



CORKTOWN RESIDENTS & BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES - CRBA PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 7:00-9:00PM

Location: Little Trinity Church Annex, 403 King Street East

Meeting start time: 7pm

Adjourned at: 9pm

Attendees

CRBA Board present:

Michele Cummings (MC), Sandra Iskandar, Simon Grant, Tricia Waldron, Socrates Apallas, Scott Barker, Kathrin Furniss (KF), Larry Webb (LW), Kara Isert, Tom Junek

CRBA Board regrets:

None

Public attendance:

Approximately 30

Minutes

Opening remarks

- MC welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the board members in attendance. A sign-up sheet was circulated for attendees.

New business: Lift Corktown

- Mike Thompson and Greg introduced Lift Corktown, a Crossfit gym opening at 508 King St E (at River) on June 18. More details are at www.liftcorktown.com
- Mike and Greg discussed the Crossfit concept of results-based fitness, and explained the extensive work they had done to ensure that the space was soundproofed so as not to disturb the residents in the condo building.
- Lift Corktown has promotional pricing for those that register pre-opening. More details are at www.liftcorktown.com

Presentation: Cooper Koo YMCA

- Michael Ladd (ML) presented on the Cooper Koo YMCA, which will be opening at the corner of Cherry St and Front St at the end of May 2016.
- ML explained the membership structure and the types of programs that will be offered. The open house will begin on May 15, 2016 and members that sign up prior to the official opening on May 30, 2016 will have the induction fee waived. More details are at www.cooperkooyymca.org or 416-928-9622.

Presentation: WE Free the Children

- Several representatives came to explain the history and work of WE Free the Children around the world. WE Free the Children are the new owners of the former Marty the Millionaire location on the southwest corner of Queen and Parliament.
- The organization has plans to convert the space into an office for management of the charity as well as a community and classroom space for school programs they run. Renovations are in progress now and they hope to have the space open in 2017.

Presentation: City Parks ambassador

- Parks ambassador Troy Ford explained the work of the parks ambassador in ensuring. He discussed the rise of homelessness in Toronto from his perspective in Toronto parks every day. He encouraged people with concerns or questions about city parks to contact him at 416-771-3042 or tford@toronto.ca

Community updates

- KF explained that the City's bike share is looking to expand further into Corktown. They are looking for convenient spots that would fit bike parking.
- LW explained that discussion with the TTC is ongoing about where to locate King and Sumach stop for the new Cherry St (514) streetcar line to begin in June. LW invited a TTC representative to attend the next CRBA public meeting but has not yet received a response.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2016

- Location Little Trinity Church Annex