

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Application – 2156 Highbury Avenue North (OZ-8956)

- Laverne Kirkness, Kirkness Consulting, on behalf of the applicant – advising that there are approximately twenty-five people in the gallery to show their support for this application; noting that there are approximately one hundred people that meet at Jack Chambers Public School every Sunday; advising that, instead of meeting there, they would like to have their own place and they purchased this property hoping that they could get it redesignated, replace typed and rezoned to permit the conversion of the residence to a place of worship; introducing Vasu and Binod and the rest of the audience are members of the congregation; indicating that this is a complicated property, it has a long history, as you can tell by the Planning and Environment Committee Agenda; appreciating working with Mr. M. Tomazincic, Manager, Current Planning, and C. Lowery, Planner II, to come to an agreeable position with Chinmaya such that they support the report and recommendation that they put before the Planning and Environment Committee; reiterating their appreciation to staff for working with them in this regard; indicating that the policy framework is extremely complicated; reiterating that the property is quite complicated with a stream going through it, four zones on it; advising that their focus is to create the development along the front with a refurbished conversion, a slightly larger parking area and the rest will basically remain the same; advising that they have to go through site plan approval as well and the City will see those refinements; asking the Planning and Environment Committee to approve the recommendation and take it to Council.
- Member, Chinmaya – advising that she has been a member of Chinmaya for over five years now and they do a great job for the community; indicating that they involve children and youth and help people with self-development and by having their own property and their own congregation, they will be able to bring more to the city and create a greater community; indicating that they incorporate everyone there, they are inclusive.