

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING, Tuesday, October 16, 2007

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Nick Singh at 7:37 pm.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL:

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Chris Korda, and carried, the Agenda for October 20, 2007 was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Ed Gaigalas, and carried, the Minutes for Tuesday June 19, 2007 were approved.

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by John Meijer, and carried, the amended Minutes for Tuesday September 18, 2007 were approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of June 19, 2007: Bill Roberts motioned to confirm that action was taken by the South Kingsway Ramps Action Committee to increase advertising for the public meeting up to \$1600.00. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a) Membership: John Meijer presented the membership report. The report was accepted upon a motion by John Meijer, seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.

b) Fundraising: Tickets for the Village Playhouse fundraiser, Night Watch, on November 15, 2007, are available for sale. There was no report on sales progress as Louis Gris is absent.

c) Treasurer's: John Meijer reported that he needs to transition the Treasurer's responsibilities to Kate Lawson. John Meijer verbally presented the financial report. The report was accepted upon a motion by John Meijer, seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.

d) Expenses: John Meijer presented the insurance bill to be paid. Bill Roberts motioned that up to \$500 be allocated to pay the insurance bill by November 25, 2007. The motion was seconded by Davis Fleming and carried. Bill Steele volunteered to investigate less expensive rates for SARA's insurance. Bill Roberts motioned that \$25 be allocated for a table at the YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard) event at the Gladstone Hotel from 11am to 5pm on November 27, 2007. The motion was seconded by Nick Singh and carried.

5. CURRENT MATTERS

a) New Members and Guests:

b) Adopt a Block:
Meeting.

The poster was displayed at the All Candidates

c) Storage for SARA at the Town Hall:

David Fleming reported that the contents of the storage locker were moved to the new cages. Ed Gaigalas will arrange to have the old cabinet recycled. The matter will be closed.

d) Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette:

No news.

e) Traffic Studies in Swansea:

A discussion whether to keep this issue open took place. Bill Roberts noted that we need to focus in issues, take hold of them, and push for the resolution. Ed Gaigalas will summarize the issue and email the summary to David Fleming.

f) Cheri DiNovo:

Ms. DiNovo was re-elected in the provincial election. No news on issues discussed with her.

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g) Flyer to promote SARA to new Swansea Residents:

Chris Korda reported that they have not yet met with the Swansea Area Seniors group. There are lots of membership cards available for distribution.

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h) Proactive Measures to Preserve the Character of Swansea:

To be moved to monitor status.

i) Swansea Town Hall Web Site Redesign:

Ed Gaigalas reported that the new Town Hall site will be ready for the end of October 2007. John Meijer reported that he will try to get the appropriate content for inclusion in the new web site.

Ed Gaigalas reported that the new Town Hall site

j) Humbergate Initiative:

No news.

l) All Candidates Meeting for the October 10, 2007 Provincial Election:

The meeting was a success. The written question format was very well received, and will be used going forward. The timelines and format for subsequent meeting will be:

Doors to open at 6:45 pm

Opening Statement from the President starts in order to conclude at 7:15

Introductions and Ground Rules from the Chair at 7:15

Opening Statements – immediately following introductions

Each candidate will get three minutes to speak. The order will be determined by ballot.

Question and Answer Period immediately following opening statements

For questions directed to a candidate, the candidate will have two minutes to answer. The other candidates will be given one minute for rebuttal. Rebuttals will be done in a "rolling" manner in the same order as the opening statements. Questions will be submitted (in writing or asked verbally) at the meeting. Preference will be given to written questions. SARA members will collect the questions for submission to the Chair.

Concluding Statements - will start depending on number of candidates

Each candidate will have two minutes for closing statements. The order will be the reverse of the opening statements.

Candidates will be permitted to post campaign signs on each side of the main stairs from 6pm until the close of the meeting. No other signage is allowed. Tables will be provided in the lobby for campaign literature.

A discussion took place whether to invite the Bloor West Ratepayers' Association to co-host subsequent meetings.

Bill Roberts motioned to authorize an All Candidates Meeting Committee, to be chaired by Nick Singh and assisted by Bill Roberts and David Fleming, to book a meeting room at the Town Hall, if a Federal Election is called. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.

m) Waterfront Master Plan: No news.

6. LAND USE ITEMS

a) 86 Deforest Road: Item was adjourned for applicant to clear up issues.

b) 35 Beresford Ave, 29 Dacre Crescent, 169 South Kingsway:

29 Dacre: Must comply with ravine and tree protection. The below grade garage was approved only if the portion of the driveway on city property slopes toward the street. The front platform was refused.

169 South Kingsway: Nick Singh will take up the issue as Chris Korda was not able to investigate.

35 Beresford Ave: David Fleming reported that he met with Councillor Saundercook and two City Right of Way Management employees. They reported that the property as it is complies with all requirements to have the parking permit issued, including 30% soft landscaped open space.

c) New COA Matters: None.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

a) Community Police Liaison Committee: No news.

b) High Park Community Advisory Council: Heather McCulloch reported that the Dog Survey was completed. The results showed a polarization between "dog people" and "non-dog people". A large grant was received for heritage plans as well as trail improvement.

c) Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park: Ed Gaigalas reported that the Oktoberfest dance is cancelled due to poor advance ticket sales.

d) Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library: George Dubauskas reported that the library being used well, especially on Saturdays, although attendance is trending downwards. Children's programs are very popular. Products (books and materials) need to be renewed.

e) Swansea Public School: No news.

f) Swansea Town Hall Board of Management: Bill Roberts reported that the amendments to the constitution were passed. Board openings may become available in February.

g) J.T. Bonham Residences: Ed Gaigalas reported that a new property manager was hired, and will take over January 1, 2008.

h) CORRA:

Bill Roberts reported that CORRA is still in the process of reorganizing, and there will be a meeting the first week of November. He reported that the Official Plan may be reopened regarding using Section 37 monies to be used to fund Heritage District studies, area studies, et cetera. David Fleming motion that he write a letter to Planning and Growth Management to defer opening the issue of the use of Section 37 monies in order to allow discussion to occur. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.

8. ITEMS BEING MONITORED

a) Windermere by the Lake:

No news.

b) Southport Plaza:

No news.

c) Former Joyco Station:

Refurbishment is starting.

d) Dark Horse (liquor license):

Nick Singh reported that they have appealed to have time of service restrictions on the patio removed. David Fleming motioned that Nick Singh write a letter opposing the request. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.

e) Humber Bay Treatment Plant:

No news.

f) Petro Canada Station – 8 South Kingsway:

No news, item to be closed.

g) Storm Water Management Plan – Ellis Ave/Colbourne Lodge Dr:

No news.

h) South Kingsway Ramps Redesign Meeting:

David Fleming will itemize community suggestions, collected at the public meeting, to improve the area.

i) Front Yard Parking:
be closed.

The new bylaw is in effect, item to be closed.

j) Bloor West Urban Design Study:

No news.

k) 41 Brule Crescent:

Bill Roberts reported that the OMB has deferred to October 24 to complete the hearing. He reported that Kate Lawson did a good job representing SARA.

9. NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

10. NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday November 20, 2007**

11. ADJOURNED: **9:50 PM**