built. She suggested that SARA look at the

Parkdale Visioning Study, and the work the community there is putting together to fight the development at Bloor and Dundas. We discussed development and local issues. The Waterfront Plan and the fact that plan/presentation is not yet up on the website. The Alcohol and Gaming appeal by the Dark Horse was discussed, Cheri indicated that she would attend the May 6, 2008 community meeting, and would get involved to support SARA and the community. She talked about the Heritage site near the Petro Canada gas station. The development at 21 Old Mill was discussed. Cheri said that if indeed they are developing on designated green space, that a question to the Environment Minister in the House of Commons would be in order.

d) Flyer to promote SARA to new Swansea Residents: Heather McCulloch sent out the minutes of the meeting. Ed Gaigalas is looking into some contacts to help get the word out in the media. They discussed email alerts, more web site development, and other strategies. Bill Roberts noted that the Adopt-A-Block was a good way to generate interest. Heather McCulloch suggested a special interest section in the newsletter. Bill suggested that members and the executive submit “articles” for the newsletter. Nick Singh will ask John Meijer to help “push” people for solicitations. Ian McIsaac offered to get involved. Nick Singh suggested revamping the SARA website might help as well.

e) Humbergate Initiative: Nick Singh reported that met Councillor Saundercook and his assistant Colin. Colin will attempt to put together a response to SARA’s inquiries.

f) Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches: Nick Singh reported that a presentation had been made, and there would be a website posting to allow the community to add input. So far the site has not been updated. Bill Roberts motioned that they should allow the community at least 15 days from posting for public input to be done. The motion should be cc’ed to Councillor Saundercook, Cheri DeNovo, and Councillor Perks. The motion was seconded by Heather McCulloch and passed.

g) Development on Bloor Street, East of Swansea: Cheri DiNovo reported that an Avenue study has been undertaken. 260 community members showed up to the community meeting to oppose the development. Bill Roberts suggested that they will need to organize in order to take the fight to the OMB.

h) 21 Old Mill Road: See 5c). Bill Roberts will follow up with his contact about the history of the property being developed.

i) Complete Applications: Bill Roberts reported that CORRA and FoNTRA are still negotiating with the City on the Complete Applications issue. David Fleming will write a letter of support if required.

j) AGM – Wednesday June 18, 2008: Bill Roberts motioned that the AGM be held Wednesday June 18, with Councillor Cliff Jenkins as the keynote speaker. The motion was seconded by Chris Korda and passed. Nick Singh reported that Bill Steele, Chris Korda and Heather McCulloch are resigning from the Executive. David Fleming motioned that Nick Singh strike a Nomination Committee. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and passed. It was suggested that the Riverside Drive, Windermere-by-the-Lake and Southport Buildings be canvassed for Executive applicants.

k) Mayor Millers Handgun Ban: SARA will not get involved in the matter.

6. LAND USE ITEMS

a) Past Items:

169 South Kingsway: Nick Singh is still waiting for a response from the building inspector.

b) New COA Matters: None.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

a) Community Police Liaison Committee:

No news.

b) High Park Community Advisory Council:

Heather McCulloch reported that they are publishing a book about the plants in High Park. There will be a book launch soon.

c) Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park:

Kate Lawson reported the “Mardi Gras – Better late than never Dance” fundraiser went well. Details will follow. The Rennie Park Community Garage Sale will be held May 17, 2008. Tickets are \$30 per table. SARA will buy a table for the display of the Adopt-A-Block display. Bill Roberts motioned that \$30.00 be spent on the table. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and passed. Kate Lawson volunteered to setup and “man” the display.

d) Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:

Bill Roberts reported that usage is up. The Board has asked for a usage report for similarly sized branches.

e) Swansea Public School:

No news.

f) Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:

Bill Roberts reported that the Board is reviewing how other Boards deal with the issues of Associations.

g) J.T. Bonham Residences:

No news.

h) CORRA:

See 5 i), Complete Applications.

8. ITEMS BEING MONITORED

a) Windermere by the Lake:

Cheri DiNovo reported that she attended their incorporation meeting, and observed that they have some issues to deal with. Nick Singh will ask his contact for details.

b) Southport Plaza:

No news.

c) Former Joyco Station:

No news.

d) Dark Horse (liquor license):

Nick Singh reported that a tentative meeting date will be May 6th, 2008, at 5:30pm at the Four Points Sheraton. Cheri DiNovo will attend. Nick has delivered 200 flyers in the community. Three individuals have contacted him for further details.

e) Humber Bay Treatment Plant:

No news.

f) Proactive Measures to Preserve the Character of Swansea:

No news. Bill Roberts reported that he has no new information from the Riverside Drive group.

- g) Storm Water Management Plan – Ellis Ave/Colbourne Lodge Dr: No news.
- h) South Kingsway Ramps Redesign Meeting: Nick Singh reported that he met again with Chris Halcroft, but they have not come to a consensus for a common position.
- i) Bloor West Urban Design Study: The study was completed a number of years ago, but was not taken into account for the Humber Odeon development. The next steps will be to get the City to adopt the study as a Bylaw, or even better as Policy.
- j) 86 Deforest Road: Kate Lawson reported that the OMB hearing was completed, and that judgement has been reserved.
- k) Traffic Studies in Swansea: No news.
- l) Discussion of Co-hosting All Candidates Meetings with BWVRA: No news
- m) Humber Odeon Developments: No news.
- n) High Park Off-Leash Dog Zones: No news.
- o) Development Charges: No news.
- p) Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster: Will be on display at the Rennie Park Community Garage Sale.
- q) 21 Old Mill – Section 37 Monies: No News.
- r) Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings: David Fleming will check on bookings.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Ed Gaigalas wife is very ill. Bill Roberts motioned that Sybil Wilkinson send a get well card to her. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.

Bill Roberts reported that the Legion's tenant, Gymboree, has unexpectedly vacated. The Legion needs to find a new tenant.

10. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday May 20, 2008

11. ADJOURNED: 9:30 PM