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URA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 8, 2013

Varley Art Gallery

Directors present: Jeff Morris, Peter Miasek, Brian Brewer, Donna Day, Gene Genin,
Regrets: Alick Siu, David Wilson, Reid McAlpine
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 President Jeff Morris at 7:10 pm. It was confirmed that a quorum was achieved, thus enabling the Association to do business.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from February 4 meeting, as amended by the March 4 minutes, were approved.
Minutes from March 4 meeting approved.

3. Membership Report

Donna Day gave a report – of 287 household members, we have 142 paid up. She also advised that URA would be putting a booth into the Unionville Festival on June 1, and will be asking for volunteers to help staff it.

4. Brief Committee reports

Reports were presented as follows:

- Emerald Ash Borer (Miasek) – results of City public meetings summarized. No comments or questions
- Village Parkway OMB (Miasek) – no change from last month
- Traffic Calming on Carleton west of VP (Miasek) – Street will be rehabilitated in July-August and brick blisters will be removed. Questions were raised as to the incremental cost of removing the blisters, and whether the bricks will be reused.
- Toogood Pond rehabilitation (Miasek) – City’s 2013 program of planting and goose management described. Question raised as to the sound devices (cannons) – how loud and what time of day
- GO Train anti-whistling (Miasek) – working group set up by City. Miasek and Morrison represent URA. First meeting Apr 15.
- Stiver Mill (Morris) – public meeting upcoming to discuss traffic and parking

5. Review of Markham Draft OP

Brian Brewer and Peter Miasek summarized the plan and URA’s proposed comments. Drafts will be circulated to all members for input.

The members agreed to send a note to Richmond Hill supporting their stance on parkland dedication, which is consistent with our draft position.

6. Councilor Update

- Public Meeting on April 29 regarding request from some Main Street business owners to immediately rescind the 50% restaurant bylaw
- Main Street Strategic Study – consultant has been signed up. Will be conducting a charette. Achieving meaningful change may be difficult, due to fractured ownership
- Markham Live Study – consultant not yet selected. Could invite to URA meeting.

7. Adjournment – proposed by Bill Trainer, second by Gord Mah. Next meeting Monday May 6