



## Minutes – CRBA Public Meeting

June 5, 2012

The Dominion on Queen, 500 Queen St. E., back room

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:00 PM

**Adjourned At:** 8:58 PM

### Attendees

#### CRBA Board Present:

- Larry Webb (LW), CRBA President
- Danica Keravica (DK)
- Marien Breen (MB)
- Alex Bartlett (AB)
- Arthur Sinclair (AS)
- Laurence Lui (LL)
- Mike Kapil (MK)
- Adam Holmes (AH)
- Larry Webb (LW)
- Philip Stoop (PS) – Past President, ex-officio

#### CRBA Board Regrets:

- Jon Goode (JG)
- Julie vanderLugt (JvL)

#### Guest Speaker(s):

Toronto Community Housing Corporation:

Tom Burr, Project Director, Regent Park

Annely Zonena, Development Manager, Regent Park

Jason Chen, Development Manager (King & St. Lawrence Seniors & Family housing)

#### Public Attendance:

Approximately 25 people (excluding Board and guest speakers)

## Minutes

### Introduction

- **Opening Remarks.**  
LW welcomed everyone and went over the meeting “code of conduct”. No discussion.

## Guest Speakers

*Guest Speakers from TCHC*

*Part 1: King / St. Lawrence Street project*

Toronto Community Housing Corp – **Regent Park and the King/St. Lawrence Streets project**

**Presentation by Jason Chen, Development Manager of the King / St. Lawrence project:**

- The TCHC Seniors Affordable Rental housing at 589 King St. East is under construction. When completed, the Seniors building will be a mid-rise with 128 1-bedroom units plus 5000 sq. ft. of retail / commercial space. Occupancy is expected to start late summer 2013
- Also planned are 2 low-rise (4-storey) affordable rental buildings for families with 115 1-, 2-, & 3-bedroom units.
- A number of amenities are planned including children’s splash pad, pergola, seniors’ courtyard and a [Woonerf](#) (street where pedestrians have priority over cars)

*Q&A about King & St. Lawrence project:*

There were a number of questions about “affordable rental” vs. subsidized units and about how tenants are chosen.

- Affordable Rental means that the rent is set, in this case, at approximately 80% of market rent. Rent is not subsidized, there is a cap on tenants’ income of about 4x rental costs to qualify for this housing.
- A separate application list and process is being set up by TCHC for the new “affordable market rental” units that is separate from the subsidized housing waiting lists.
- Commercial / retail tenants will be charged market rents and the TCHC is open to any type of business tenants.
- There were also questions about management of these buildings (facility manager on site plus cleaning staff), about security (cameras, etc.).

*Part 2: Status of the Regent Park Redevelopment*

**Presentation about the status of Regent Park by Tom Burr, Project Director, and Annely Zonena, Development Manager:**

- Phase 1 of the development is complete
- Phase 2 (the biggest phase) is under construction and includes new residential buildings, an arts & cultural centre, a large park, aquatic centre, community centre with City Employment Office, and possibly a sports field.
- Also retail and commercial tenants plus a large amount of market housing.
- When complete, Regent Park will contain 7200 residential units (townhouses and apartments) made up of 5400 condos and 1800 rental units
- The rental units will be a mix of RGI (rent geared to income) units [subsidized] and “affordable rental” as in King / St. Lawrence.
- The plan for Phase 2 is still evolving - for example, now are planning an athletic ground which will mean changes to other parks and to the footprints of some planned buildings along Shuter.
- Plans are not set yet for Block 23 (Shuter & Sackville)
- A Community Construction Liaison Committee started meeting in March 2012, with representation from the CRBA board with next meeting planned for late June, date not yet determined.

*Q&A about Regent Park*

- Q about the Regent Park / Duke of York school at the corner of Shuter and Parliament. It is reported to be for sale, how does this affect Regent Park? Answer is that the TCHC is not buying the building and it is outside their mandate, does not impact on the Regent Park redevelopment.
- Q about sources of funding for the Arts Centre and sports facilities. The funds are from the developer (Daniels) and Artscape and other organizations that support these initiatives.
- Q about the condition of Shuter Street. The roads are outside of the mandate of Regent Park, suggest we speak to our local Councillor.
- Q about Moss Park and whether it will receive similar redevelopment to Regent Park. There is no plan for a big revitalization of Moss Park, it is newer than Regent Park and other projects have higher priority. Tom Davidson (rep of local Councillor) notes there are some renewal projects underway now.
- Discussions on how to integrate Regent Park (& new residents in TCHC buildings on King St.) with Corktown. There is an existing Regent Park community organization that the CRBA can work with. The TCHC wants to facilitate and support these liaisons and initiatives. Noted that the TCHC has a tenant's council with representatives from its projects around Toronto including the two discussed today.

**Committee Updates**

<i>Projects</i>	(DK) Mural Project 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A call for artists is out, the deadline for submissions is June 15th, please encourage any local artists to apply</li> <li>• 2 possible sites for the mural have been identified and funding is in place</li> </ul>
<i>Newsletter</i>	• (LW) Problems with Canada Post – looking for help to resolve problem
<i>CPLC - Police Liaison Committee</i>	• (JvL absent) No update
<i>Treasury</i>	(AH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CRBA has about \$8500 in its master account</li> <li>• Have received final payments for the 2011 Gateway Mural project which means there will be extra funds to apply for the 2012 mural project</li> </ul>
<i>West Donlands Liaison Committee</i>	• (JG absent) No update. LW indicated that the main new information was with respect to the Port Lands (following item) and also the Waterfront Toronto Employment Initiative being set up now.
<i>Port Lands Acceleration Initiative</i>	(LW) Update from May 23 SAC and May 24 Public Consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for the Port Lands project has been extended to September</li> <li>• <b>ACTION ITEM:</b> to add a link from Corktown.ca to the Port Lands website</li> </ul>

<i>Development</i>	<p>(AB) <b>Dominion Square parking lot beautification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on getting funding from the site owner, Allied Properties</li> <li>• Getting help from other CRBA members on putting together a better presentation package to show to potential funders</li> </ul> <p>(LW) <b>333 King East - Sun Building</b> development proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes that this is a true mixed use development - office and residential - that is just outside of Corktown and bodes well for our neighbourhood</li> </ul>
<i>Entertainment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>
<i>Membership</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (DK) CRBA has about 15 companies and 70 residents as paid-up members</li> <li>• goal is to increase paid memberships and participation in CRBA</li> </ul>
<i>Filming - <a href="mailto:filming@corktown.ca">filming@corktown.ca</a></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>
<i>Website <a href="http://corktown.ca">corktown.ca</a></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Matt Elliot) Continued improvement on Corktown.ca</li> <li>• Have begun cataloguing local news, publishing every weekend.</li> <li>• Request to all present for items to publish especially in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• arts &amp; cultural events around Corktown</li> <li>• businesses - opportunity for any local businesses to publicize sales or events</li> <li>• pictures around the neighbourhood</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Miscellaneous Items:

- The miscellaneous items listed on the agenda were skipped due to lack of time and to allow time for a general discussion.

## Public Comments / Questions / Issues:

- (James) A question about the idea of adding “rumble strips” on Richmond Street at the off-ramp from the DVP to slow down traffic. Our local Councillor’s rep (Tom) responded that a city transport coordinator says these are very noisy and are not recommended so close to houses. Speed bumps are not viable, a traffic signal may be a solution. Ole Calderone suggested painting the lanes to look narrower could work to slow traffic. (All) need to keep dialogue open with the city. Tom will follow up on suggestions.
- (James) Regarding changes to the Corktown Google Group - would like to keep a discussion forum for Corktown. Would be good to have a place to raise topics, discuss, and see what kind of interest there is in a topic. (LW) the Google Group wasn’t intended to be a discussion board, will continue to be a means to share info from the CRBA to its members. The Board will consider all the options available for a discussion board but the problems of un-moderated boards are considerable and a moderated board requires someone to moderate, which is also an issue. Please use [info@corktown.ca](mailto:info@corktown.ca) to raise share info and come to the monthly public meetings to discuss. These changes will be mentioned in the next Corktownner.
- (PS) Suggestion to keep a current list of volunteering opportunities with the CRBA, published in the Corktownner and on the website, and to encourage new and old members to participate.

- (Martin Trainor) Request to get the part of (Old) Sumach street, where the cube house is, renamed as it is confusing now with a disjointed Sumach Street immediately west. Now may be a good time, with the West Don Lands work and the work on “new Sumach”. (Ole & Tom) Suggest CRBA get involved, raise the issue with the West Don Lands Naming Committee and with the City.

## Coming Events:

Note: No CRBA Public Meeting in July or August.

June 6	Central Waterfront Project Update – 7:00 to 9:00pm, Brigantine Room, Harbourfront
June 7	Old Town Toronto Network (OTTN) meeting (closed)
June 7	Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood Association (GWNA) monthly meeting (open) – 7:00pm, 39 Parliament – Speaker: Ken Greenberg, former director of urban affairs & architecture for City of Toronto
June 9	Queen’s Quay Open House – 10am to 2pm – 20 Bay Street
June 12	City Executive Committee – Port Lands Submissions – 9:30am (check City website)
June 19	West Don Lands CLC (Construction Liaison Committee) meeting (closed)
June 25	West Don Lands Committee (WDLC) meeting – 7:00pm (open) – 39 Parliament Street
July 7	Corktown walking tour with Enoch Turner Schoolhouse (check ETS website)
Sept 4	CRBA public meeting (open) – Guest speaker: TBA