

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

15. Great Near Campus Neighbourhood Strategy Review - Terms of Reference

- Lisa Smith, 500 Sunnystone, on behalf of the London Property Management Association – asking that this meeting be deferred until September, 2015 as the subjects of the Terms of Reference are the students; and, indicating that, because of timing, they cannot be here for this meeting.
- Jean Marc Metrailler, 462 Maitland Street – responding to the last speaker, there was a public participation meeting in May, 2014, when the students were here; noting that there was a student in attendance who participated; further noting that there were a lot of comments from residents; advising that he has read through the terms and he thinks that all of those comments have been taken into consideration; indicating that one concern from residents is timing, making sure that this happens quickly; noting that some of these residents are mad about things that might not be done quickly enough; and, encouraging the Committee to approve the Terms of Reference.
- Bob Hyde, 187 Rathowen Street – expressing concern with the lack of the public knowing about this; indicating that he did not know that the Great Near Campus Strategy even existed until about two weeks ago; pointing out that the people he talked to, in his area, did not know either; advising that there is nothing that produces greater community involvement, the general public and the homeowners, the businesses; advising that he would like to see some way of communicating this; indicating that The Londoner does not go to every household; pointing out that they do not know and they are like mushrooms growing in the dark.
- Don Bartlett, 1091 The Parkway and speaking on behalf of the London Neighbourhood Community Association – speaking to Phase 1, the focus of Phase 1 in the Terms of Reference is named on Planning and Environment Committee Agenda page 323; noting that it is a review of the current state of affairs of the Great Near Campus Neighbourhood and review what success has been made to date; pointing out that, in order to achieve that goal, a broader stance is needed to capture and contrast the 30 years of studies and initiatives that Mr. Fleming, Manager, Planning and City Planner, summarized in a report to this Committee earlier this year; advising that those 30 years of studies and initiatives, from 1985 forward versus the encroachment of the investor landlord over that timeline; pointing out that what they have seen is the imbalance in the shortage of long-term residence; asking that the Planning staff take a broader stance; indicating that the other element that he would point out is on page 319 of the Planning and Environment Committee Agenda says feedback from the public has been incorporated in these Terms of Reference; indicating that he made a submission that essentially says go to 1985 and take ten year snapshots of what has happened to the R-1 housing stock in this Great Near Campus defined zone; noting that that is not reflected in this report; enquiring why you would ignore Planning's work over 30 years of studies and initiatives, let us get it right by expanding the scope, instead of 2008 to 2015, make it from 1985 to 2015; believing that they can establish representative Terms of Reference by doing so.
- Paul Beechey, 1033 Waterloo Street – enquiring as to whether it is possible to include a rider or a clause or a provision within the Terms of Reference in the event that another idea or a submission comes to the table in the coming months; advising that he spoke with Sandy Levin last week regarding this issue, unfortunately Mr. Levin was unable to attend the meeting this evening; pointing out that it was his idea because in other meetings and other initiatives he has been involved with, once the Terms of Reference or the initiative has been closed off, it is difficult to get something tabled again; enquiring as to whether it is possible, within this Terms of Reference, to put a clause in it so that any stakeholder, whether it be a Neighbourhood Association, Western University, Fanshawe College, the students groups, London Property Management Association, can insert an idea that is approved by the working committee that Justin and Gregg will be chairing in the coming months as an idea; requesting that the Committee please

consider that; adding on to Mr. Bartlett's point, Phase 3.1, Phase 1, consulting with community stakeholders, reviewing existing policies, reviewing the changes circa 2008 and 2012; advising that the five bedroom by-law was enacted March 15, 2006 so it is interesting that they are going to take a snapshot of 2008 to 2015; requesting that a broader stance be taken, a really good reflection to see what is happening in all of these neighbourhoods, specifically around Fanshawe College, Western University, Blackfriars, Lawson, regardless; pointing out that this can easily be done by taking a look at tax rolls; pointing out that if you take a look at tax rolls from 2008 and 2012, they why can we not potentially expand that to 1985 in ten year increments, 1985, 1995, 2005, 2010 and 2015 to really see the possible trajectory of change; noting that maybe there has not been any change in some neighbourhoods and in other neighbourhoods there may have been; and, indicating that written submissions could have been tabled and put into this report if they were submitted by 9:00 AM on Friday, May 15, 2015; indicating that he submitted, on behalf of other constituents, six different written to Mrs. Heather Lysynski, Committee Secretary, and it was his understanding that, provided they gave permission for them to be included, they would have been included; indicating that he is a little curious as to why they were not included; enquiring if it is possible to still submit these written submissions. (*Note: the communications were included on the Planning and Environment Committee Added Agenda.*) Mr. Beechey did not have a copy of the Added Agenda.

- Jen Carter, Vice-President, External, Western University Students' Council – noting that she will be in this role for approximately ten more days; expressing appreciation to the staff for facilitating the public participation process; realizing that this was not an easy one and they really do appreciate the time that you take time to listen to all sides of the story; knowing that comments were made about students not being able to be here; advising that she does not pretend to be a student anymore as she graduated last year but she has done her best this year to try and represent the voices of 35,000 students which is never an easy task; noting that they do not even think the same thing on different days so it is definitely a challenge; indicating that this Terms of Reference is a really great step for the community; advising that students want the same thing that neighbours do, they want safe, really good neighbourhoods to live in where they can grow up and kind of evolve as adult individuals and members of the society; advising that they really are looking forward to working with the Neighbourhood Associations, with community members and with the City and City politicians as well to make sure that this is a really good next step; speaking on behalf of her successor a little bit, Lindsay, they are absolutely committed to working with the City on whatever the Terms of Reference may be, this is not as much a question as it is a comment to let you know that they are fully supportive of this; indicating that her office has invested resources this year to work very closely with by-law so that they have a very good understanding of how the neighbourhoods are actually constructed and to put together a very good understanding of what these neighbourhoods really look like; reiterating that they have invested resources there and they are really excited to share with you the results of that; indicating that the past year that she has spent getting to know some of the Neighbourhood Associations, some of the neighbours and some of the City staff, is that this always seems to be a topic that is plagued with combativeness that is not always necessary; speaking on behalf of her successor, the problems that they see in the Greater Near Campus Neighbourhoods, do not always have to come to this floor and she is standing here on behalf of her organization to tell you all that if there is an issue, it makes them better at their jobs if they know it is there; hearing one resident talk about the resident not knowing about this Terms of Reference, well, if the residents do not know about it, the students really don't know; pointing out that it is their role as advocates for the students to communicate what is going on and it makes their jobs way easier and will make living in the neighbourhoods a lot easier if they can hear the problems come to them first so that they can help resolve them.
- D. Schaefer - (see attached communication.)