

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF September 21, 2010

Present: Nick Singh (9:20), Ian McIsaac, Bill Roberts, John Meijer, Ed Gaigalas, Louis Gris (8:30), David Fleming, Kate Lawson, Gared Daniel, Elizabeth Elson

Regrets: Sybil Wilkinson

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** William Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:32 and chaired the meeting. William Roberts declared a conflict of interest with item 6-b-i, 42 Morningside Dr.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Upon motion by Ian McIsaac, seconded by Kate Lawson, and carried, the Agenda for September 21, 2010 was approved as amended.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (of May 18, 2010 and June 15, 2010):** The minutes are unavailable and approval is deferred until the next Executive meeting.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** The report was not available.
 - b. **Fundraising:** Tickets to the fall play Laura by Vera Caspary and George Sklar on November 19, 2010 are available from Lous Gris.
 - c. **Treasurer's:** Kate Lawson read the report and motioned that it be accepted. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** None
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** Brian O'Rourke came to observe and to possibly be a member of the executive.
 - b. **Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette:** No news.
 - c. **Membership Committee:** We need someone to take the reins and deal with communications and keeping items current.
 - d. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:** No news.
 - e. **South Kingsway Ramps:** Sight lines at the intersection are still an issue. The bicycle lane crossing is also cumbersome and a hazard when bikes come across the wrong way.
 - f. **Sobeys Mall Traffic Problems:** Currently adjustments to the parking lot are in progress
 - g. **2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development:** City Council has approved the developers proposal. David Fleming motioned that SARA support the Old Mill Community Group if they appeal. If there is an appeal, we will make a decision wether to seek party or participant status. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
 - h. **Proposed Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** We were successful in getting most items except for secondary suites and R1S to R zoning. We asked the City to zone Swansea as RS instead of R, and make exceptions for the Town Hall, Fire Hall, Residences and duplexes. This will leave our area open to many of the previous to R2 zoning uses for Swansea. Kate (M) Dave (2) - We appeal the by-law in general, specifically designating Swansea from

R1S to RS, and inclusions of multiple second suites and such other matters that the by-law reveals. Dave draft a letter of appeal and get \$125 cheque from Kate.

- i. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – September 26, 2010:** Our cheering section needs people to arrive, preferably before 7:30, and ever earlier to help if possible. A great community event with lots of fun and entertainment.
- j. **Rennie Park Off Leash Dog Dog Walk:** No news.
- k. **Queens Pasta Liquor Liscence Application:** There is an application, but it is not moving forward.
- l. **All Candidates Meetings - Toronto Municipal Election:** Tuesday September 28 and is in conflict with the Warren Park Residence Association. Councillor Saundercook and Redmond Wisenberger have accepted their invitation. Ed Gaigalas had attempted to negotiate with them to make changes to no avial. A secondary date could be October 19 for Councillors, if we can get the councillors and the meeting room at the town hall. We could do a Mayorial ACM on the 28th. Ed Gaigalas motioned to have a mayoral only ACM on Sept 28, and have an Councillor only ACM on Oct 19. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried. Ed Gaigalas, Kate, and Bill to drive the details of the second meeting. David Fleming and Kate Lawson will collect questions, David Fleming will sort, Nick Singh will chair and MC, and John Meijer will time. Ed Gaigalas will create a “question” form. Hopefully Chris Korda will chair a membership table – Kate Lawson will call her to verify. Ian McIsaac is available for the 19th ACM as a volunteer. Ed Gaigalas motioned that up to \$100 be allocated for each meeting for beverages and snacks. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
- m. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street closures:** Ed Gaigalas motioned that we raise the issue of traffic closures and expansion either east or west with the Councillor and City transportation, and to be kept informed of any applications with respect to the matter. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
- n. **Southport Plaza - Public Meeting September 27, 2010:** A meeting was held Aug 17 . It appears that the developer does not want to include any commercial, and wants to convert the commercial allocation into residential. Bill Roberts has suggested to the condo corporation to do a marketing study to see if they can entice the developer to include commercial. Ed Gaigalas motioned that SARA allocate \$500 to contribute to a marketing/ feasibility (good for the community and economic for the retailer) study if the condo corporations can contribute a significant allocation and run with the issue. The motioned was seconded by David Fleming and carried. Ian McIsaac will approach his board, and Ed, Sybil, Bill will contact the other boards.
- o. **South Kingsway streetcar stop:** Ian McIsaac motioned that we approach the TTC and City investigate redesigning the stairs as the stop does not work the way it is configured. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.
- p. **311 Call Centre problems:** Bill Roberts has called 311 a number of times to deal with City issues. It has been frustrating not working productively. We will monitor the item before taking any action.

- q. **YIMBY Festival:** The YIMBY Festival is coming up Saturday, Oct 16, 2010 from 11am-4 pm. David Fleming motioned that Ian McIsaac and Bill Roberts to attend and to allocate \$25 + HST for the fee. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.

6. **LAND USE ITEMS:**

a. **Past Items:**

- i. **169 South Kingsway:** No news
- ii. **69 Beresford Ave:** The City has enforced the 2008 Community Council decision and there is now no parking pad. Close.
- iii. **37 South Kingsway:** The OMB approved the compromise. Close.
- iv. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news.
- v. **67 Runnymede:** No news.
- vi. **68 Lavinia:** Close.
- vii. **202 Riverside Dr:** Close.
- viii. **212 Windermere:** No news.
- ix. **21 Mayfield:** No news.
- x. **12 Wendigo Way:** Close.
- xi. **71 Morningside Ave:** The matter is going before the OMB. Louis Gris will contact the neighbours to get them to organise. Bill Roberts suggested they hire a planner and that he may be able to offer some advice.
- xii. **25 Dacre:** No news.

b. **New Items:**

- i. **42 Morningside Ave:** The matter is going to the OMB on October 6, 2010. The appellant has hired Bill Roberts. David Fleming motioned that SARA send a representative to testify. Gared Daniel volunteered. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.

7. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** Elizabeth Elson has not attended a meeting, but reported that some residents are concerned with off road bicycling in the park.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** No news.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park:** No news.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** Bill Roberts reported that use of the library continues to increase.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** Bill Roberts reported that he and Sybil Wilkinson attended the graduation and handed out the awards.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** Work on phase two, the piazza and another room are underway.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** See the Harmonized Zoning By Law item.

8. **ITEMS BEING MONITORED:**

- a. **Windermere by the Lake:** No news.
- b. **Southport Plaza:** No news.

- c. **Former Joyco Station:** A 20 year lease was given to the proprietor of the Grenadier Restaurant with him spending \$4M to build a restaurant at the site. No other bids or tendering was done.
 - d. **Humber Bay Treatment Plant:** No news.
 - e. **Proactive Measures to Preserve the Character of Swansea:** No news.
 - f. **Storm Water Management Plan – Ellis Ave/Colbourne Lodge Dr:** No news.
 - g. **Bloor West Urban Design Study:** No news.
 - h. **Humber Odeon Developments:** No news.
 - i. **Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster:** Will be taken to the YIMBY Festival.
 - j. **Rennie Park/Ellis Avenue Storm Sewer Replacement:** No news.
 - k. **Bloor Street Bridge Repair:** Work is ongoing.
 - l. **Humbergate Initiative:** No news for Councillor Saundercook or the Office for Urbanisim about our inquiries.
 - m. **0 Old Mill Road:** No news.
 - n. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news.
 - o. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** David Fleming to book 2010 and 2011 days. David Fleming motioned that days in December will be Wednesday Dec 15, 2010 and Wednesday Dec 14, 2011. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
10. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, October 19, 2010
11. **ADJOURNED:** 9:40pm