

SoHo Community Meeting

June 22, 2010

AGENDA

- > OPENING REMARKS – John Fleming
- > INTRODUCTION OF NEW SoHo COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – Michael Tomazincic
- > SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Mark Woodward
- > MEREDITH PARK & HARRISON PARK IMPROVEMENTS – Julie Michaud
- > REVIEW THE VISION FOR SoHo – Michael Tomazincic
- > SUMMARIZE ACTION ITEMS – Michael Tomazincic
- > OUTLINE OF DRAFT PLAN FOR SoHo – Group Work
- > WRAP UP

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE

- > PRESIDENT – Mark Woodward
- > VICE-PRESIDENT – Laurie Bursch
- > RECORDING SECRETARY – Peter Karas
- > TREASURER – Jennifer Verdam-Woodward
- > WEB ADMINISTRATOR – Mair Hughes

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SUB-COMMITTEES

- > NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH LIAISON – Nancy Hamm
- > GARDENS CO-ORDINATOR – John George
- > CENTRE OF HOPE LIAISON – Wendy Russell

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- > Inaugural *SoHo Community Association Award for Community Service*
- > Spencer Kulinitch

VISION

Our SoHo will be a vibrant and healthy urban neighbourhood that celebrates its rich sense of community and heritage. With its unique links to the Downtown and Thames River, SoHo will be a great place to live, work and play!



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ROADMAP
SoHo

PRINCIPLES

1. Desirable, vibrant and diverse (a great place to be);
2. Greener and integrated;
3. Creative and leading edge;
4. Connected to people and places;
5. Safe;
6. Healthy;
7. Pride and strong sense of community;
8. Balanced;
9. Historically and culturally enriched

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

> Economic

> Social

> Environment

ECONOMIC

- > More accesses over the River
- > More trails/paths along River
- > Waterloo connection across CNR
- > Adjusting pedestrian crossing signals
- > Clean up Richard B. Harrison Park
- > Community Centre

ECONOMIC

- > Incentives for local businesses
- > Public squares/plazas
- > Wider sidewalks
- > More landscaping – trees & flowers
- > Capitalize on historic uniqueness

ECONOMIC

- > Historic tours
- > Preservation of historic amenities
- > Delineate pedestrian crossings
- > Mixed-use Zoning
- > Beautification of underpasses

SOCIAL

- > More police presence
- > Proactive By-law Enforcement
- > Remove metered parking around hospital
- > Create community gathering opportunities
- > Community celebrations & events



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SOCIAL

- > Volunteerism
 - Neighbourhood Watch
 - Block Parent Program
- > Connect pathways to parks and key gathering places
- > Programming from Community Centre
- > Recreation opportunities
- > Pathways for recreation

SOCIAL

- > Explore opportunities for partnerships with the Polish Hall and Legion
- > Create opportunities for informal meeting places on the streets
- > Picnic pavilions in parks or by the River
- > Develop plan to protect heritage
- > Develop heritage inventory

ENVIRONMENT

- > Wider sidewalks
- > 5-day garbage/recycling schedule
- > Convert one-way streets into two-way
- > 4-way stops at key intersections
- > Clean & Green initiatives
- > Clean up River corridor

ENVIRONMENT

- > Explore opportunities that River brings
- > Boulevard treatment on major roads
- > Opportunities for community news
- > Explore if/where vacant lots can be used for community gardens
- > Heritage street signs
- > Fix dam to allow for passage of boats

THE PLAN (Proposed Outline)

- > SUMMARIZED INTO 9 STRATEGIES
- > ACTION ITEMS DISTRIBUTED INTO 9 STRATEGIES:
The Thames River; Community Centre & Focal Points; Corridors & Public Spaces; Connections; Commercial Corridors; Land Use Tools & Redevelopment Opportunities; Heritage; Programming; Victoria Hospital Lands
- > GROUP WORK WILL INVOLVE IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS AND/OR INITIATIVES TO IMPLEMENT THE 9 STRATEGIES
- > GENERAL COMMENTS ARE WELCOME AS WELL
- > 6 TABLES, 6 GROUP, 10 MINUTE ROTATIONS AT EACH TABLE

THE PLAN (Proposed Outline)

> EXAMPLE

THE THAMES RIVER

- Riverfront trails and paths
 - *Formalize the "informal paths"*
- Picnic pavilions
 - *Opportunity for picnic pavilions at River flats*
- Improve the River Corridor
 - *Select cutting of overgrowth vegetation*

ONE MORE THING...

> **C** rime

> **P** revention

> **T** hrough

> **E** nvironmental

> **D** esign

- > Upcoming CPTED walk
- > Two maps places around the room
- > Please identify areas were you would like to see CPTED improvements