

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING - Properties located at 100, 335 and 353 Kellogg Lane, 1063, 1080, 1097, 1127 Dundas Street and 1151 York Street (OZ-8794)
- Michelle Doornbosch, Zelinka Priamo Ltd., on behalf of the current owners, E. & E. McLaughlin Ltd. – advising that, for the past six months they have been working with staff who have been very helpful through this process and they would like to thank them for their cooperation through the application and the proposal before the Planning and Environment Committee; advising that they have had an opportunity to review the staff report in detail and they have no concerns with the proposals that are being brought forward; asking that the Planning and Environment Committee recommend approval of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications as they have been presented and outlined in the staff report.
 - Jen Pastorius, Manager, Old East Village Business Improvement Area – advising that, on September 14, 2017, in conjunction with E. and E. McLaughlin Ltd and the City of London, they held a community consultation in which eighty-seven people attended, which is a great turnout; noting that people were very excited about the project as it says in the report sixty-two people provided comment; advising that the comments were overwhelmingly excitement about the project, about Phase 1 and what is being presented; being a Silverstacks Brewery and the Indoor Adventure Park and cautiously optimistic about the next steps moving forward and their comments really reflected that; stating that, after each of their community consultations, they gathered all the information up, created the analysis and then they provided it back to the City and the developers for their use; advising that after that they usually meet with the developers and the City as well which they did and had a very productive meeting; noting that in that meeting they addressed some of the concerns by the community understanding that these concerns lived outside of the scope of the Zoning By-law Amendment request; pointing out that they worked really closely with the team and they were able to accomplish a friendly agreement between the Old East Village Business Improvement Area, E. and E. McLaughlin Ltd. and the other team members to continue a community consultation process moving forward through the next phases of the development in order to keep the community context included in the conversation as well as ensuring that the developer got all the information that they needed from the community to be fully supported; sharing this with the Planning and Environment Committee; expressing that they are very excited to work with this group as well as to see it develop over time; thanking city staff for their ongoing support of development in their area; looking forward to the next steps in this project.
 - Greg Gillies, Resident, Old East London – advising that he has been a resident in Old East London for approximately five years and he has worked for approximately fifteen years in London on several projects in the Old East Village; believing that this development is an excellent opportunity for London to kick start development in east end; thinking that it can be a keystone development if fully executed; commending the developer for being bold and venturing into this part of the city with a development such as this; expressing concern is with connectivity to the greater neighbourhood because, if we are optimistic, like he is, this particular precinct to the north primarily and connecting back to the west through the Old East Village will be one of the great neighbourhoods of London if handled properly; thinking that we are on track for that but each component will serve to make the other better and at the end of the day they have an area that they can be proud of; reiterating that connectivity into the other areas to the north primarily along the main street is something that should really be studied carefully as this project moves forward; advising that the other part of the development that he is interested in is the courtyard, which he thinks is a really important part and he would like to know how, in the long term, that part of the project would be accessed on a twenty-four hour basis by the public so that it does not become an exclusive island in that part of the city; indicating that otherwise he thinks that it is a great development and with the safeguards and further consultation as it unfolds is put in place, he thinks that we have something that we can be proud of in the long run.