

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

9. Properties located at 690, 696, 698, and 700 King Street, 372 Lyle Street and 701 and 729 Dundas Street (Z-8543)
 - Brian Blackwell, Stantec Consulting, on behalf of the applicant – expressing appreciation to the Civic Administration for working with them on their application; expressing appreciation to the Old East Village Business Improvement Area for helping them with the community meeting; expressing support for the staff recommendation; and, advising that he is happy to answer any questions.
 - Patty Ciugo, 88 Chesley Avenue – indicating that this sounds like a wonderful building; advising that she loves the idea of the roof top greening; and, enquiring as to whether or not they are going to turn their lights off so that it does not confuse the neighbours and the birds, like we want to turn the lights off in the greenhouse.
 - Sarah Merritt, Director, Economic Development and Jennifer Pastorius, Manager, Old East Village BIA – providing comments, not so much on the zoning, but on some of the changes to the proposed development and to offer their support for the requested zoning; indicating that, in January, 2015, the Old East Village BIA and the City of London hosted an open house; advising that the purpose of the open house was to create an opportunity for the business and residential communities to provide comments on proposals for a third residential tower on the existing site; noting that staff from Stantec and the architect were all in attendance; advising that, of the 250 people invited, 62 people registered and provided written comment; noting that two other people provided comments after the open house; pointing out that the BIA compiled the comments which were forwarded to the City Planners, the Director of Business Liaison and Stantec Consulting; realizing that right now they are really talking about the zoning component but they are certainly pleased to note on this design that there are some significant changes to the original renderings that they reviewed at the open house; indicating that they are particularly pleased to note the improvements to the north façade, the wrap around balconies to the north and on the east and west facades; advising that that was a big issue for people at the open house; pointing out that that the three rows of windows break up the façade and they change how the ground floor now meets the street; indicating that what they really like is the individualistic look that has been created by the ground floor windows which are going to look more like doors with canopies; reiterating that that was a big issue for them, how that north face was going to interact with the Lyle Street streetscape; indicating that they are really looking forward to the identification of a timeline for the infill development on Dundas Street which includes the creation of the walkway onto Dundas Street commercial corridor as well; advising that the Old East supports the proposed zoning amendment, the changes to the original renderings will produce a building that will enhance the streetscape and enhance the Lyle Street streetscape as well; further the creation of 290 units on this site will bring new residents to the area producing additional benefits which will grow our local economy; advising that they are happy to support the proposed design and look forward to further discussions with Planning and the Director, Business Liaison in order to understand specific design elements, specifically limitations associated with the creation of additional greening space; expressing appreciation to everyone involved in making this initiative happen; and, particularly for the Old East Village incentive programs, without which progress would be seriously impeded.