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URA Members Meeting Minutes

Monday January 15, 2018

Markham Pan Am Centre

URA Directors:

Alick Siu, Adam Poon, Peter Miasek, Gene Genin, Reid McAlpine, Donna Day & Geoff Pyne
Regrets: Karen Lui & Kanthini Rajakanthan

Elected Officials:

Councillor: Don Hamilton

Special Guests:

Christopher R. Wong
Director, Transportation and Master Planning
York University Development Corporation

Tony Lamanna, President
Unionville Business Improvement Area (UBIA)

Dave McBeth, York Region Police District 5 Community Liaison for Markham

Attendance:

Approximately 23 members & guests.

1. President's Introduction

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM, by URA President, Alick Siu. Alick welcomed members, officials and guests.

2. Approval of November 11, 2017 Members Meeting Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the November 11, 2017 meeting minutes.

3. Membership Matters

3.1 Membership Report

Due to conflicting workload, Karen Lui will transfer membership duties to Kanthini Rajakanthan effective immediately.

3.2 Treasurer Update (Donna Day)

Treasurer, Donna Day advised that the URA bank balance, at the end of December, was \$8,700. Expenses for the month were \$437 – primarily for Directors' liability insurance.

4. Councillor Update

No update provided.

5. Committee Reports & Focus Topics

5.1 York Downs Golf Course Redevelopment (Mike Gannon)

Mike suggested that a citizen call-in campaign may help get the release of important planning information that is being withheld because of the OMB application. In addition, objections filed through deputations, about the lack of disclosure are not recorded in the Development Services Committee (DSC) meeting minutes. To encourage the release of development-related information Mike will draft a motion for Don Hamilton to submit at council.

5.2 South York Region Congestion Relief Committee (Peter Miasek)

Peter attended the Relief committee's first meeting. The committee's key goals are to accelerate the extension of the Yonge subway to Richmond Hill and to eliminate the current transit boundary that results two-fares.

5.3 Unionville Home Society (UHS) Redevelopment (Peter Miasek)

Peter advised that the UHS redevelopment planning phase was coming to close and that an application would be submitted in February or March to Markham's Development Services Council for approval allowing construction to start shortly afterwards.

6. Special Topics

6.1 Unionville Business Improvement Area (Tony Lamanna)

Tony provided an overview of the UBIA's pilot plans to improve business along Main Street by testing the closing of Main St., from Fred Varley Blvd to Carleton Rd., to vehicular traffic on Sundays during summer months. Prerequisites for the test are the opening, on Sundays, of the laneway at Fonhill near Parkway School, funding for police (up to \$26,000) and funding for street animation (\$30,000 estimate). The UBIA Directors unanimously approved this idea at their last meeting.

URA members were very supportive of this pilot program.

6.2 York University Markham Campus Design (Christopher R. Wong)

Christopher provided an update on latest thinking regarding amenities and Markham campus building design. The current plan is for the Markham campus to provide 20 undergraduate program courses to approximately 4,000 students once fully operational.

6.3 York Region Police District 5 Community Liaison Committee (Dave McBeth)

As a liaison between resident communities and police, Dave provided an overview of his role and the process with which citizen input is used to improve community policing.

7. New Business

None.

8. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM