

## Minutes – CRBA Public Meeting

October 1, 2013

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

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

**Adjourned At:** 8:35 p.m.

### Attendees

#### CRBA Board Present:

Kara Isert (KI), Matt Elliott (ME), Sandra Iskandar (SI), Arthur Sinclair (AS), Adam Holmes (AH), Peter Coish (PC), Michele Cummings (MC), Larry Webb (LW) - Past President, ex-officio

#### CRBA Board Regrets:

Mike Kapil (MK), John MacEwen (JM), Alex Bartlett (AB),

#### Guest Speaker(s):

None

#### Public Attendance:

Approximately 18 (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.

### Board / Governance Update

- KI announced that Michele Cummings had joined the board, replacing departing board member Laurence Lui.
- KI also announced that the board had appointed Socrates Apallas to be Corktown representative on the Pan Am Games Logistics Committee.
- The CRBA Board is exploring alternative locations for CRBA Meetings. The November meeting will be held at the Dixon Hall Employment Centre. Details will be posted at [corktown.ca](http://corktown.ca).
- KI reminded everybody to continue checking [corktown.ca](http://corktown.ca) for neighbourhood and board updates

### Membership Update

- KI announced that residential membership dues for the CRBA are being lowered to \$0, effective immediately. Online membership sign-up at [corktown.ca](http://corktown.ca) will be available in the coming months.

## Community Events

- KI thanked all those who volunteered and came out to the Corktown Community Celebration held at Underpass Park on September 29. The barbecue event was sponsored by Enbridge as a way to make up for the closure of Bayview Avenue to accommodate gas work.
- There is strong support to make the barbecue a more regular event. The CRBA will explore options. Attendees also brought up the notion of holding Yard Sales or Farmers Market in the park space.
- KI announced that the annual Corktown Christmas Party will be held on December 7. AB is leading the organization efforts and looking for volunteers.
- KI discussed the Scotiabank Marathon, scheduled for October 20. The race route will take a meandering path through Corktown. Details are at corktown.ca. An informal cheering station will be available at Underpass Park. In future years, Corktown will receive more notice so we can have a full cheering station

## Parks & Public Spaces

- Founder Erin Balsler introduced the Friends of Corktown Common group, noting that the first public meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 5 at the Corktown Park Pavilion. Friends of Corktown Common will work to facilitate community events in the park, as well as ensure that the parkland is being well taken care of. There is a website at [friendsofcorktowncommon.com](http://friendsofcorktowncommon.com).
- Plan is for Friends of Corktown Common to also represent Underpass Park and Lawren Harris Square.
- Erin has been working with CRBA, Park People and the West Don Lands Committee to set up the group. Plan to also connect with Pan Am Games.
- AS gave an update on public realm and the Corktown Parks Improvement project. A survey is in development which will help identify high priority issues relating to Corktown parks. Working with the city, the plan is to issue an RFP to consultants who will develop plans for updating these parks. Work is ongoing.
- Barbara Stewart brought up issues with professional dog walkers sometimes dominating the dog park at Richmond and Power Street. Tom Davidson from Councillor Pam McConnell pointed to bylaws already in place to govern that kind of behavior. Tom said he would bring forward a CRBA suggestion that they install a sign informing professional dog walkers of the rules.

## Development Update

- River City continues to bring in new residents. The design for phase 3 of River City has not yet been publicly unveiled, but is said to be unique. CRBA will monitor.
- Attendee asked about potential for a grocery store in one of the new developments. KI mentioned that Dundee-Kilmer is looking for consultation on the kinds of retail people would like to see in the West Don Lands developments. The new TCHC building on King Street also has retail space that could accommodate grocery.

- The condo development planned for the Sing Tao Building at Richmond & Power has been put on hold as developer First Gulf performs market analysis.
- The Honda dealership being constructed at Eastern & Sackville is an as-of-right project that was not subject to community consultation or zoning amendments.
- KI provided some details on Phase 3 of Regent Park. The plan has recently been revised to accommodate lower heights. Athletic grounds will be coming to Shuter & River.

### Business Updates

- Healthy Road is set to open in the retail space at 510 King East this fall. They will provide health-oriented products.

### Miscellaneous Items


- AS is leading organization efforts for a Toronto Centre federal by-election debate. CRBA will co-sponsor along with other neighborhoods associations from the riding. Details will be provided once a by-election date is set.

### Questions & Discussion

- Edward Nixon announced consultations would soon take place for Berczy Park, located just outside of Corktown in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood. First meeting is set for October 23 at the North St. Lawrence Market building.
- The group discussed changes to electoral boundaries. Though the CRBA wrote a letter and fought to change the proposed boundaries, the southern boundary for the new Toronto Centre riding remains Mill Street.
- Barbara Stewart discussed membership ideas, including business discounts for CRBA members and storefront signage. CRBA Board will discuss potential as part of ongoing changes to membership structure.

### Coming Events

Date	Event Info
Oct 28	<b>West Don Lands Committee Public Meeting</b> – 7PM at 39 Parliament St, 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Amenity Room
Nov 5	<b>CRBA Public Meeting</b> – 7PM at Dixon Hall Employment Centre <i>Guest Speaker TBA</i>

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