

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING, October 21, 2008

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

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

Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL:

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Sybil Wilkinson, and carried, the Agenda for October 21, 2008 was approved as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for September 16, 2008 were not available and were deferred until the next meeting

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a) Membership: John Meijer presented the membership report. The report was accepted upon a motion by John Meijer, seconded by David Fleming and carried. There have been 31 new memberships for a total of 82. John reported that he composed a welcome letter for new members and has forwarded it to Nick Singh for review and acceptance.

b) Fundraising: None. The November fundraiser is Dangerous Corner, by J.B. Priestley, on Thursday November 20.

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

d) Expenses: Kate Lawson for SARA: \$204.06 for trophy and plaques, \$3.27 for stamps, \$432.00 for insurance. Nick Singh, \$211.85 for SARA banner. Louis Gris motioned that the expense be paid. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.

5. CURRENT MATTERS

a) New Members and Guests: None.

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

c) Flyer to promote SARA to new Swansea Residents: No further work has been completed.

d) Humbergate Initiative: No news.

e) Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches: No news.

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- f) 21 Old Mill Road: No news.
- g) Complete Applications: Bill Roberts reported that City Council has passed the Official Plan amendments.
- h) South Kingsway Ramps: Work has started, with the two south ramps almost complete.
- i) 2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development: Bill Roberts walked through the four proposed building scenarios for the site. The final committee meeting with Tridel will be held Thursday November 6. SARA will hold a public meeting on Tuesday November 4 at the Swansea Town Hall in the Council Chambers. The doors will open at 7:15 with the meeting starting at 7:30. Nick Singh will chair the meeting. Bill Roberts will provide an overview of the process and the building scenarios, then we will break out to let the attendees review the scenarios at separate stations. David Fleming, Nick Singh, Bill Roberts, and Ed Gaigalas will gather community feedback at each scenario station. At 8:20, we will regroup to assess the community's feelings. David Fleming will attempt to put together some materials for the attendees to review and possibly fill out to rank the scenarios. Bill Roberts will contact the Office for Urbanism to invite them to the meeting, and ask for materials to present the scenarios.
- j) All Candidates Meeting Review: All reports about the meeting and the meeting format have been very positive. Nick Singh will arrange a meeting with David Fleming, Ed Gaigalas, Bill Roberts and himself to discuss possible improvements to the process.
- k) YIMBY Meeting: Ian McIsaac presented the format of the meeting. Ian McIsaac and Bill Roberts will attend the meeting. Ian will take the Adopt-A-Block kit, newsletters, and signup sheets. John Meijer will email Ian a copy of the latest newsletter.
- l) Waterfront Marathon: The cheering section at the foot of Winderemere was a success. Louis Gris, John Meijer, and Sybil Wilkinson ran. The event was very successful in raising SARA's profile in the community, as well as raising a preliminary estimate of close to \$4200. The fundraising committee, Nick Singh, Ed Gaigalas, and Bill Roberts, will attend a final meeting on November 3 to review the event and find out the final totals.

6. LAND USE ITEMS

- a) Past Items:
169 South Kingsway: Nick Singh reported no news.
- b) New COA Matters: John will call the COA to make sure SARA is getting sent mail regarding COA matters as the number of notices seems to be quite low.
- c) 22 Mayfield Ave: Kate Lawson reported that there is a variance request for 0.83 GFA in a 0.6 and side setbacks. Louis Gris will take a look at the property and John Meijer will call the neighbour at 30 Mayfield Ave. If no neighbours object, and the adjacent properties are similar, then SARA will not object to the request.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- a) High Park Community Advisory Council: Deferred.
- b) Community Police Liaison Committee: Deferred

- c) Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park: Deferred.
- d) Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library: Deferred.
- e) Swansea Public School: Deferred.
- f) Swansea Town Hall Board of Management: Deferred.
- g) J.T. Bonham Residences: Deferred.
- h) CORRA: Deferred.

8. ITEMS BEING MONITORED

- a) Windermere by the Lake: Deferred.
- b) Southport Plaza: Deferred.
- c) Former Joyco Station: Deferred.
- d) Humber Bay Treatment Plant: Deferred.
- e) Proactive Measures to Preserve the Character of Swansea: Deferred.
- f) Storm Water Management Plan – Ellis Ave/Colbourne Lodge Dr: Deferred.
- g) Bloor West Urban Design Study: Deferred.
- h) Discussion of Co-hosting All Candidates Meetings with BWVRA: Deferred
- i) Humber Odeon Developments: Deferred.
- j) High Park Off-Leash Dog Zones: Deferred.
- k) Development Charges: Deferred.
- l) Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster: Deferred.
- m) 21 Old Mill – Section 37 Monies: Deferred.
- n) Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings: Deferred.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

10. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday November 18, 2008

11. ADJOURNED: 10:00 PM