

The West Bend Community Association

Minutes from January 16, 2013

Indian Road Crescent Public School

Chair: Joey Schwartz Secretary (Minutes): Des McComish

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

In Attendance: Joey Schwartz, Des, Johanne, Ken Sharratt, Mary Collins, David Coffey, Michael Holt, Maurice Richter, Tom Stephenson.

1. Approval of November Minutes

Business arising from the Minutes

It was noted that we are awaiting Tim Noronha's feedback re the height of the new condo building at Bloor & Indian Rd – some members are surprised that the height is 12-13 storeys although that may be what was approved.

We also wonder about the amount of Section 37 funds given to the City by the developer and to what purposes that money has been or will be applied – our Councillor should be able to answer this question. Maurice raised the idea of commissioning a gateway mural at this location (on the subway overpass bridge) to identify the entrance to the West Bend area.

David moved to approve, seconded by Maurice.

Metrolinx Noise Wall Sound Mitigation measures & Community Advisory Committees

- Des provided an update on the December 19th West Bend meeting which was given over to the initial meeting and setup of the West Bend committee on the proposed noise mitigation sound walls. We need to gather area residents' input in the West Bend area. Metrolinx is preparing the terms of reference of the CAC's and related timelines (Note: Metrolinx has accepted Des & Joey as the West Bend representatives on our local CAC). The initial CAC meetings should begin in March.

Joey provided an update on the January 5th meeting, sponsored by the Junction Triangle Rail Committee, "to facilitate an expression of views" on plans to build five meter tall noise walls along the Georgetown South rail corridor. Joey presented the position adopted by the TWBCA in December: that a noise wall be built only if it were really needed. Joey advised that it doesn't look like anything will be built soon; a group south of the old Kodak plant do want a wall. A second meeting with the transportation minister has been scheduled.

We also noted that the existing RAILSIDE GARDENS chain link fence along Dundas is decrepit and will eventually have to be replaced so we discussed the merit of a 'Living wall' taking its place; a living wall (basically a tall willow fence) would help obscure any noise wall behind it.

Ken asserted that rail noise results in large part from the trains accelerating.

Membership

- No update due to absence of membership director.

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Treasurer's Report

No update presented at this meeting due to absence of treasurer and Chair

Other

Joey discussed a request to our group from neighbouring residents associations that the TWBCA support an effort to designate the old 11 Division police station as a “Junction Commons” or neighbourhood resource community building. We agreed only to write a letter supporting further investigation of the pros and cons of this proposed project.

Michael Holt, a new member, from the Dundas West Arts building noted that his building’s tenants would like to become much more involved in local community projects and we agreed to promote a concert at his location on February 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.00 pm: Moved: Joey Seconded: Des

Next Meeting(s)

March 20th 7.00 pm Meeting of TWBCA