

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Application – 220 and 244 Adelaide Street South (Z-9061 and 0-9066)

- *(Councillor S. Turner - imagining there is no contemplation for an extension of Baseline Road to the other Baseline Road; looking on the map he had not realized that Baseline Road actually extends on the other side; sometimes when we see those two there is some plan in the in the works that, at some point, those would be connected but that was probably connected at one point and then deleted rather than going the other way); Mr. M. Tomazincic, Manager Current Planning, responding that Baseline Road is a funny one in that there is a couple of sections that do not line up and yet they are still called Baseline Road but there has never been any intention to connected at this location; (Councillor S. Turner asking because we have had an application in the past where there were some takings associated with that.)*
- Professor Wright, Western University, on behalf of the applicant - wanting the Committee to know after all the publicity today about our two young tennis stars in Canada that he is a tennis buff well; noting that he did his deep breathing this morning and visualization as well as his mindful meditation so he hopes that he has the same results; appreciating the opportunity to speak to you today because we are very much in support of the planning staff's recommendation; explaining a little bit about the project that has resulted in the request for this rezoning; indicating that he has been connected with the University of Western Ontario dental school for fifty years now and over the last fifteen years or so he has been involved in dental outreach programs and established one at the University called Docs; advising that they went out into the community and treated patients who did not have any means of dental care through social agencies; noting that it was an evening program; going out between ten to fifteen times a year and we they were able involve the dental students; what this provided us with this was a real window into the terrific need for dental care for those people who cannot afford dentistry in London and we have had a business case report done for our project which has really indicated that there is 70,000 people in the London area that are at the poverty line or below and these people are the ones that we want to be able to access and help; stating that the way we have done that is to form an alliance which is consistent with some very significant individuals or organizations, we have the university of Western Ontario medical school, we have Fanshawe's Community College oral health department, we have got the London Inter-Community Health Center, the London-Middlesex Health Center, the London and District Dental Society and several agencies all are coming together and formed an alliance; indicating that our alliance is now organized and incorporated as a not-for-profit and our sole purpose is basically to establish a clinic to help support these people in dental need; pointing out that the location, as you know, is the Glen Cairn Community Center which is on a main access route of London; reiterating that a majority of these people are below the poverty line, many of them do not have cars and so we appreciate the reduction of 40 to 33 as far as parking spaces are needed and he can assure the Committee from personal experience having two different offices over his fifty years that that should be certainly sufficient to handle our needs there; expressing that the support that they have had has been fantastic; foundations have supported us in raising money for capital expenses, the London Community Foundation, the City of London itself in helping us to provide funds for renovations and there are many other social groups that are coming behind us; the means of doing this is by establishing a clinic and having our alliance actually operate the clinic itself so the operation will be one in which we are going five days a week and we plan to hire both permanent staff which will be a full time Dentist, Hygienist, Receptionist and Navigator plus we have already had people phone and want to volunteer; these are professional Dentists and Hygienists and Auxiliaries so the everything is coming together with that wonderful support from The London Free Press if you had a chance to look at The London Free Press today and it is recognized throughout the city we are very much in support of this proposal.
- Nick Lavrin, 120 Gladstone Avenue - thinking this is a good idea because there are a lot of people in the community that would benefit from such thing as this; does not think that the redacted number of parking spaces will matter because most people are would come on foot there.