

CRBA Public Meeting - May 1, 2012- Minutes

Present:

Larry Webb
Marien Breen
Mike Kapil
Laurence Lui
Danica (Donna) Keravica

Regrets:

Jon Goode
Adam Holmes
Alex Bartlett
Arthur Sinclair
Julie van der Lugt

Attendance - about 25 people, plus Speaker (Glen Murray) and Speaker's rep, plus Tom Davidson representing Councillor McConnell, and not including Board

Code of Conduct - was reiterated by Larry Webb and challenged by member of the CRBA.

LW referred to the Corktown Mission statement as well.

Glen Murray MPP and Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities was introduced to the CRBA. Glen talked about the Corktown initiatives and development in the Ward (e.g.the new YMCA).

Committee updates

- Projects - Mural 2012 - We received the Grant for the Mural for 2012 and a Mural committee will be created, with a Call to Artists and concept/theme ideas welcomed by the community
Newsletter - Going out June 1, 2012
- CPLC - No update
- Treasury - \$8400 in the bank and another \$100 for Mural funding - \$1300 earmarked for Mural program
- WDLC - Jon not present - Don River Park will not open in 2012, but in 2013. We tried to bring in forward, but it would appear it is a done deal. Security will be provided at the site but we are unsure about the quality of the security
- The apparent indifference of IO has been a concern especially with the lack of ample notice regarding announcement of the closing of streets in the WDL.

Port Lands Acceleration Initiative

There is a final public meeting on May 15, 6:30-9 p.m. at the MTCC, North Building

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Development

- River/King/Queen closure. We didn't get any streetscaping but have been in conversation with the City - Doesn't look like it will happen in this phase but we are hoping to get something happening later with Waterfront Toronto.
- Regent Park - discussion about direction of traffic flow on Sumach and Sackville Streets. Existing directions of flow south of Shuter Street will not be altered.
- Dominion Square beautification - we received the community beautification grant but we still need more funding - see next newsletter for more info.
- Late last week - new Queen/River secondary plan - will cover this area - north of Queen to Dundas on River. Majority of what they are saying is mixed use. We will try to get the info onto the website.

Miscellaneous Items

LW will circulate his meeting notes with Pam McConnell via the Corktown website.

Public Comments/Questions/Issues

- Barbara Stewart - Revitalization happening on Queen Street East: Haven, the new flower design project; Ethel (former Leslieville shop); two new business members - Even and Odd (owners are present tonight). Carmen and Winnie - have felt welcomed by the neighbourhood.
- Real Jerk rumours have not been confirmed. We need a Bistro?!
- Adornments on Queen - May 27 - party for two year anniversary - 25% off everything in the Store! Barbara was thankful of Corktown Support.
- Edward - Sackville Playground - Looking a little tired. The playground equipment was repainted. Funding is earmarked for parks to improve and expand green spaces.
- Philip - Bright Street is also in a similar situation.
- Flood considerations - the area behind the THS - could this be addressed in the Secondary plan? LL- comments will be passed on to planner.
- James - Article in BlogTo regarding Corktown
- Also - Any movement on rumble strips on Richmond Street? Tom is meeting with Transportation tomorrow (May 2, 2012). Also timing of traffic lights at certain intersections will be looked at.
- Tom - Off leash area - commercial dog walkers that are breaking the by-law of six dogs at a time. Vans from outside the neighbourhood are coming in (i.e. commercial operators). Tom also said that there will be enforcement of by-law staff at the Park.

Upcoming Meetings and events:

May 5 Jane's walk - Regent Park

May 6 – Jane's Walk West Don Lands - meeting at St. Lawrence and King.

May 29 - WDL Public Presentation at St. Lawrence Centre

Saturday, May 5 - City of Toronto Environment Day - Drop off is at lower Sherbourne Park

Meeting Adjourned 8:59 p.m.