

## **Summary Notes – Evening October 19, 2006**

TSA Evening Lecture and Panel Discussion  
Westin Hotel

### **High Anxiety: When and How Can We Get the Skyline and Downtown Community We Deserve?**

Moderator: Rick Wolf, Poststone, Toronto

Speakers: Mark Kingwell, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto  
Paul Katz, Principal, Kohn Pedersen Fox Architects, New York

Panellists:

Gerta Werkele, Professor, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto

Mimi Fullerton, Urban Activist, Annex Resident, Toronto

Marianne McKenna, Principal, KPMB Architects, Toronto

Jeanhy Shim, President, Urbanation, Toronto

Anthony Borelli, Director of Land Use, Planning and Development, Community Board,  
New York

Brent Toderian, Director of Planning, Vancouver

General Discussion Points:

MF: which neighbourhoods do we preserve?

JS: we have to accommodate everyone

AB: Vertical gated community concept goes against New York City's 'transparency at grade' requirement

Can/will the younger people in the market be able to afford to move up? If not, they will remain in these condo communities, with no schools, community centre etc.

PK: these are good problems to have

BT: the private sector cannot solve these problems. In Vancouver we require 20% of the units to be 'family friendly'. Also, good amenities keep families in these buildings; they do not want to move out.

Ed: What if we restricted the amount of amenity a condo could provide; it would encourage the residents to seek and demand public realm amenities instead of expecting everything to be delivered internally.

How can gardens/green space be retrofitted?

PK: need variety

Wolf asked for summary statements:

MK: Public Spaces needs good design.

MMK: we need diversity in our cities. Commercial and residential interests need to be balanced.

JS: The public is demanding better design.

GW: We need liveability in the city. Taller building are masculine, it is the archetypal

MALE

BT: "We" includes the future population. We have to think about sustainability

MF: Sustainable buildings and green design

AB: Formulate expectations and ideas

PK: Toronto is a fabulous city; you are doing a lot of things right