

Minutes – CRBA Public Meeting

May 5, 2015 – 7 to 9 p.m.

Little Trinity Church– 425 King East

Meeting Start Time: 7 p.m.

Adjourned At: 9 p.m.

Attendees

CRBA Board Present:

Alim Rhemtulla (AR), Brian Palic (BP), Matt Elliott (ME), Michele Cummings (MC), Peter Coish (PC), Sandra Iskandar (SI), Socrates Apllal (SA), Tadeo Sanchez (TS),

CRBA Board Regrets:

Thomas Junek (TJ)

Public Attendance:

Approximately 40

Minutes

Opening Remarks

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

New Business Introduction: Sparkplug Coffee

- Kara Isert, the owner/operator of Sparkplug Coffee, provided an introduction to her Corktown-based business. Sparkplug Coffee provides delivery of fresh coffee. Customers can order online at Sparkplug.coffee.
- Starting soon, Kara will be teaming up with the CRBA to donate a portion of all Sparkplug coffee sold in the Corktown area to the CRBA. A link will be made available at corktown.ca.

New Business Introduction: MADE Design

- Shaun Moore from MADE Design (394 King East) talked about his newly-relocated design shop. Shaun made the move to Corktown from his west-end location. MADE provides a variety of custom-designed items, and also produces custom furniture pieces.

Construction Update: Queen Street Bridge

- Larry Webb provided an update on the ongoing work to repair the King Street ramp to the Queen Street Bridge. The bridge has been closed for more than a year, necessitating a 504 streetcar diversion.
- The TTC has served notice that they will be reinstalling the overhead wire on King Street in anticipation of a return to normal streetcar service. The CRBA has been told the bridge will open this month.

- The TTC work notice is posted on corktown.ca. Further updates will be posted there as well.

Presentation: Live Art Festival at Underpass Park, Corktown – June 20


- Karin Eaton, Executive & Artistic Director of Mural Routes, and Kristina Anna Hausmanis, Project Lead at StreetARToronto, presented details of the upcoming Live Art Festival, set to take place at Underpass Park on June 20.
- In advance of the festival, the five road-facing pillars on the east side of Underpass Park will be painted with a permanent mural designed by one of three selected artists.
- During the festival, 18 additional pillars will be painted by artists (non-permanent murals). There will also be music and dance performances, sport demonstrations, community art activations, food vendors and opportunities for community groups and businesses to get involved.
- Volunteers are needed to staff information booths, serve as greeters, help with traffic control and perform other tasks. Email julien@muralroutes.com to inquire about volunteer opportunities.
- Festival will take place between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on June 20. All are welcome!
- See attached presentation for more details.

Presentation: Toronto 2015 Pan Am / ParaPan Am Games

- Representatives from the Toronto 2015 Pan Am / ParaPan Am Games organizing committee provided a detailed overview of what to expect in Corktown this summer as the games take place.
- Pan Am Games take place between July 10 and 26. ParaPan Am Games take place between August 7 and 15. The Athlete's Village is located in Corktown.
- Over 7,000 athletes will spend time in the Village for Pan Am, and 3,000+ for ParaPan Am. Corktown is one of six neighbourhoods working to produce a Neighbourhoods of the Athletes' Village guide that will provide information about local businesses, landmarks, etc. to athletes and other visitors. From July 11 to 25, the Distillery will be a site for PANAMANIA, with artistic and musical performances and other celebration events.
- The event will necessitate numerous road closures/traffic adjustments. See the attached presentation for details.
- Corktown Common will also be closed to the public from June until September as it will be part of the secure Athletes' Village. A security fence will surround both Corktown Common and the Village.
- Extra transit service will be added. Anyone with a ticket to a Pan Am event will get complimentary access to TTC/GO/Other local transit on the day of their event.
- See attached presentation for more details.

Next Meeting

Date	Event Info
June 2	CRBA Public Meeting — Location TBD

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