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Regent Park Community Construction Liaison Committee
Meeting #1
Wednesday February 29, 2012
500 Dundas Street E (Regent Park Presentation Centre)

Attendees:

Ronnie Williams, Artscape
Faria Hoque, Artscape
Glen Gustafson, Executive Assistant to Councillor Pam McConnell
Larry Webb, Corktown Residents and Business Association
Beth Baskin, Corktown Residents and Business Association
David Reycraft, Dixon Hall
Maria Austin, Regent Park Tenant Representative
Ines Garcia, Regent Park Tenant Representative
Bill Eadie, Trefann Court Residents' Association
Tom Burr, Toronto Community Housing
Annely Zonena, Toronto Community Housing
Bryan Sherwood, Toronto Community Housing
Remo Agostino, The Daniels Corporation

Regent Park Community Construction Liaison Committee: Terms of Reference

1. Membership to the Community Construction Liaison Committee (CCLC) is open to any interested individual or representative. Toronto Community Housing requests that interested parties RSVP to meeting invitations or inform TCHC of their intent to participate so that adequate space can be reserved for the meeting.
2. Toronto Community Housing will extend direct invitations to community/ratepayer groups who are neighbours of construction.
3. Meeting summaries will be circulated within two weeks of meeting.
4. Meetings will take place 3-4 times annually, subject to review based on construction timing.
5. Interim emails will be circulated to participants if there are significant changes to construction timing/mitigation plans.

Addition to Terms of Reference requested by the Committee:

6. PowerPoint presentations will be circulated in PDF format to the committee following the meeting and/or posted on Toronto Community Housing's website

Note: comments or complaints can be directed to the Regent Park Information Line: 416-981-4311 or to Tom Burr, Project Director: 416-981-4085

Meeting Summary

The meeting commenced with a presentation by Tom Burr, Director of the Regent Park Revitalization on the construction timing and construction mitigation procedures that are currently in place. Following the presentation, the group asked questions on the following issues:

Block 23 (residential building at the corner of Shuter and Sackville Streets):

Members requested information about the development plans for Block 23. Questions included information on tenure of the block (rental or condominium), construction start, and neighbourhood outreach regarding construction.

Response: Final tenure plans for the block have not been determined. Construction will commence a minimum of nine months following the tenure decision. The Regent Park Community Construction Liaison Committee (CCLC) will be informed via email once an announcement is made on the future of the block tenure and proposed construction schedule. The site will continue to be used as a parking lot, or for some site storage from time to time, until construction commences.

Presentation Circulation:

Members requested that the meeting's presentation be circulated for posting on the Corktown Residents' Association website.

Response: Toronto Community Housing will circulate the presentation for public distribution. The presentation will also be posted on Toronto Community Housing's website for review

Representation by Toronto District School Board:

One representative indicated that the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) should be represented at the CCLC as they have a current construction project at Nelson Mandela Park School.

Response:

Action Item: The TDSB will receive a request from the Councillor's office asking that a representative be sent to the next Construction Liaison Community Meeting.

The TDSB was invited formally through the Social Development Plan stakeholders' table; however the invitation will be directed specifically to Trustee Ward for the next meeting. This meeting summary will be circulated to the TDSB.

Mud on Shuter Street:

The catchbasin at the northwest corner of Sackville Green and Shuter street is clogged with mud which is inhibiting drainage at that location. The south side curb on Shuter Street cannot be cleaned because of street parking on that side. Mud has built up, and is becoming a safety issue.

Response: The Councillors office has now been made aware of the issue. CCLC members have proposed prohibiting parking once a month to permit thorough street cleaning along Shuter Street. The CCLC will be updated on this matter.

Mud and Dust Infiltrating the Community:

How will the mud and dust be mitigated?

Response: A wheel wash station will be installed the week of March 5th at the top of Sackville Green. Trucks will be required to exit the site from this point, and will not be permitted to leave until the wheels are washed. Toronto Community Housing has

invested in 'mudmats' heavy gravel/stone road bases to catch the mud from truck tires. These measures will significantly reduce the amount of dust and mud that are not working. These mats will be rotated when they are clogged with mud. The reality of construction is that there will always be some dust and mud. The wash stations and mud mats will mitigate the amount of dust and mud that leaves the site, but no measure can make mud and dust totally disappear. A member of staff is currently 100% assigned to patrolling the construction site to ensure that dust mitigation measures are being implemented. The dust and mud should be greatly reduced with the 'rough coat' of concrete is on the new roads (late summer 2012)

Safety Near Construction Sites:

Residents noted the importance that the fencing be secure so that youth and children walking to school are not tempted by openings in the construction fence to enter the construction site.

Response: There will be a construction site worker monitoring the access points at all times when the fence is open.

Dust on School Walking Routes:

When children return to school in September, how severe will the dust be? Can the school opening be delayed so that that they are not affected by the dust?

Response: The Toronto District School Board determines its opening schedule for schools. We know that dust will be greatly reduced once the streets are complete.

Tree Species On-site:

Members asked when the new streets would have the tree planting complete, who decides on the tree species

Response: The City has approved the tree planting plan which includes the species selection and the design for planting to maximize the long-term health of the new trees.

The list of tree species to be planted on Phase 2 streets are as follows:

- American Elm
- European Beech
- Ohio Buckeye
- London Plane Tree
- Red Oak
- Tulip Tree

Trees will not be planted until construction is complete to maximize their chance for survival and long-term health

Current Streetlighting:

There are currently Toronto Hydro street lights that are not working. These lights were identified on a Community Safety Walk on February 21, 2012.

Response:

Toronto Hydro Street Lighting department has recently been contacted and informed of the broken lights. Repair is expected within 12 business days. Several of the existing light posts have been deactivated and replacement lighting has been placed on the side of 42 Blevins and 605 Whiteside to provide adequate lighting around the remaining highrises. The remaining deactivated light posts will be removed so they do not appear as broken light posts.

Toronto Community Housing website updates

Participants commented that the Toronto Community Housing website's Regent Park page should be updated more frequently with project information, specifically with news that is of interest to the community such as construction timing.

Response: Toronto Community Housing is in the process of redesigning its website to re-launch in late 2012. In the meantime, we will ensure that information that would be of interest to the community, such as the meeting summaries and presentations from the Community Construction Liaison Committee will be posted on the website

Next meeting will be for scheduled: Early June, 2012. Toronto Community Housing will notify members of the CCLC two weeks in advance.