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Minutes
URA Annual General Meeting
Monday, November 26, 2007
Unionville Train Station
Unionville, Ontario

Present: Alan Graf, Richard & Jinny Talbot, Ann & Haydn Matthews, Catharine Ross, Christl Reeh, Harry Eaglesham, Jeanne Ker-Hornell, Jim Winstone, Ward 3 Councillor Joe Virgilio, Mark & Monica Gaudet, Mary Lawlor-Richards, Peter Hadas, Peter Miasek, Ann & Barry Laxton, Spaso Jovcevski, Wes & Diana Rowe, Frank Watson

1/ Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm, with Richard Talbot presiding as Chairman, and Ann Laxton as Recording Secretary.

2/ Minutes from last AGM - were not available

3/ Reports of Executive Committee

a) President: Alan Graf welcomed all, and mentioned that Richard Talbot had approached him about rejuvenating the URA . There are many obstacles facing Unionville in the future and he welcomed a strong ratepayers to deal with these upcoming issues.
b) Vice-President: not available
c) Secretary: not found
d) Treasurer: David Richards. Mary Lawlor-Richards gave a report, reconstructing finances as they were in 2003: $7978 in bank account
$1190 of this earmarked *Heritage*
$6788 available for URA activities
e) Reports from other Directors: Wes Rowe mentioned that he was glad to be here at this rejuvenating meeting

4/ Reports from Unionville Community Groups

When Ratepayers was silent, many new groups started. These groups may want to participate in URA with regard to the big, all-Unionville issues.

a) South Unionville Community Association (SUCA) - Chris was unable to make it tonight

b) Village Green Residents Association (VGRA) - President has flu and sent regrets. Supportive of URA.

c) Is there an Association for Village Parkway?? And its "*improvements".*

d) Preserve16th Avenue - Peter Miasek described what was being proposed by York region for 16th Avenue. He went on to describe his group and the steps they were taking to work with the Region on

the planning. This is an easy issue to motivate members. York region has plans to widen 16th Avenue from Yonge Street to Hwy 48 to 6 lanes, with HOV lanes and Bus only lanes during Rush Hours. Also medians and bike lanes. Could be 7 or 8 lanes in places including turning lanes. He has 70 people on email list with 20 active. Also there is a Kennedy Road Group out there as these roads (plus Warden and others) are considered by the Region to be Great Regional Roads and must be made bigger to handle the flow of traffic from Region's north. Why not widen roads to the north? What about the residents along 16th Avenue? 600 homes back onto 16th. There are expected health issues and infiltration into neighbourhoods. Website is: www.geocities.com/preserve16th and email address is: preserve16th@gmail.com.
This group has approached our local Councillors and our regional Councillors.
All the groups against the widenings should speak with a consolidated voice to prevent "divide and conquer".
Detailed meeting with planner including maps of proposed changes has been delayed now until January.

e) Kennedy Road Group - unable to attend

f) UVA - Richard Talbot spoke a bit about UVA and its relationship to Unionville and focus on the Heritage District. Barry Laxton gave a report focusing on UVA's Unionville Branding issues. First issue to be tackled is Postal Codes for Unionville. To get the Unionville name back at Canada Post, Markham Council must write a letter to Canada Post indicating boundaries. Here is the problem - What are Unionville's boundaries? Suggestions: talk with the Heritage Section of Planning and Development; York Region Board of Education; survey "fringe areas"

g) Markham Centre - Alan Graf gave a brief history of the project. Originally proposed as 10,000 units with approx. 25,000 residents, now closer to 17,000 units with 35,000 to 40,000 residents and could go as high as 50,000 residents. **Massive** traffic increase. Will need an OPA amendment and this will probably be challenged at OMB.

5. Identification of Key Issues.

Have been identified. See above.

6. Constitutional Changes.

a) ***Motion:*** Article III:- Change boundaries to Rodick, 16th, McCowan & 407.
[Harry Eaglesham/Peter Hadas] passed by more than 2/3 of members present

b) ***Motion:*** Article V:- Reduce Executive to President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President (voting) and 5 directors (total 10). [Peter Hadas/Catharine Ross] passed by more than 2/3 of members present

c) ***Motion:*** Article VI:- Increase dues to $20 per household. [Christl Reeh/Wes Rowe] passed by more than 2/3 of members present

7. **Election of Directors**

Directors elected were Richard Talbot, Harry Eaglesham, Ann Laxton, Peter Miasek, Mary Lawlor-Richards.

President - Richard Talbot - for **ONE** Term only
Vice President -

Secretary - Ann Laxton - for **ONE** term only
Treasurer - Harry Eaglesham
Membership - Harry Eaglesham will do this for now.

This will get the ball rolling. Get more directors next meeting.

[Secretary Note: Since this meeting Antoinette DiNovo has joined URA and has volunteered to serve as a director]

8. Membership Drive

Can advertise upcoming meetings on Town's page in Thursday's Economist and Sun.
For $800.00 Town of Markham will do a "mail walk " for all households in our area. They will be unaddressed. This mail walk and a newsletter will be discussed at our next meeting.

9 New Business

Discussed: By-Laws regarding big Trucks on residential streets
Traffic that will be generated from Markham Centre.

Motion: That Alan Graf continue as URA's representative on the Markham Centre Committee [Harry Eaglesham/Peter Miasek] passed.

9. Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be on 7 January 2008 at 7:00pm in the Unionville train Station.

10 Adjournment

Motion: That we adjourn [Wes Rowe/Ann Laxton] passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm