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URA Member Meeting Minutes

April 3rd, 2017
Markham Pan Am Centre

URA Directors:

Alick Siu, Peter Miasek, Gene Genin, Karen Lui, Reid McAlpine, Donna Day, Tom Davies

Elected Officials:

Councillor Ward 3: Don Hamilton
Regional Councillor: Nirmala Armstrong

Special Guest:

George Macris, Markham Fire Prevention Officer

Attendance:

Approximately 35 members

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

URA Director Gene Genin called the meeting to order and welcomed members, guests and elected officials

2. Fire Services on Housing Issue

George Macris discussed Markham Fire Department experience and tactics in dealing with rooming houses and basement apartments.

3. Membership Matters

3.1 Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

January 2017 meeting minutes' stand approved as read.

3.3 Treasurer's Report

Presented by Donna Day and approved as read.

3.3 Membership Update

Karen Lui discussed new membership initiatives including a new brochure and banner. New members joining as of tonight were eligible for an Easter basket draw.

4. Committee Reports & Focus Topics

4.1 Housing Forum

Reid discussed upcoming URA Housing Affordability Forum to be held May 6th at Markham Council Chambers.

4.2 47-51 Gainsville

Peter discussed key upcoming dates for the trial and committee of adjustment for this property.

4.3 York Down Committee

Mike Gannon discussed formation of a URA subcommittee and key upcoming dates.

5. Council Updates

Councillor Hamilton advised that the Celebrate Canada 150 Your Way grant program to mark Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation would open on April 15th on the City of Markham website. Deadline is May 5th.

6. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM