

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING, Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Present: Nick Singh, Bill Roberts, David Fleming, Heather McCulloch, Kate Lawson, Ed Gaigalas, Sybil Wilkinson (8:15)

Regrets: Bill Jermyn, Ian McIsaac, Louis Gris, George Dubauskas, John Meijer, Chris Korda, Bill Steele, Sybil Wilkinson

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

The meeting was called to order by Nick Singh at 7:41 pm.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL:

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Heather McCulloch, and carried, the Agenda for February 19, 2008 was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Ed Gaigalas, and carried, the amended Minutes for January 15, 2007 were approved.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a) Membership: None.

b) Fundraising: None.

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

d) Expenses: None.

5. CURRENT MATTERS

a) New Members and Guests: None.

b) Adopt a Block: No news.

c) Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette: No news.

d) Traffic Studies in Swansea: No news. Move to monitor.

e) Meeting with Cheri DiNovo: No news.

f) Flyer to promote SARA to new Swansea Residents: Ed Gaigalas reported that the group met, with Chris Korda took minutes. Details will be reported at the March 18, 2008 Executive Meeting.

g) Swansea Town Hall Web Site Redesign: Item will be closed.

- h) Humbergate Initiative: No news.
- i) Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches: Nick Singh reported that the February 13, 2008 presentation by the project planner compared other successful waterfront revitalization projects, and showed some possible ideas. Ian McIsaac to report the details of the December 11, 2007 Parkdale High Park Community Advisory Council meeting at the March 18, 2008 Executive Meeting.
- j) Discussion of Co-hosting All Candidates Meetings with BWVRA: Move to monitor.
- k) Development on Bloor Street, East of Swansea: Nick Singh reported that a number of parties are interested in starting a Bloor Street Corridor specific group. Ed Gaigalas suggested that they talk to CORRA. Bill Roberts suggested that if they have the will, they will organize, and if there is serious interest, SARA can help with advice or suggestions. Nick Singh will follow up.
- l) High Park Off-Leash Dog Zones: No news.
- m) 21 Old Mill Road: Nick Singh reported he attended the Community Council meeting dealing with the proposal. The Toronto Region Conservation Authority brokered a deal for Section 37 monies and revitalization of some of the areas south of the mill. Council voted 6 to 3 in favour of the proposal. Bill Roberts motioned that Nick Singh represent SARA at the Community Council Meeting, and that he write a letter of objection to the City. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
- n) Local Matters - Decision Making Being Transferred to Planning and Growth: Bill Roberts reported that the Planning and Growth Management Committee's decision to have community decisions decided by the community was coming before City Council March 5, 2008. David Fleming motioned that he write a letter to the City Clerk, Mayor Miller, and Councillor Saundercook, to have City Council support the Planning and Growth Management Committee's decision. The motion was seconded by Ed Gaigalas and carried.
- o) Capital Budget – Homeowners Subsidizing New Development: Ed Gaigalas reported that there may be a number of changes to development charges. Discussion will be deferred to the March 18, 2008 Executive Meeting.

6. LAND USE ITEMS

- a) Past Items:
169 South Kingsway: No news.
- b) New COA Matters: None.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- a) Community Police Liaison Committee: Kate Lawson reported that the police are holding a meeting at the Annette Community Centre on February 28, 2008 to discuss the relocation of the 11 Division Station.
- b) High Park Community Advisory Council: Heather McCulloch reported that trial upgrades are being planned, and that Spring Creek has been revitalized. Bear Mound is generating a great deal of discussion, and is being looked at in detail.

- c) Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park: Kate Lawson reported that there will be a “Mardi Gras – Better late than never” fundraiser will be held April 12, 2008.
- d) Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library: No news.
- e) Swansea Public School: No news.
- f) Swansea Town Hall Board of Management: The AGM will be Tuesday February 26, 2008. Changes could be made with respect to the Town Hall Association. A committee has been formed to look at how other community centres deal with volunteer organizations and management.
- g) J.T. Bonham Residences: Ed Gaigalas reported that the AGM will be rescheduled to late March, 2008.
- h) CORRA: Bill Roberts reported that there will be a meeting at City Hall on February 20, 2008 at 7:30pm. They will be discussing membership and the complete application process. There is a public meeting scheduled for April 10, 2008 to discuss the complete application process.

8. ITEMS BEING MONITORED

- a) Windermere by the Lake: No news.
- b) Southport Plaza: No news. Sybil Wilkinson will follow up with Councillor Saundercook.
- c) Former Joyco Station: No news.
- d) Dark Horse (liquor license): No News. Nick Singh will follow up with respect to SARA’s standing.
- e) Humber Bay Treatment Plant: No news.
- f) Proactive Measures to Preserve the Character of Swansea: Bill Roberts talked with some Riverside Drive people. They has been no real progress.
- g) Storm Water Management Plan – Ellis Ave/Colbourne Lodge Dr: No news.
- h) South Kingsway Ramps Redesign Meeting: Nick Singh reported that there is a group trying to reopen the changes to the ramps area. SARA’s position is that the monies committed to the ramps should be spent on the improvements (resurfacing, signage, TTC stop). Nick will contact Chris Korda to see if any Community Council and Committee meetings are scheduled.
- i) Bloor West Urban Design Study: No news.
- k) 86 Deforest Road: Kate Lawson reported that she has copied the file and plans from the OMB. She consulted an architect who suggested that the plans filed are vague and that the property could easily be converted to a triplex. She will find out if the architect can testify at the hearing. Bill Roberts also pointed out some possible issues with the front, and the front setback.

1) Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:
Cliff Jenkins about speaking at the AGM.

Bill Roberts will contact Councillor

9. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

10. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday March 18, 2008

11. ADJOURNED: 9:10 PM