

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING, Tuesday, May 20, 2008

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Nick Singh at 7:30 pm.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL:

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Chris Korda, and carried, the Agenda for May 20, 2008 was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Fleming reported that the Minutes for April 15, 2008 were not completed.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a) Membership: John Meijer reported that there are only 23 memberships paid. This is probably due to the lack of newsletters distributed. John will put a reminder in the May newsletter that is currently in progress.

b) Fundraising: None.

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: John Meijer, Web Hosting, Domain Name, Stamps and Paper for Newsletters - \$192.47. Bill Roberts motioned that the expense be paid. The motion was seconded by Heather McCulloch and carried.

5. CURRENT MATTERS

a) New Members and Guests: None.

b) Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette: The title search on the road parcel, 55 Mayfield, and the adjacent property to the west have not yet been done. Bill Roberts will initiate the search. Heather McCulloch will provide Bill with some additional address and lot information.

c) Flyer to promote SARA to new Swansea Residents: Heather McCulloch reported that the committee still needs to get together with Ed Gaigalas about media contacts.

d) Humbergate Initiative: Nick Singh reported that he has no response from Councillor Saundercook or his office.

- e) Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches: Nick Singh reported that he submitted SARA's recommendations. There will be a meeting May 31, 2008, at St Josephs Hospital. It will be a charette to discuss the alternatives under consideration, and to begin to define the concept Master Plans.
- f) Development on Bloor Street, East of Swansea: No news.
- g) 21 Old Mill Road: No news.
- h) Complete Applications: Bill Roberts reported that CORRA and FoNTRA are still in ongoing discussions with the City.
- i) AGM – Wednesday June 18, 2008: Nick Singh reported he has been contacting persons to be on the Executive. David Fleming will provide Chris Korda for details for her to compose the AGM poster.
- j) South Kingsway Ramps: Chris Korda has been monitoring City Council, Community Council, and Committee meeting agendas for items dealing with the issue. Both the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee (TCAC) and Toronto Urban Renewal Network have been pushing the City to reopen the issue. Chris has been trying to gather as much information as possible on the matter.

6. LAND USE ITEMS

- a) Past Items:
 169 South Kingsway: Nick Singh reported the building inspector, Humberto Toledo, informed him that he has forwarded the fence complaint on to Liscencing and Standards. The additional construction was done without a permit. The owner will apply for a revsion or will submit an application to the Committee of Adjustment.
- b) New COA Matters: None.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- a) High Park Community Advisory Council: Heather McCulloch reported that the Off Leash Dog Area meeting is tomorrow, May 21, 2008. The stairs at the north-west corner of the park is on the Capital Budget, but does not know when construction will begin.
- b) Community Police Liaison Committee: Kate Lawson reported that in the May meeting they discussed Driving Blitzes, moving 11 Division, high-end vehicle thefts, and catalytic converter thefts.
- c) Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park: The Rennie Park Community Garage Sale will be held May 17, 2008. Kate Lawson will attend the SARA table with the Adopt-A-Block display.
- d) Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library: Bill Roberts reported that usage is comparatively as a bit low. The branch has low hours, but usage is steadily growing. There are many people picking up books at the branch, and many children are using the branch.
- e) Swansea Public School: Bill Roberts will report at the June Executive meeting.

f) Swansea Town Hall Board of Management: Bill Roberts reported that the Board's Committee dealing with continuing the Association has recommended carrying on with the Association with minor changes, and possible incorporation.

g) J.T. Bonham Residences: No news.

h) CORRA: See 5 h), Complete Applications.

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 the meeting on May 6th, 2008 had 22 residents, Cheri DiNovo, and others in attendance. The applicant's argument was a survey that they had dropped off in the lobby of the neighbouring building that had no responses. Written submissions will be taken before a decision is made.

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) Bloor West Urban Design Study: No news.

i) 86 Deforest Road: Kate Lawson reported that the OMB denied the appeal. The variances are not authorized.

j) Traffic Studies in Swansea: No news.

k) Discussion of Co-hosting All Candidates Meetings with BWVRA: No news

l) Humber Odeon Developments: Bill Roberts reported that the original application for rezoning was approved. He will review the agreement to see if there are any grounds for appeal before the appeal period ends on June 1, 2008.

m) High Park Off-Leash Dog Zones: The meeting is May 21, 2008.

n) Development Charges: No news.

o) Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster: Will be on display at the Rennie Park Community Garage Sale.

p) 21 Old Mill – Section 37 Monies:

John Meijer reported he received a

summary from the Old Mill Residents Association, and will forward it on to the Executive.

q) Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:
meetings are booked until June 2009.

David Fleming reported that

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Nick Singh will call George Dubauskas to arrange refreshments at the AGM. Dave Fleming motioned that up to \$75.00 be made available for refreshments. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.

10. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday September 16, 2008

11. ADJOURNED: 9:30 PM