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ARECA met with Top of the Trees to review their application for rezoning at Montgomery/Helendale Avenue and Duplex Avenue to an Apartment Neighbourhood. Top of the Trees argument is that the area closely resembles an Apartment Neighbourhood due to the existence of surrounding apartments. ARECA is a participant at the OMB Hearing which began on February 9th.

ARECA is awaiting confirmation of a Public Meeting to be held at the North Toronto Memorial Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave West, regarding the proposed development for the corner of Orchardview Boulevard and Duplex Avenue. A tentative date of March 4 has been mentioned.

RIOCAN

The RIOCAN complex at YE Centre is much in the City spotlight these days. The digital sign that had been illegal for 10 years has recently been granted a surprise reprieve. The noise from the HVAC systems on the roof has not been resolved. ARECA is requesting that the City and Riocan address the noise pollution which should have been dealt with by now. RIOCAN have drawn up plans to increase the height of the two towers at YE Centre and to enclose the open concourse out front. ARECA is opposed to closing in open space. The YE Centre has already reduced the mandated open space in earlier extensions to the complex.

Memorial Park Soccer Dome

ARECA has learned that the timeline for studies, consultations and public participation regarding the erection of a Dome in Memorial Park at Chaplin Crescent has slipped due to more pressing issues at the Toronto District School Board. There is much neighbourhood concern about a Dome in this small park, with its limited parking and traffic flows. However, the local Councillor, Karen Stintz, has stated that she will not get involved on behalf of residents and that residents should relay their concerns to the local TDSB Trustee Howard Goodman. ARECA is disappointed in this since other Dome proposals were closely scrutinized by the local Councillors.

1066 Avenue Road

Residents might have noticed that four trees have been cut down from the 1066 Avenue Road site which is owned by Forum Developments. ARECA was told by Councillor Karen Stintz that the trees needed to come down to allow the owners to put up new hoarding around the site. ARECA finds this disturbing as representatives from ARECA

met with City Planning staff in 2008 to review the landscape plans and existing trees at the site. At that time the trees were an integral part of the landscape plan that was approved by the City.

Yonge Subway Extension

ARECA attended a public meeting on January 20 and heard from Charles Wheeler, Deputy Chief Project Manager for the Spadina subway line extension. Mr Wheeler outlined the issues of networking the subway and other transit systems throughout the GTA. The major issues identified were line capacities and the sequence of events for expansion. A study of the capacity of the Yonge-Bloor station was begun in January 2009 and should be completed by Fall 2009. New rocket trains are currently on order for delivery by 2012 which will allow riders to walk or stand between cars. Mr. Wheeler emphasized the importance of completing the Spadina extension and the new signalling system before opening the Yonge extension.

In November 2008, as part of the Regional Transportation Plan, the Metrolinx Board approved an extension of the Yonge subway line north from Finch to Hwy 7. The capacity of the Yonge line to accommodate ridership growth has been an increasing issue since the 1980's, especially now as Toronto's Official Plan has mandated intensification in key areas of the city.

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 2009 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.