

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

13. Property located at 313 Clarke Road (OZ-8300)

- R. Knutson, Knutson Development Consultants Inc., on behalf of the applicant – expressing support for the staff recommendation, including the restrictions in the by-law; expressing appreciation to the staff for their efforts; indicating that he has a copy of the Planning and Environment Added Agenda and will be responding to the communities concerns in their submission on the Added Agenda; advising that the proposed facility is about integration back into the community, not into an institution; noting that it is from an institution back into our society; indicating that the facility will be monitored; advising that the women will be going through programs to help them reintegrate into society and how we can make them comfortable in our environment; advising that they have paid their price and they are now coming back to lead productive lives; indicating that this particular facility and its location adjacent to the Argyle Community Centre, is ideal for job employment opportunities; noting that the transit hub is there for access to other amenities and opportunities; advising that the program that has proposed to move here has been in existence in London since 2007; indicating that Madam Justice Louise Arbour lent her name to the facility that is currently on Little Grey Street; advising that the facility on Little Grey Street is hopefully going to be reused for elderly and infirm people in conflict with the law and parolees; noting that that facility on Little Grey Street is a one floor facility and is ideally purposed for that use; advising that the proposed facility on Clarke Road is ideally purposed for what is intended by St. Leonard's; indicating that all of St. Leonard's facilities are funded federally and provincially and they have many housing and maintenance standards that have to be met within the home; indicating that parking seems to be a significant issue as it was raised at both at neighbourhood meeting held in January and at the meeting tonight; advising that they engaged Barry Murphy, Ron Koudys Landscape Architect, to assist us in terms of how to deal with some of the site amenities; advising that the site appears to be in some level of disrepair; indicating that they are proposing to remove the existing retaining walls and the site will be fairly simply regraded; noting that this will not be a challenge to accomplish; advising that the three foot high retaining walls along the sidewalk will be removed and more neighbourhood friendly plantings will be put in their place; indicating that it will be the same with the front yard, with the addition of a ramp system for accessibility built there; advising that, at the rear of the property there are a couple of sheds which are not particularly attractive which will be removed as well as the retaining wall on the south property line; noting that the same type of wall that is on the side is also located at the back of the property; noting that that would be removed and a privacy fence would be installed; showing a graphic of the outdoor amenity area; indicating that a 9 metre by 10 metre amenity area is a fairly substantial area; noting that a typical subdivision lot has as little as six metres of rear yard space; advising that this is a purpose designed amenity area for the residents and it is more than adequate; advising that the by-law requires two parking spaces; noting that there is adequate space, based on City parking standards, for three parking spaces to be provided; further noting that two are required for staff; advising that staff are on site 24 hours a day; indicating that there are people who run the programs that do visit the facility; indicating that there is a verbal agreement with the high school for staff in the programs to be able to use the school parking lot; noting that he is not able to provide you with proof of a written agreement but they do have joint programs between St. Leonard's and the School Board; indicating that, with respect to the Official Plan, Zoning By-law and city standard comments, he adopts Mr. Davis's comments to the Planning and Environment Committee in support of the locational criteria that the plan requires them to look at as justification for the Official Plan Amendment; advising that it is site specific and it is based on criteria that the City has set; advising that, as far as visitors and children are concerned, this is a residential facility; indicating that, at the neighbourhood meeting, they were asked why they have locks on the doors; answering that they have locks on the doors for the same reason that he has a lock on his house, typically to keep the bad people from coming into the house; reiterating that it is a residential facility and that any visitation is done through program approval; indicating that the residents who will live at the facility do not have cars so they do not have to worry about where they park; advising that, for visitors, there is two hour parking on the street, which would be managed and respected; noting that it is a law that certainly can be enforced by the police; and, indicating that the police to attend

the site because they have to check on the conditions and make sure that there is full compliance of the conditions of the release and the residents.

- Linda Davis, on behalf of area residents – see attached presentation.
- Carolyn Kovacevic, 1882 Churchill Avenue – see attached presentation.
- Mike Blois, 1878 Churchill Avenue – see attached presentation. (*Secretary's Note: Mr. Blois's presentation is included as part of Mrs. Davis's presentation*).
- Nick Sauter, Infrastructure & Outreach Chair, Argyle Community Association - see attached presentation.
- Tammy Lee Marche, 107-1136 Adelaide Street North – responding to the reference of living in a sardine can, she would like everyone to understand where these women will be coming from; indicating that a sardine can may be even better than where they came from; advising that she believes in building a community and part of building a community is taking care of our own; indicating that her personal experience with the halfway house is that these women will really need the supports and that they will be monitored, they will be able to see their families, they will be from the community or near the community; advising that this will help them progress, with a lot of amenities around that can help them move forward in life; and indicating that we really need this.