

Minutes of the June 19, 2017 SRA Board of Directors Meeting

Present: John Bossons, Debbie Briggs, Jill Cameron, Rosaleen Crooks, Sarah Farr, Carol Gray, Susan Stock

Regrets: Amy Lee Chong, Jim Morrow

- 1). Minutes of the May 15 SRA board meeting were reviewed and approved. They will be posted to the website.
- 2). The AGM will be held on Jan 24, 2018
- 3). Membership – Ros updated the board on the membership drive –it has been difficult to find people at home.
- 4). Street Reps – Susan is working hard to boost the number of reps.
- 5). OMB Mediation re: 1421 Yonge St. – John reported that residents weren't backed by the City in their request for fewer stories and they felt let down by planning staff's lack of a defensible position. The current Secondary Plan (SP) was not useful in defending against over-development.

A new SP is 3-5 years away. John suggested it be developed in stages with key areas first: Heath to the edge of the escarpment and west along St. Clair. Defined ranges and conditions associated with them are needed. John will pursue devoting resources to updating the SP with the City in September.

- 6). FONTRA – John noted that there has been gradual progress on the Yonge/Eglinton Secondary Plan. There has been a focus on OMB reform, the legislation has been hard to interpret. FONTRA is trying to organize a meeting with residents associations and City staff to explain the new system.
- 7). Summerhill Fair – Members discussed the successful fair and all the great volunteer support. The new jewelry table was popular, but although there was a map of the reservoir reconstruction at the SRA table, nobody was on hand to explain the process. Speedbumps on Summerhill were proposed in a petition circulated at the fair. Commercial businesses were reviewed – clothing (tshirts etc) and the fast food van.
- 8). Reservoir Rehabilitation – Carol updated the board on progress. She attended a meeting today at City Hall with forestry, parks, water, heritage and landscapers. There will be four entrances, with the same elements: Summerhill, Woodlawn, Jackes and Avoca. The water feature, signs at each entry and heritage items were discussed. There will be a molecule sculpture on Rosehill. The project is slated to go to tender in August and a Sept public meeting is planned. The SRA board discussed: funding, trees, and the little park (it will be torn up to access a water main under the road). Residents have asked for a budget, which has yet to be released. The timeline is 3 years, hoarding will go up next spring. The little park will only be out of commission at the end of the project. The garden will be removed and re-instated.
- 9). Ravine Update – The Mathersfield stairs will be rebuilt.

10). Noise Bylaws – John noted that Public Health is writing a report on noise in the city. He and Ros will continue to update the board.

11). Tree Canopy – Jill noted that there was no update.

12). FONTRA Planning Forum on June 1 – Jill, John, Debbie and Jim attended. The main focus was the upcoming *OMB Reform Act* and the Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB) which will take effect after May 3. Neighbourhood design guidelines were addressed with examples from The Davisville Village Study and the Longbranch Study. Speakers included Helen Bulat (Project Manager City Planning), Kevin Friedrich (Senior Planner), Mary McDonald (Manager of City Heritage Preservation and Conseration), Michael Mizzi (Zoning and Secretary Treasurer C of A).

13). Communication – Sarah will draft inclusions for a newsletter to be distributed door to door in the fall. Sarah will also sort out Paypal problems.

14). Financial Position – There was no report this month as Amy was away.

15). Development Updates – Debbie attended a second meeting with the developer of Scrivener Square. Height and density remain problematic issues. A smaller working group of residents associations will meet tomorrow night with the aim of creating an action plan to deliver to the City. Consultation on 1417 Yonge Street is finished. Upcoming OMB hearings in the neighbourhood were flagged and there was a brief discussion of 81R Woodlawn E. Susan submitted a report on this address to Heritage Preservation Services.

Meeting Adjourned at 9.10 pm

The next meeting will be held at the Ports on Sept 19, 2017 – 7 pm.

(nb. Jill filled in for Secretary Jim)