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URA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 7, 2013

Varley Art Gallery

Directors present: Jeff Morris, Peter Miasek, Brian Brewer, Donna Day, Gene Genin, David Wilson

Regrets: Reid McAlpine, Alick Siu

Elected officials present: Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Councillor Don Hamilton (Ward 3)

Attendance: approximately 30 members and guests attended

PRESIDENT’S INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order in the Varley Art Gallery meeting room by Jeff Morris, President, at 7:15pm. Jeff welcomed members, guests, and elected officials.

It was confirmed that a quorum was achieved, thus enabling the Association to business.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING REPORT

Members reviewed the previous meeting report from November 19, 2012. No revisions were requested.

Motion: That the November 19, 2012 meeting report be approved.

Elaine Wilton made the motion. Ken Ackles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A Treasurer’s Report was not presented at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A Membership Report was not presented at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The activities of four committees were presented:

MSECC Arena

Michael Gannon, Co-Chair of the Arena Committee, provided an update on the status of the arena project.

The motions regarding the site plan and the financial framework have been deferred until the January 29 2013 Development Service Committee (DSC) meeting.

The memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City and the arena proponent is under development. Status is unknown.

A survey (undertaken by Delvina Company) was recently circulated on behalf of the City to households across the GTA. Mike has asked for details on the rationale for and results of the survey.

Varley Plaza

Brian Brewer, representing Reid McAlpine (Chair of the joint URA/UVA/UBIA committee), provided an overview of the Varley Plaza redevelopment project.

The OMB hearing has been completed and a decision is pending. Brian outlined several possible outcomes – City concept, Tribute's (developer) concept, or an official plan amendment (OPA) might be needed.

GO Train Horn

Peter Miasek provided an update regarding the GO Transit horn cessation project. URA attended the December 11, 2012 DSC meeting to discuss several options relating to the horn project. Two options are being considered – cessation (requires a \$4M investment at 11 crossings) and reduction (current two-level horn appears to work well but is not consistently used). The City intends to form a working committee and undertake a noise monitoring program.

Highway 7 North

Peter Miasek provided an update regarding the three development projects north of Highway 7. URA is a party to the OMB hearing. The 3-day hearing, originally scheduled to start December 3, 2012, will now commence on January 28th. The City, URA, and the Village Parkway Ratepayers Association oppose the development.

COUNCIL AND REGION ISSUES UPDATE

Local Issues

A brief overview of relevant local issues included:

Main Street Unionville Strategic Plan

A committee will be formed including representatives of URA, UVA, UBIA, Village Conservancy, and the City.

Regional Issues

None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Two new business issues emerged during the meeting:

Sheridan Nurseries Redevelopment

Jeff Morris, President, provided a brief overview of the issue. An application has been submitted to the city to redevelop the Sheridan Nurseries site to construct 1,221 units. URA will monitor the development process.

Stiver Mill Restoration

A federal grant has been received by the city to partially fund the restoration of the Stiver Mill. A key stipulation is that the work be completed by March 2014. The City is already working on a plan with architect, David Johnson. The restoration concept will include a boardwalk along the tracks from Main Street to Union Villa. The facility will be used for community purposes; no commercial uses for six years. It is expected that the summer farmer's market will continue to operate. Additional funding sources include \$309k transferred from other projects (such as the washrooms project) and Section 37 funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjournment proposed by Donna Day and seconded by Mike Gannon at 8:00pm.

Next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 4, 2013 at the Varley Art Gallery, 216 Main Street, Unionville.