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URA Member Meeting Minutes

Monday March 2, 2015

Pan Am Centre

URA Directors:

Peter Miasek, Alick Siu, Keing Li, Gene Genin

Regrets: Past President - Jeff Morris, Reid McAlpine; Donna Day

Elected Officials:

Councillors - Don Hamilton (Ward 3)

Regional Councillors: Nirmala Armstrong

York Region Planning Staff:

Sandra Malcic

Attendance: Approximately 20 members and guests

1. President's Introduction

The meeting was called to order by URA President, Peter Miasek, at 7:05 PM. Peter welcomed members, elected officials and guests.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Members reviewed the February 2, 2015 meeting minutes. No revisions were requested.

Motion: That the February 2, 2015 meeting report be approved.

Moved by: Wes Rowe

Seconded by: Geoff Pyne

CARRIED

3. Membership Report

No Report was presented at the meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

Keing advised that a GIC was coming due.

5. Committee Reports/Focus Topics

5.1 Main St. Unionville Vision Plan

Peter Miasek said that the mayor had invited Main St. property owners to discuss the Vision Plan. Furthermore, city staff were writing a job description for the Development Coordinator position. The Advisory Committee Terms-of-Reference are under development, however, formation of the committee itself has not started.

Don confirmed that Main St. washroom idea was still in the planning phase and that progress was slow. Several members expressed frustration with the slow progress. The URA is very anxious to see an implementation plan.

Action item: Follow up with Jim Jones regarding the status of the washroom budget.

5.2 Times Development for Village Parkway & Hwy 7

At the recent Planning Committee meeting a majority of Councillors expressed concern with the Times Group's request for reduced density. City staff presented additional concerns with the developer's new proposal. Negotiations with the developer are continuing.

5.3 GO Train Anti-Whistle

Consulting engineering firm, AECOM, is scheduled to provide a safety assessment and cost report to the City by June 2015. Despite the recent progress on this issue, several members expressed skepticism over the City's commitment. Councillor Armstrong added that accident liability is a big concern despite the engineering study.

5.4 Markham Arena Consultant's Report Release

URA member, Mike Gannon, confirmed presenting URA's position at the February 10, 2015 Council meeting. So far the report has not been released due the City solicitor's concern with 3rd party confidentially obligations.

5.5 Toogood Pond Ice Rink Maintenance

An initial meeting with City Operations staff was inconclusive. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for June to discuss ways and means of maintaining Toogood Pond skating without compromising staff safety.

6. Council Updates

None

7. New Business

In response to a member question, Councillor Don Hamilton confirmed that the City has not yet taken any action on the rooming house issue. **Action Item:** Followup re status.

With respect to rezoning of a property on Kreighoff Ave, Councillor Don Hamilton advised that he was aware of the application to sever the lot and confirmed that all by-laws were being followed. Property owners have not applied for any variances.

8. Next Meeting

The next URA meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2015. Tentative location is the Pan Am Centre.

9. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: That the March 2, 2015 meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Jan Ker-Hornell

Seconded by: Alick Siu

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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10. Special Guest – Sandra Malcic, York Region Planner

On behalf of Valerie Shuttleworth, York Region's Chief Planner, Sandra Malcic provided URA members with an overview of York Region's Official Plan and review process.