

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 (departed at 8:50 pm)

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 7:35 pm.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL:

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Ed Gaigalas, and carried, the amended Agenda for March 18, 2008 were approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Kate Lawson, and carried, the 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 Bill Roberts and carried.

d) Expenses: None.

5. CURRENT MATTERS

a) New Members and Guests: None.

b) Adopt a Block: No news. Move to Monitor.

c) Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette: Nick Singh reported that Greg Keys has been contacted. Nick is waiting for a reply.

d) Meeting with Cheri DiNovo: Nick Singh met with Cheri. She indicated she would like to meet with SARA, and April would be a good time. Nick will set up a meeting. She also indicated was not getting the meeting notices or agenda. David Fleming will start distributing the Agenda to the Elected Representatives.

e) Flyer to promote SARA to new Swansea Residents: Details will be reported at the April 15, 2008 Executive Meeting. Heather McCulloch will send out the minutes of the meeting.

f) Humbergate Initiative: Nick Singh reported that he met with Councillor Saundercook and his assistant Susan. She told Nick that she would follow up on his inquiries, and although Nick subsequently followed up with his inquiries, there has been no response.

g) Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches: Nick Singh reported that he has attended a number of meetings. He also attended a Parkdale High Park Community Advisory Council meeting. The PHPCAC took a survey that they would like to present to the planner. The Argonaut Rowing Club has expressed interest that the breakwater is kept for rowing. Vehicles parking at the Palais Royal have damaged the parkland. Councillor Perks brokered a deal with the Palais Royal owner where some monies would be set aside for future use. A response to the planners' presentation is still pending from WHOM?

h) Development on Bloor Street, East of Swansea: No news.

i) High Park Off-Leash Dog Zones: No news. Move to Monitor.

j) 21 Old Mill Road: Nick Singh reported that City Council approved the proposal with some minor adjustments. Section 37 monies will need to be allocated and spent on the area to the south of the Old Mill. Leave for one month. Add "21 Old Mill – Section 37 Monies" to Monitor.

k) Local Matters - Decision Making Being Transferred to Planning and Growth: Bill Roberts reported that City Council approved the Planning and Growth Management Committee's proposal to keep local matters local. 90% of the original proposal was approved, contrary to the wishes of City Planning staff. To be closed.

l) Capital Budget – Homeowners Subsidizing New Development: Move to Monitor and rename to "Development Charges".

m) Humber Odeon Developments: No news. Move to Monitor.

n) Complete Applications: Bill Roberts reported that Planning staff does not want to hold initial public meeting for proposals until all paperwork and studies are complete. There is now a concern that a fair, open, and publicly involved process will not happen. Ed Gaigalas motioned that SARA appear before the Planning and Growth Management Committee to argue:

1. Public involvement should be done at the pre-application stage
2. Local Councillors should be part of the process early on
3. Copies of studies or reports that are available to Planning Staff should be reasonably accessible to the public in electronic or paper form.

The motion was seconded by Heather McCulloch and carried. Bill Roberts indicated the he would appear to represent SARA, with Nick Singh as backup. David Fleming will write a letter to petition the Planning and Growth Management Committee to hear SARA's concerns. Bill Roberts will help draft the letter. To be done by April 7th for the April 10th meeting.

6. LAND USE ITEMS

a) Past Items:

169 South Kingsway: Nick Singh contacted the inspector, and resent his original request to him. Nick is still waiting for a response.

b) New COA Matters: None.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- a) Community Police Liaison Committee: Kate Lawson reported that the police are holding a meeting tonight at the Annette Library. Nick Singh went to the February 28, 2008 meeting where they discussed the relocation of the 11 Division Station to 2054 Davenport Rd, just east of Old Weston Rd. Concerns were voiced regarding response times, and policing of the detention centre at Keele St. and Annette. The plans for the site, an old school, and the buildings internals are yet to be decided.
- b) High Park Community Advisory Council: No news.
- c) Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park: Kate Lawson reported that there will be a “Mardi Gras – Better late than never Dance” fundraiser will be held April 12, 2008. Tickets are \$15. There will be a DJ and a silent auction.
- 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 was held on Tuesday February 26, 2008. The future of the Town Hall Association is still to be determined.
- g) J.T. Bonham Residences: No news.
- h) CORRA: No news.

8. ITEMS BEING MONITORED

- a) Windermere by the Lake: No news.
- 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 during the day on May 6th, 2008. Nick is trying to have the meeting rescheduled to the evening.
- e) Humber Bay Treatment Plant: No news.
- f) Proactive Measures to Preserve the Character of Swansea: No news.
- g) Storm Water Management Plan – Ellis Ave/Colbourne Lodge Dr: No news.
- h) South Kingsway Ramps Redesign Meeting: Nick Singh reported that he met with Chris Halcroft, who lives in Windermere by the Lake, to set position. They agreed that the Ramps are not a good looking site, streetcar access needs improvement, and there is a lot of traffic, and it is a problem. They agreed to try to get a traffic study for all of Swansea (this would indirectly include the Ramps). Bill Roberts suggested that Parkside Drive, and Park Lawn Road be included as they are major north/south arteries bordering on Swansea, and affect traffic in Swansea. Bill also suggested that Riverside Drive residents vet the letter.

i) Bloor West Urban Design Study:
reopen the issue.

Nick Singh will find his contact to

j) 86 Deforest Road:

Kate Lawson reported that she has met with an architect, Bob Bennet, who will testify at the hearing. SARA needs a representative to attend, and Nick Singh volunteered. Ed Gaigalas motioned that Nick Singh, or a representative appointed by Nick, represent SARA at the hearing, and David Fleming write a letter of support for the appeal. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.

k) Traffic Studies in Swansea:

See item h).

l) Discussion of Co-hosting All Candidates Meetings with BWVRA:

No news.

m) Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:

David Fleming tentatively booked Wednesday May 21, and Tuesday May 27. David Fleming will contact Councillor Cliff Jenkins about speaking at the AGM about Planning Issues and Involvement in City processes.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Nick Singh reported that the Gleaner is putting together a special edition, and he will be providing some information for the issue.

10. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday April 15, 2008

11. ADJOURNED: 9:18 PM