



ADVISORY GROUP
Minutes of Meeting – October 21, 2010

Members Attending

Harry Eaglesham- Unionville Ratepayers Assoc.
Gord Mah – Unionville Ratepayers Assoc.
Reid McAlpine – Unionville Villagers Assoc.
Michelle Lynch - Unionville Resident
Tracy MacKinnon – Unionville BIA
Charles Sutherland - Markham at Large – (Milliken)
Brent Mersey - Markham Environmental Advisory Committee(MEAC)
Philip Ling - Markham Environmental Advisory Committee(MEAC)
Duncan MacAskill – York Region
Bob Hunn – Markham Accessibility Ctte.
Jessica Peake – YRDSB
Christine Hyde - YRCSB
Peter Ronson – District Energy

Guests

Nimisha Raj – VIVA
Jason Sheldon _ Remington Group
Jean Hunn, Markham Accessibility Ctte.

Staff Attending

Richard Kendall – Manager, Central District
Wendy Bond – MC Administrator
Scott Heaslip – Sr. Project Coordinator, Central District
John Ferrara – Engineer, Central District
Mansoor Ali – Engineer, Central District
Jackie Quan – Urban Design

Regrets

Neil Banerjee – Unionville Villagers Assoc
Alan Graf – Unionville Resident
Ted Spence – Markham Res. at Large (Markham Village)
Richard Cunningham – Markham Board of Trade
Richard Jarrell – York University
Randy Peddigrew – Remington Group
Don Hamilton – Councillor, Ward 3
Ronji Borooah – Town of Markham Architect

The Markham Centre Advisory Group meeting convened at 6:00 PM with Philip Ling in the Chair. The meeting began at the Civic Centre.

Richard Kendall, Manager, Central District explained a tour of the Remington Group Downtown Markham project had been arranged and suggested the Advisory look at the architecture, design, materials, etc. keeping in mind the project being constructed, in comparison to the plans seen and commented on through the Advisory review and evaluation process. This provides an opportunity to understand the connection between the two and use this knowledge for future projects coming before the Advisory.

Nimisha Raja, Viva Community Liaison was introduced. Nimisha provided an update to the VIVA Enterprise station located at Warden Ave and Enterprise Blvd. on the Civic Mall. This is the first station to be constructed. Construction began on October 12th, the steel frame is in place, and reflective tinted glass panels will be inserted the week of October 25th. The station will have energy efficient lighting, wheelchair accessibility, temperature and motion activated heaters, a full wind enclosure with motion activated entry, arrival/departure screens with real time scheduling information/ticket purchases and fulltime security surveillance and intercom for emergency assistance on the platform. The opening is scheduled for January 2011. Nimisha was available to answer questions through out the tour.

Scott Heaslip, Sr. Project Coordinator for the Central District provided an update on both the H & W Development Corporation and the Times Uptown projects. Both applicants continue to discuss the finer details of each project with staff.

The Advisory had requested at the September meeting for staff to provide an update on the design plan along Clegg Rd. This will be scheduled at an upcoming meeting.

1. Downtown Markham Tour

The Advisory members met at the Remington Presentation Centre at 6:30pm. Jason Sheldon, Vice President of Land Development from Remington Group met the group. Jason was available to answer questions about the project. The Bijou Rouge Condominiums are fully occupied, all of the townhomes are sold and the majority is occupied. Occupancy had begun in the first buildings of the Verdale. The Nexus buildings located on Birchmount Rd are being marketed with construction to begin shortly. The tour began by viewing the condo model suite located in the Presentation Centre, then proceeded to the townhome model suites and followed with a viewing of the amenities located in the Bijou Rouge.

Adjournment: 8:20pm

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