

URA UNIONVILLE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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URA General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 3, 2014
Varley Art Gallery

Directors present: Peter Miasek, Alick Siu, Brian Brewer, Gene Genin, Keing Li, Reid McAlpine, Donna Day and David Wilson

Regrets: Jeff Morris

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

Attendance: Approximately 45 members and guests attended

PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order in the Varley Art Gallery meeting room by Peter Miasek, President, at 7:00pm. Peter welcomed members, elected officials, and guests.

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING REPORT

Members reviewed the previous meeting report from November 4, 2013. No revisions were requested.

Motion: That the November 4, 2014 meeting report be approved.
Mona Babin made the motion. Roy O'Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Donna Day presented the Membership Report.

Our distribution list currently includes 298 households. Approximately 30% (90) of the households on the list are paid members. The drop in memberships from the end of the year (123 household members in December 2013) reflects the switch to annualized memberships; these typically get renewed in the early part of the subsequent year. A membership drive in January 2014 produced 12 renewals and one new member.

A first-time introductory rate of \$10 has been created. The current standard fee structure remains at \$20/year or \$35/two-years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/FOCUS TOPICS

The activities of the Association's committees and selected focus topics were presented.

Main Street Unionville

Brian Brewer presented an update.

The Association is part of the steering committee for the Main Street Unionville study that will define a 30-year vision for the Unionville Core District. Several public meetings and workshops have been completed to-date. The final recommendations of the study are expected in March, 2014. Members are encouraged to review the study presentation slides on the City of Markham website.

Revisions to the Unionville Secondary Plan and Zoning by-laws are currently being considered. A statutory public meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2014. City staff has proposed to remove the restaurant restriction (generally referred to as the 50/50 restaurant/retail mix requirement) and to approve other acceptable uses on Main Street.

Members discussed the City's proposed recommendations and felt that URA should confirm its position on the matter so that our perspective could be communicated during the meeting.

Motion: That URA support the City's staff recommendation regarding the 50/50 retail withdrawal and expanded retail uses.

Peter Miasek made the motion. Brian Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL AND REGION ISSUES UPDATE

Local Issues

Not discussed.

Regional Issues

Not discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Not discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjournment proposed by Don Hamilton and seconded by Brian Brewer at 8:05pm.

Next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 3, 2014 at the Varley Art Gallery, 216 Main Street, Unionville.

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION

Ward 3 Councillor Don Hamilton presented "The Ice Storm – Markham's Response" detailing the events, actions, and lessons learned from the December 2013 ice storm in Markham.