

**LA PRÉSIDENTE:**

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Je demanderais maintenant Mme Claire Adamson, please, s'il vous plaît.

**Mme CLAIRE ADAMSON :**

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Hello. I was hoping that sometime we would have a consultation on the actual zoning of areas and the planning of where parks are going to be in certain areas before we get to someone doing all the work designing a building. So that is something we still have to keep working on, I guess.

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I am impressed that there is the 120 meter setback from René-Lévesque which puts its facade farther back from the street than the two heritage buildings, so I think that is a fantastic thing that they have done, also the 17.5 coverage which is amazing. It's basically a green space compared to some of the other developments that we have in Montreal.

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I was just thinking about the park in the front, if it were moved slightly towards the east then they wouldn't have the exit going through the middle of the park. They have this big wide paved area going through the park as an emergency exit and they said: 'Well, that's just for emergencies.' But it's paved and I can see maybe in the future it might be part of the parking facilities because it has this huge gate and paved area leading to the parking area.

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I just wanted to say that perhaps they could move the park a little bit in order to have cars on both sides and the park in the middle actually for people only. I like the idea, I think on the drawing it showed no fence on René-Lévesque, which is marvelous. I like the idea that it is a public park for the whole area, not just for the 360 people in the building.

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I think also that perhaps, even though they gave parks, perhaps they could give some extra money too. Because the Franciscans haven't been paying taxes for 117 years, which

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amounts to a lot of money, so I know we have some good calculators in the city and maybe we can figure it out. They probably could make a donation to the city for community center facilities, which would also be useful for the condo owners, and that could be used in the Children's Hospital facilities, which I'm hoping will have a park too, a sulphician park also.

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I was a bit concerned about the stone dust which they said should be used in the park at the end of Howard and Souvenir, because it didn't look like it was a natural finish at all and I was hoping that they could just keep the forest floor that's there now. It's original and I think it's probably going to be used as a dog park, it's going to be hard to keep people actually without security, if it is a dog park. So I like Phyllis Lambert's idea of studying the landscaping of the parks to make sure that it's the best that we can have for Montreal.

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It was zoned for 65 meters and it says it's only going to be 60, which is sort of interesting, so I was wondering if maybe we could just say let's zone it for 60 and then they won't creep up higher.

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I was interested that the grotto at the back is part of the Masson house area and I was wondering if maybe we could ask them to, say once a year, have a tour of the grotto area for people in the community because you would be able to see it from the Souvenir park, but you wouldn't be able to actually go there without trespassing. So that's some of the points I have. Thank you.

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**LA PRÉSIDENTE:**

Thank you, Mrs. Adamson.

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**M. JOSHUA WOLFE, commissaire :**

Mrs. Adamson, in your written brief you say in terms of the height: *I suggest it be allowed to go to 65 meters*, but you have changed your mind since you wrote that?

**Mme CLAIRE ADAMSON:**

770 Oh, yes, I guess I did.

**M. JOSHUA WOLFE, commissaire :**

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**Mme CLAIRE ADAMSON:**

780 Yes, if everybody else is 65, it doesn't seem reasonable, I suppose. I think that also you can get more taxes if it's zoned, like if they are using the amount of space that they are supposed to use, then perhaps one more floor won't make that much difference, and they are going to probably take it anyway. Anyway, I thought it's something that planners should figure out what they are going to do, 60 or 65.

**M. JOSHUA WOLFE, commissaire :**

785 Okay. And am I right in concluding that you are in favour of the project as proposed with the minor suggestions that you're suggesting, but even the fact that you said that you think because the coverage is 17.5% it's almost a park, so you are generally in favour of the project?

790 **Mme CLAIRE ADAMSON:**

795 Yes. At first I wanted a park but then I realized there are other places which are better. Denis Coderre considered very carefully in the very beginning, about ten years ago when we were talking about Franciscans, to have a park there, but since then he is realizing that we have better opportunities in that area.

**M. JOSHUA WOLFE, commissaire :**

Do you have any...

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**Mme CLAIRE ADAMSON:**

Well, the Children's park, when we have Lambert-Closse, the paving removed, there is a park there and also on the Sulpician property.

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**LA PRÉSIDENTE:**

I didn't understand, the Sulpician..?

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**Mme CLAIRE ADAMSON:**

The Sulpician property.

**LA PRÉSIDENTE:**

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The Sulpician property. Sorry.

**M. VIATEUR CHÉNARD, commissaire :**

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You seem to suggest to move one of the parks to the western side of the site.

**Mme CLAIRE ADAMSON:**

Yes, towards the east.

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**M. VIATEUR CHÉNARD, commissaire :**

Yes, to the east, that's right. - Olivier, est-ce que tu peux mettre l'image, s'il te plaît, du site?

830 **M. JOSHUA WOLFE, commissaire :**

We're going to project a plan.

**M. VIATEUR CHÉNARD, commissaire :**

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Because we are trying to understand what you were suggesting.

**Mme CLAIRE ADAMSON:**

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You're trying to figure out where the park is.

**M. JOSHUA WOLFE, commissaire :**

To make it clear which way you were suggesting to move it.

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**M. VIATEUR CHÉNARD, commissaire :**

We didn't see it.

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**Mme CLAIRE ADAMSON:**

Oh yes, that would be wonderful to have a picture of the building.

**M. JOSHUA WOLFE, commissaire :**

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And you can probably use the mouse to circle the area.

**Mme CLAIRE ADAMSON:**

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This is the park here, it's not exactly central on the building too. You see, this side has a beautiful view of the park and the other side they see the entrance, and then there is this left over bit at this other side that I think could be part of the central public park, and then they wouldn't need to have this paved exit, roadway through. I believe those are apple trees.

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**M. JOSHUA WOLFE, commissaire :**

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**Mme CLAIRE ADAMSON:**

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Okay. So anyway, they say that they wanted it there because that was the actual original place that the church was. It's very difficult to tell exactly where the church was at this point. I noticed that also the Grey Nuns they moved the cross to the corner, it used to be in the middle. So you don't have to keep things precisely in exactly the same position, I think.

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**M. VIATEUR CHÉNARD, commissaire :**

So just to be sure I understand. You would move the park so that it would be between the two vehicular entrances and the one on emergency we would make it sort of permanent?

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**Mme CLAIRE ADAMSON:**

Yes, to have a definite decision what is for cars and what is for people.