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URA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 3, 2013

Varley Art Gallery

Directors present: Peter Miasek, Brian Brewer, Alick Siu,
Regrets: Jeff Morris, David Wilson, Reid McAlpine, Donna Day, Gene Genin
Elected officials present: Regional Councilor Jim Jones, Councilor Don Hamilton
Attendance: approximately 30 members and guests

1. President's Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Peter Miasek at 7:05 pm. New members were welcomed. The slides from the URA booth at Saturday's Unionville Festival were displayed.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from April 8 approved.

3. Brief Committee reports and updates

Reports were presented as follows, summarizing background and status:

- Markham Centre developments – Sheridan, Mrkm Suites, Global Uville, Mobility Hub Planning. Members expressed great concern about the amount of development in Markham and the growing problems with traffic (“day of reckoning”). There was skepticism that the high non-auto modal share that is necessary can be achieved. We anticipate inviting Richard Kendall (Markham Centre Planning) and Brian Lee (Transportation) for upcoming meetings in the Fall.
- Village Parking OMB – hearing concluded May 3. City settled with all developers for 90% of ask.
- Bill 41 – Private member's bill to limit the power of the OMB was supported by City Council and has been supported by various ratepayer groups
- Village Parkway Closure July to November
- Unionville Main Street – Design charrette in early June. Members encouraged to attend.
- Toogood Pond rehabilitation – UVA has written a letter to City expressing concern with the permanent 4 foot fence, and with the noise devices. We will await the City's response before deciding any next steps for URA
- 16th Ave to Bob Hunter Pathway. Detailed design in progress from Toogood Dam to Milne Park. Questions/options on how to cross Main Street and Carleton Rd. Construction Fall, 2013.
- Transit Funding(Metrolinx) – URA needs to decide next steps – support? Survey? Push to MAGIC?
- Buttonville redevelopment – major employment and commercial area planned
- Casino – Markham Council rejected on May 28, but Jones trying to reopen. Several members spoke against a casino.
- Council Code of Conduct – draft prepared April 6.

4. Other Council and Regional Matters – none

5. New Business – Lynn Ferguson asked to be phoned if meetings are cancelled, as she has no email.

6. Adjournment – proposed by Don Hamilton.