

## Minutes – CRBA Public Meeting

June 3, 2014

Dominion on Queen (500 Queen Street East)

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:07 p.m.

**Adjourned At:** 9:05 p.m.

### Attendees

#### CRBA Board Present:

Sandra Iskandar (SI), Matt Elliott (ME), Kara Isert (KI), Peter Coish (PC), Alex Bartlett (AB), Larry Webb (LW) - Past President, ex-officio

#### CRBA Board Regrets:

Michele Cummings (MC), Mike Kapil (MK), Nahel Fekadu (NF), Peter MacDonald (PM), Arthur Sinclair (AS),

#### Guest Speaker(s):

Councillor Pam McConnell

#### Public Attendance:

Approximately 25

## Minutes

### Opening Remarks

- KI welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced the board members in attendance and went over the CRBA's mission statement.
- KI introduced tonight's speaker Councillor Pam McConnell

### Guest Speaker – Councillor Pam McConnell

- Councillor Pam McConnell gave updates on a variety of neighbourhood issues and developments.
  - She discussed the parks revitalization initiative undertaken by the CRBA along with her office. Money will soon begin flowing for project to renew Corktown parks. THINC has been hired. First step will be a walkabout of parks followed by consultations. Consultation will be held for Bright Street parkette this summer.
  - Sandra Schneider highlighted lack of maintenance in city parks, especially in Percy Street Park. Councillor McConnell agreed and said she has pushed for increased maintenance as part of the budget process. Percy Street Park will be improved after construction on Cherry/Sumach Street is finished.
  - James Caldwell asked about access to Orphan Park (dog park) with very busy streets nearby. Councillor McConnell noted that issue could be dealt with through the parks plan. She believes traffic signals are needed near the park.
  - Councillor McConnell highlighted recent and coming changes in and around Corktown, including Nelson Mandela School, the coming Regent Park Community Centre, the

Regent Park Athletic Groups (funded by MLSE), the new big park in Regent Park, the West Don Lands George Brown College and YMCA facility, the 519 Church recreation centre facility, Little Trinity Church's new office and community space, Anishnawbe Health Centre and the Dundas Street Birthing Centre in Regent Park.

- On traffic, Councillor McConnell noted high volume of "chaos" due to many projects needing to be finished prior to the Pan Am Games. Metrolinx work has held up the reopening of Cherry Street. Work continues on the Queen Street bridge related to backflow preventer – King Street section of bridge will not re-open until fall.
- A motion to change Trinity Street to one-way traffic operations has been introduced, but was put on pause to allow Traffic Services to sit down with stakeholders. Motion will be reintroduced if consultation process comes to same conclusion. KI highlighted issues with traffic management across Corktown and need to look at whole neighbourhood. Councillor McConnell will look at that once all streets are open.
- Work continues on underground watermain work at River & Gerrard. Final inspections are ongoing. If no deficiencies found, it should open shortly.
- Pam noted the TTC wanted to remove the streetcar stop at King East & Trinity. She opposed removal. PC asked if we shouldn't concede removal of some streetcar stops to improve transportation. Issue will be monitored.
- The Good Shepherd Liaison Committee (with representatives from CRBA, Toronto Police Service and City's Shelter & Support department) has looked at a protocol for banning "problem" clients, the reinstatement of the shelter's smoking room and strategies to limit anti-social behaviour in the line-up for the shelter. Funding for a new staff member has been given. New person will be responsible for community outreach and managing community impact. Interviews have begun for this permanent position.
- On the King Street methadone clinic, Councillor McConnell noted it's a provincial issue, but there have been discussions at Ministry of Health to allow treatment to addiction to happen at family doctors' offices. Councillor McConnell expressed desire to look at regulatory changes with College of Physicians. She encouraged nearby residents to report negative behaviour to her office and 51 Division.

### **Parks & Public Spaces**

- Friends of Corktown Common will be holding a cheer station for the Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon this October. Volunteers wanted.

### **Construction Update**

- Reconstruction of the Queen-Broadview intersection will cause streetcar diversions this summer, resulting in no streetcar service on Queen or King between Parliament and Broadview. Updates will be provided at corktown.ca.

### **Business/Community Updates**

- District Dental has opened at 510 King and is accepting new patients. THOR Espresso Bar and Subway have been confirmed as tenants in the building, with interior renovations commencing.

- White Elephant Thai has opened at 366 Queen Street East.
- Tim Hortons and a pharmacy have been confirmed as retail tenants in the new TCHC building on King Street East.
- A doctor's office, Magenta Health, is slated to open at 625 Queen East, with patient registration available online at <http://www.magentahealth.ca>.

### Development Update


- A meeting was held to discuss a new version of the Queen-River Secondary Plan. Concerns have been expressed about the proposed 15-storey heights. Staff have been responsive to community concerns and the process continues.
- A public meeting date is still being set for the proposed redevelopment of the Sing Tao building. The date will be provided when it becomes available.

### Miscellaneous

- Ki made a call for volunteers to help out with CRBA committees and initiatives
- A community BBQ is scheduled for July 5, 2014 at Underpass Park, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The Ontario election will be held on June 12, 2014. Corktowners were encouraged to vote.

### Next Meeting

Date	Event Info
Sept 2	<b>CRBA Public Meeting</b> — 7-9PM at Dixon Hall Employment Centre, 489 Queen St E

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