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ST JAMES BOND CHURCH SITE

Councillor Karen Stintz held a Community Consultation Meeting on May 17th at Oriole Park Public School to review the owners' plans for the development of the St James Bond Church site at 1066 Avenue Road, at the southwest corner of Avenue Road and Willowbank Boulevard. The owners, FORAM Avenue Holdings Inc., have submitted an application to the City of Toronto for an Official Plan Amendment and a Rezoning Application in order to build an 8 storey, 120 unit retirement residence. The allowable height for the building is only 4 storeys. The City has rejected the plan and has advised the developers to revise their plans to be more in keeping with the existing neighbourhood. Catherine Ferguson, Senior Planner, City of Toronto explained the City's process. A final report will be prepared and presented to Council, probably in the fall, will go back before North York Community Council. The Architect for the development stated that the proposed height of the building has been reduced from 8 storeys to 7 storeys as a result of the City's rejection of the plan.

EGLINTON PARK CLUBHOUSE MURAL

The City of Toronto Parks and Recreation department in conjunction with 53 Division Police have decided to have a mural painted on the walls of the clubhouse in Eglinton Park. Pupils from Marshall McLuhan Catholic School have been invited to paint the mural as part of an art class. It is hoped that by having a mural on the walls it will deter graffiti. Any comments and feedback on this initiative should be directed to Constable Friesen at 53 Division 416 808 5319 or the City's Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division.

ORCHARD VIEW BOULEVARD & DUPLEX AVENUE

The properties at this corner of Orchard View Boulevard and Duplex Avenue are another example of owners allowing properties to fall into disrepair when plans for redevelopment have been rejected by the City of Toronto and the neighbouring community.

ARECA has been reporting on the unsafe condition of these buildings for several years and more recently the specific danger of falling bricks. In April, ARECA posted photographs on its web site www.areca.info of the disrepair of the chimney on the Duplex Avenue side, with the caption ... please watch for falling brick!

We are pleased to report that following the website posting the dangerous bricks have been removed. Before and after photos are shown on the website. However the ever worsening state of disrepair of these properties presents a hazardous situation to adjoining residents and pedestrians.

ARECA is a volunteer community association representing the views of residents in matters that affect our community in North Toronto. ARECA represents the area bounded by Eglinton Avenue West, Yonge Street, Roselawn Avenue, Avenue Road, St Clements Avenue and Chaplin Road. If you live in the ARECA area please join your community association. To join send a cheque for \$20 (\$10 seniors) for your 2007 membership, along with your name, address and phone number to Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association, c/o Membership Secretary 23 Elwood Boulevard, Toronto M4R 1B8. Note if you wish to receive fax or email updates from ARECA please include these with your membership details or email us at information@areca.info.