



## Minutes – CRBA Public Meeting

July 2, 2013

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

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:05 p.m.

**Adjourned At:** 9:00 p.m.

### Attendees

#### CRBA Board Present:

Kara Isert (KI), Matt Elliott (ME), Arthur Sinclair (AS), Adam Holmes (AH), Larry Webb (LW) - Past President, ex-officio

#### CRBA Board Regrets:

Alex Bartlett (AB), John MacEwen (JM), Mike Kapil (MK), Peter Coish (PC), Sandra Iskandar (SI)

#### Guest Speaker(s):

James Caldwell, Corktown Branding Exercise

#### Public Attendance:

Approximately 25 (excluding Board)

## Minutes

### Opening Remarks

- President KI welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced the board of directors members in attendance and went over the CRBA's mission statement.
- KI explained that tonight's meeting would start with brief neighbourhood updates before a Corktown branding exercise led by James Caldwell

### Development Update

- ME gave an update on development in Corktown
- Progress continues in the West Don lands and with the Canary District developments
- A development proposal has been made for the Sing Tao Building site at Richmond Street & Power Street. Very preliminary at this stage. CRBA will monitor the development.
- The city is conducting a study on a proposed cycle track for Richmond-Adelaide. AS discussed potential of connecting these bike lanes to other bike lanes and trails in Corktown. CRBA will follow-up.
- Work on Gardiner Expressway EA continues – related to section of the Gardiner between Jarvis and the DVP. ME attended spring consultation. Another consultation is scheduled for the fall. Details will be posted on corktown.ca.
- AS highlighted a petition related to the St. Lawrence Market North development. Design has changed and some councillors want to cancel the project.

## **Parks Update**

- AS provided an update on the Corktown Parks Plan. On behalf of the CRBA, AS and AB are working with the councillor's office and the city to develop a parks plan for the neighbourhood, which could see a variety of improvements to public spaces.
- Attendee brought up a concern related to port-a-potties which had been installed in Sumach-Shuter Park and Sackville Park. Tom Davidson from Councillor Pam McConnell's office indicated that he would work with parks staff to get them removed.
- AS discussed a plan to work with the city to install a sidewalk on Richmond Street between Power Street and St. Paul Street under the city's "orphan sidewalk program." Letters of support have been collected and an official request will be made this summer.
- Corktown Common is open and will be open through the summer. Attendees discussed the formation of a Friends of Corktown Common group. Erin Balsler volunteered to take the lead.
- ME discussed recent announcements related to Pan Am Games Legacy projects – the plan includes improvements to the Don Valley trail as part of the Pan Am Path and an expansion of the BIXI bike sharing system into Corktown.
- Tom Davidson provided details on upcoming road resurfacing work to take place on Front Street East between Jarvis Street and Parliament Street. Work is being funded out of a Pan Am Capital fund.
- An attendee brought up the old Eastern Avenue bridge and wondered about potential for rehabilitation.

## **Business Updates**

- ME welcomed new businesses to the area: Bentley Flanders and Flame Shack.

## **Other Updates**

- LW provided an update on the Good Shepherd Community Liaison Committee, which meets quarterly. At last meeting, committee discussed possibility of holding an open house at the centre.
- AS spoke of the need for a volunteer for the Pan Am Toronto 2015 liaison committee. Those interested were encourage to email [info@corktown.ca](mailto:info@corktown.ca).
- Attendees were reminded to visit [corktown.ca](http://corktown.ca) for updates, and connect with us on Facebook and Twitter.

## **Corktown Neighbourhood Interactive Branding Exercise & Discussion**

- James Caldwell led an interactive discussion focusing on the brand of Corktown and possible improvements we can make to enhance our neighbourhood's image.
- Participants highlighted the importance of retaining heritage, embracing new developments in the west don lands and defining Corktown as an important neighbourhood within Toronto.
- James will report back in the fall with conclusions based on feedback and group discussions.

## Coming Events

Date	Event Info
Wednesdays	<b>Regent Park Farmers' Market</b> – Every Wednesday starting June 5 <sup>th</sup> 3PM – 8PM Regent Park Blvd. on the South side of Dundas St. next to Daniels Spectrum
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sunday in the Park</b> – Regent Park's 22 <sup>nd</sup> (!! ) Annual Sunday in the Park festival. Taking place noon – 5PM on Corktown's doorstep. Contact the Regent Park Neighbourhood Initiative to volunteer or for more info (647) 775-8145 ext 7041
Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>CRBA Public Meeting</b> – 7PM at Dominion on Queen <i>Note: there is no meeting in August – enjoy the summer!</i>