

CRBA Minutes Public Meeting March 6, 2012

General Introductions

LW - Special thanks to Philip Stoop for two years of fantastic leadership of the CRBA! PS is Past President and recognized as such in future meetings, (though without ability to vote).

Round the table introductions from all:

Alex Bartlett lives on St. Paul Street - Landscape Design/Dev Committee
Instrumental on Queen Street improvements; Corktowneer Committee

Arthur Sinclair - Bright Street - Civil Engineer - relatively new to the neighbourhood; Dev Comm member

Marien Breen - Second year on Board, lives on Mill Street; assisting with Corktowneer and arranging Guest Speakers

Larry Webb - New President and participates in DevComm, WDLC, several other committees and initiatives

Laurence Lui - Chair of Dev Comm - lives on Sumach Street, and works on website, i.e. webmaster, including updates and training the Board on how to use our site, add content

Donna Keravica - Secretary (alternate), Membership and Marketing Chair, Mural Program Project Manager

Mike Kapil - Central import Automotive, helping DK with Membership drive (Business)

Regrets:

Adam Holmes – Treasurer and Secretary; Membership and Marketing Committee

Jon Goode - VP, Dev Comm

Julie vanderLugt - CPLC

Guest Speakers

None tonight

Committee Updates

LW - Big push/drive to get more residents involved in the CRBA and make our mark in West Don Lands

New emails - a lot of comments from residents/businesses - e.g. higher profile among businesses.

We need to take on more issues as it pertains to businesses

Need more recruits to engage businesses more in Corktown and will report back in due course

We haven't played a lot of focused attention on arts/culture and have asked JvL to head up this initiative, including links to website; musical performing groups (e.g. Corktown Uke Society, Corktown Chamber Orchestra)

We need to embrace and support arts and culture more

Corktown Healthcare Initiative to look at the needs as we get more residents - Glen Murray could assist in growth of primary healthcare as it is on his agenda.

Have tried to recruit volunteers to come on board.

Projects

DK - Mural - in process of applying for the City of Toronto grant, which is due March 29, 2012.

Potential Mural locations (feedback from Audience)

Bank of Nova Scotia wall

Advantage Car Rental

Cam's Auto

Please send ideas to: mural@corktown.ca

Newsletter

James - Canada Post cannot deliver the Newsletter; Dixon Hall is doing a good job

Ingrid - go back to delivering on our own? Since when is a newsletter "junk mail"

Barbara - The Bulletin may be able to co-deliver but price is high.

PS - What % is Canada Post reaching vs. our historical method?

LL - Newsletters are sanctioned as non-junk email

James - Donna at the helm has assisted with getting the content out. Please use info@corktown.ca for ideas.

LW and IG - Printers currently printing the issues for free...we should start paying them to assist with costs.

LW - Last meeting we agreed that we would cover some/all costs per issue.

CPLC - (LW)

Julie not present

No update at this time; we will report two months of updates at next CRBA meeting in April

Treasury (LW)

We are about same as we were last month - \$6,XXX.XX
\$2000 for Queen street beautification seed funding
Report next month from Adam

WDLC (LW)

We've attended a number of presentations for Waterfront east of Sherborne common. Developer Hines moving forward with plans. Major issue is small street at Water's edge. Retail on water side - to/from roadway?

The plan seems to be quite workable.

Former Home Depot development site - last week revealed, though site is outside of Corktown

Next meeting we are supposed to get the work plan to see how we are affected by road works - next meeting March 3, 2012.

PS - Delayed opening of the Park - any news?

LW - No news, Waterfront gets handed over to the City and City is not accepting the Park as is. Park is now slated to open in 2013 based on liability and insurance. The Park runs along West side of Don along King Street

Arthur - We need to hold the City's feet to fire on the Park; LW - we will discuss

Sandy - Would like the Board to take a stand and direction on the development

LW - Please get your concerns to me in writing, i.e. documentation

James - System for complaints on website?

LL - will look at it for the site

PS - need to tread lightly; we are all volunteers here

Development (LL)

Work Place One going where the previous Studio B store was. Scheduled for spring 2012.

River/Queen/King - message from city says a bit of greenery for the intersection as we requested will happen

IG - Underpass gone?

LL - pedestrian/bike trail/route - at River/Queen intersection, lights installed

Proposed landscaping in this area.

Ole - Bixi bike spot potential area?

LW - First Regent Park liaison meeting - Only meeting once every 2/3 months; there are some responses regarding street cleaning from the city

IG- Dirt on Shuter Street? Not seeing it. Regent Street is right beside, but Shuter does not have dirt.

LW - There is a problem, it is bad, and it does exist. When they clean the street the south side cannot be cleaned because of car parking. Shuter Street is in fact in Corktown

IG – expressed concern at the number of “whiners” complaining about minor problems

where we should be focusing on matters of community-wide importance.

LL - Committee of Adjustment and OMB

Arthur - There was a motion at council which did pass, to get rid of OMB – will keep tracking

LL - Dominion Square Beautification - Sculpture - may be more realistic for a phased approach

LL - 25 Ontario Street Re-development - could have an impact on us - 21 storey condo tower, which will preserve Sun TV. St. Lawrence BIA has been monitoring the situation
Unlikely density argument will fly based on area development

Lack of family sized units

Community consultation March 22 at St. Lawrence Hall

Corktown - potential benefit as a result?

TCHC - Seniors complex 2013 for occupation? Between River and St. Lawrence

510 King nearing completion - by end of March?

569 King Street W - Laser weight loss clinic opening

Website (LL)

Old Corktown editions back up on website

Various items

LW - Port Lands Stakeholder Advisory Cttee - we were originally not given a seat - but Pam's office/Paula Fletcher put on the pressure - outcome was looking for input from residents themselves.

Infiniti leasing - underpass area - Tom/LL - Lease (actually a license) with Streetcar to allow to sublet

Access into the space will have to change – will have to come off old Sumach. Need more details.

Tom - Parking lot is also going to have to meet standards, landscaping, lighting, etc. Dealing with Infiniti not easy, but we will forward responses and are following.

Public comments

LW - Empty storefronts - concerns. We are following

IG - Sumach Street from Queen to King - Jackhammer - a lot of construction going on. Most people think Sumach is a two-way street; it is a one-way south street.

LL - We previously had road markings; they did not replace the markings. Dots are for the bikes.

wewantmorebixi.to - Bixi bike website to get more interest/bike sites in the community
Kingsbrae Deli/Restaurant - eyesore and LW will look into it.

Barbara - On Queen Street - Parliament and Trefann new leases - rumoured Real Jerk new location???

PS - Under Pass Park? Any response, Tom? We need Waterfront Toronto in the conversation

Martin - One of oldest area in the City - e.g. horses and carts - can it be cleaned up and recognized.

Old and new Sumach Streets/Cherry Street?

Events

March 8 - OTTN Meeting (closed)

March 13 - WDL - CLC meeting (closed)

March 21 - Port Lands SAC meeting (closed)

March 22- Community Consultation re: 25 Ontario Street - 7:00p.m. St. Lawrence Hall, 157 King Street (Open)

March 26 - WDLC meeting (open)

April 3 CRBA Monthly Public Meeting 7:00p.m. The Dominion on Queen (Back Room)

Meeting moved to adjourn and closed, 8:52 p.m.