

The West Bend Community Association
Minutes from September 18, 2013
Indian Road Crescent Public School

Chair: Tim Noronha Secretary (Minutes): Des McComish

In Attendance: Tim Noronha, Des, David Coffey, Jillian, Grahame, Mary Jo, Jason, Joe Costa, Maurice, Aubrey, Carol.

1. Approval of May Minutes

Des moved to approve, seconded by Dave Coffey.

Local Developments

2376 Dundas St West (aka the “Elephant”, north of Crossways) – Tim provided a recap of the history of this proposed development and pointed out that the City rejected the developer’s application. The developer appealed and there will be an OMB hearing on September 23rd with one day set aside for community input; 20 local residents have signed up as participants at the OMB hearing where they will have standing as an interested party. The goal of local community groups is to protect the Avenue Bylaw (which limits building heights and density) for our area. Mary Jo explained how the City assisted residents opposing the Giraffe condo proposal on the NW corner of Bloor & Dundas.

Members noted that our area is quite saturated population wise, that local schools are at capacity. Joe said he would raise this issue of density and lack of school facilities with TDSB trustee Irene Atkinson.

2376 Dundas St West – “The Duke” condo proposal

A sales office has opened and overall residents seem happy with this proposed development.

1638 Bloor St West – The Address

This building is behind schedule so occupancy is delayed. Mary Jo thought it would not be so close to the street so Tim explained building setbacks versus step backs.

We noted that we would like to ask our councillor how and where Section 37 funds are spent – whether in our Ward 14 or in the City overall.

Sound Walls, Rail Corridor and Metrolinx

Des provided an update on the Community Action Committee meetings to help design the proposed noise walls along the Georgetown South rail corridor. The designs have been publicized and Metrolinx has held info meetings to solicit residents’ feedback.

In light of the Lac Megantic accident, we discussed the movement of hazardous goods by rail through our area and whether contingency plans exist should an accident ever occur. Des has been in touch with our MP Peggy Nash on this matter.

Gardens

Des provided an update on the cleanup of the Railside Garden at the end of April, noted that nothing was done since May so we scheduled a cleanup for September 29.

A cleanup of the Edna and Dorval gardens also took place in September.

Parks

Joe expressed the view that our area lacks good facilities in its parks e.g. children's playground equipment and that we are parks deficient relative to other neighbourhoods. Joe agreed to coordinate a West Bend Parks Committee.

Traffic/Shared Streets

Joe noted the heavy traffic on Humberside and suggested we have a traffic committee to discuss safe streets.

Membership - No update due to absence of membership director. Joe offered to help with improving the West Bend website.

Treasurer's Report – no update was presented at this meeting although Tim displayed a copy of the latest bank statement.

The meeting adjourned at 9.00 pm: Moved: Tim Seconded: Des

Next Meeting is Wednesday October 16, 2013