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ORCHARD VIEW AND DUPLEX DEVELOPMENT

An open letter to Councillor Stintz

Dear Councillor Stintz,

ARECA requests, and strongly urges, that you have the Orchard View / Duplex application withdrawn from the North York Community Council meeting scheduled for August 17, 2010. We cite the following reasons for our request;

There has been a lack of communication to the wider community. Additionally, the Working Group has yet to disseminate any "news update" to the residents it represents and, as you know, it meets again on the 9th of August. To our knowledge, only ARECA through its newsletter and web site are communicating on any of this.

There is still a large body of information being withheld by City Staff. ARECA has received poor service from the City Planning Department. ARECA solicited the help of Terry Mills, an expert in this area. Terry has identified a number of issues and posed a number of significant questions. We are still awaiting answers to these questions. This item is being passed from one staff member to another, to another, adding to the difficulty in getting real answers from City Staff.

On July 13th, you heard many objections. Nothing of any significance has changed in the interim. Since the majority in the community is still of the same negative opinion, allowing the Application to be heard at the NYCC on August 17th is unnecessarily onerous.

The revised drawings (dated July 18th) have not been shown to the community at large. Also, it is hard to believe that the planner took any of the concerns raised at the July 13th meeting and incorporated them in the new drawings. In fact, the only adjustments on the July 18th drawings reflect a movement of the building away from the west side and towards the north side! This is an indication that the developer is dealing in bad faith with the community, and in particular, dealing in very bad faith with specific members within it.

At the July 13th meeting no indication was given by you, or the planner, that this application would be heard at the August Community Council. If you permit this item to remain on the Agenda for August 17th it will reinforce the appearance of rewarding an egregious developer and weakening the position of your own community.

While ARECA believes in process, we also realize this is summer time and many within the community are enjoying their vacation time away from their home. Without wanting to be unfair to the process and/or the developer, ARECA believes it is unfair, unreasonable and unnecessary to have this on the Agenda for August when so many community members will be away and uninformed. To have something of this scale slip through in the summer is plain and simply wrong and unnecessary. This is especially true as the more than 70 people attending the July 13th meeting clearly heard it would not proceed at NYCC in August.

This plan does not deserve to be heard until there has been full disclosure, proper consultation and communication. You have stated publicly that you removed this item from the Agenda for the last Community Council. We ask that you use that same authority to have it removed again.

ARECA looks forward to a swift resolution of this matter.

Your truly,

Dorothy Smyth
President
ARECA - Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association

ORCHARD VIEW AND DUPLEX "A CALL TO ACTION"

The proposal to develop the site at Orchard View and Duplex is NOW ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NORTH YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (NYCC) - AUGUST 17, 2010.

ARECA strongly believes, as do many within the community, this should not be on the Agenda for the August meeting! (See reverse.)

If **you** agree and would like help ARECA urges you to contact the Councillors listed below. Ask them to remove this application from the Agenda and feel free to add the reasons listed on the reverse to your own letter/email/phone call. (Any airing of a report favourable to this development proposal will weaken the community position.) ARECA believes there has not yet been proper consultation, communication or full disclosure of vital information.

Councillors on North York Community Council:

Karen Stintz - email: councillor_stintz@toronto.ca tel: 416-392-4090
Maria Augimeri, Chair - email: councillor_augimeri@toronto.ca tel: 416-392-4021
John Parker, Vice-Chair - email: councillor_parker@toronto.ca tel: 416-392-0215
Shelley Carroll - email: councillor_carroll@toronto.ca tel: 416-392-4038
Mike Feldman - email: councillor_feldman@toronto.ca tel: 416-392-1371
John Filion - email: councillor_filion@toronto.ca tel: 416-392-0210
Cliff Jenkins - email: councillor_jenkins@toronto.ca tel: 416-395-6408
Denzil Minnan-Wong - email: councillor_minnan-wong@toronto.ca tel: 416-397-9256
Howard Moscoe - email: councillor_moscoe@toronto.ca tel: 416-392-4027
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Please make sure that you copy information@areca.info on your emails!

In the event this does remain on the Agenda, Councillor Stintz has promised to oppose the application in its current state. (The Community Council usually votes with the Ward Councillor.) If it is rejected at the Community Council the councillor has also promised a City-funded rebuttal at any OMB Appeal that might be initiated by the developer. If passed at NYCC, it would then go to the full City Council in September. At that point it would be approved or rejected and final. If approved the community would have to fund and organise an OMB Appeal without the help of the City staff or its resources.

Please try to attend and to speak on this item. If possible, please notify ARECA of your availability on that day.

More details, as soon as available, will be posted at www.areca.info - the Notice of this on the August 17th meeting is now posted and this is on the Agenda for approximately 3:30 pm.

ARECA has much information posted at www.areca.info on this issue and encourages you to visit the site.

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