



Kensington Market BIA
Masterplanning/Streetscaping Subcommittee Meeting

Pilot Project at Kensington and Dundas Street W.

Minutes for July, 12th 2019 – 2pm–3pm
160 Baldwin Street/ Kensington and Dundas Intersection

Invited:

Gwen Bang, Cassandra Alves, Mika Barekat, Ruth Mora, Owen Walker, Felice Scriver, Yvonne Bambrick and Zenon Mandzuik

Present:

Gwen Bang, Cassandra Alves, Mika Barekat, Ruth Mora, Owen Walker, Zenon Mandzuik and Felice Scriver

South/West Side of Kensington Ave and Dundas St. W

- The owner of 562 Dundas St W and 2A Kensington do not want to give away their parking spot for convenience, even on a temporary basis.
- Mural on south west corner to work with parking spot of property owner, but not to eliminate parking spots. Conversation on what the mural would look like is paying homage to the hair salons in the area, animating the certain parts of the building which are not displayed well (air-conditioner units outside for example). Having a mural that says “Welcome to Kensington” were some ideas.
- Potentially reaching out to artists in the neighbourhood – Maybe Pearl Harbour or speaking to Raffi from Samara Contemporary Gallery about Ness Lee to do this mural. This mural also has the potential to bleed onto the street making a visual connection to the east side of the street to link the locations of the intervention on the east and west sides of Kensington.
- The BIA would like to respect this owner’s preference, however still work with street art to make that side of the street more appealing.
- For seating/gathering this would be proposed on the east side instead of the west side.
- Owen Walker – One of the owners of El Ray had a preliminary talk with the owner of 560 Dundas and is receptive to the idea.
- Both the owners of 562 Dundas Street W and 560A + 2A Kensington were not present for the ideation and brainstorming of this pilot but will be contacted once a visual is created and reflective of the conversation(s) and meeting(s)

South/East Side of Kensington Ave and Dundas St. W

- This side of the street has more of an opportunity to incorporate seating and to be presented as a “gathering space”
- Although the idea of having a mural bleed on the street to connect the east and west of Kensington Ave it must not create confusion with the crossings and must adhere to city standards.
- Greening is an objective on this side of the street, a green wall or planters with cedars/evergreens were discussed.
- Options of mural work on the south/east side were also discussed, but nothing is confirmed nor solidified.
- It was all agreed to ask the city to remove/relocated 3 existing bike rings and all concrete parking blocks in this location

Next Steps

- SUMO to create visualizations of all information collected from stakeholders
- Once the drawings are circulated, BIA and SUMO to loop in more stakeholders for more feedback, specifically the owners of 560A and 562 Dundas Street W. as they are adjacent to the pilot project spaces.
- All intervention space is located on city property, excluding the mural work on the building facades.
- To loop in more local resources for the next stage of consultation – this may include Rafi Ghanaghounian (Samara Contemporary Gallery + Kensington Market Art Fair), Pearl Harbour (Gift Shop at 24 Kensington) for design ideas.
- To loop in potential artists once we are one step further in the consultation process and have a more defined idea as to what the concept of the mural will be.