

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Application – 391 South Street (Z-8803)

- Luka Kot and Rad Vucicevich, on behalf of Medallion Properties – commending staff on their excellent work as this has been a highly collaborative process; advising that they are here to hear comments from the community and to answer any questions; looking forward to working with the Planning and Environment Committee on making the best project possible for 391 South Street.
- Shelly Carr, 50 Ridout Street – indicating that currently she is not a member of the SoHo community; however, she has some roots within SoHo for the last three years; advising that she had to move away because there is a shortage of accessible rental housing in SoHo; stating that many rental units are converted homes or walk ups which make rental choices difficult for people with disabilities and for seniors; furthermore, there is only one high rise that has an elevator; noting that the other four are geared-to-income and have five year waiting lists; reiterating that she currently lives in Old South; housing is expensive there compared to SoHo; pointing out that a two bedroom in Old South runs \$1,100 to \$1,300 a month when SoHo has two bedrooms well under \$1,000; advising that Medallion has proven themselves to be incognizant of the needs of an area as seen in Old East Village; indicating that she has had the opportunity to take a tour of the Medallion development in Old East and all of them were much, much cheaper than even where she lives now; thanking staff for putting the effort into this development; believing that many people are excited about this proposed building site, heritage people are pleased with the proposed preservation of the Colborne Hospital and neighbours are pleased not to see an empty field; realizing that there will be no shadowing on present homes as you can see by the development; stating that this is a fantastic way to grow and develop SoHo; looking forward to seeing this development and the future of SoHo.
- Genet Hodder, 20 Mayfair Drive – advising that she does not live in SoHo but she cares a lot about that neighbourhood as she does about other of the older neighbourhoods, particularly in London; advising that she would like to say that this planned development and restoration of the Colborne building is beyond wonderful; indicating that she cannot say enough about it; hoping that there will be some reference to the Elsie Perrin Williams building, the art deco components that have been lost and that that might be incorporated someplace, perhaps in the courtyard or elsewhere; reiterating that she things this is a wonderful project and she commends Medallion staff for moving into challenging neighbourhoods and taking the risk.