

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

NORTH MARKET, St. Lawrence Market Complex

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Nancy Sheppard, 65 Scadding Avenue V
V.P. External: Cam Miller, King George Square V
V.P. Internal: Georgette Harris, St James Condo V
Treasurer: Frank Burns, Longboat Res. Assoc. V
At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V

In Attendance:

Barry Bandurk, King George Sq V
Alice Briesmaster, New Times Sq 2 V
Wayne Chodikoff, 65 Scadding Avenue V
Lawrence Hawke, Crombie Park V
Erwin Jimenez, Cathedral Court Co-op V
Bob Kemp, Pilot Place V
Grant Lowe, Marketview Co-op V
Helen Marangos, Family Action Network (FAN) V
Frank McLean, 25 The Esplanade V
Susan McLeod, Market Square V
George Milbrandt, Longboat V
Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V
David Sangaraille, La Place St Laurent V
Alan Seymour, Longboat V
Michael Waring, New Times Sq 2 V
Rose Wilner, OWN Co-op V
Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op V

With Regrets:

Dorothy Creaser, Old York Tower V
Stig Harvor, La Place St. Laurent V
Melanie Martin, The Bentley V
Edward Nixon, Windmill Line Co-op V
Jeannette Postnikoff, La Place St Laurent V

Arllyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

Frank Clarke, Bill Graham's Office
Robin Hart
Aurie Hensman, 160 Frederick St
James Honeyman, SLCRC
Pierre Klein, Cabbagetown South
Pam McConnell
Todd Ross, George Smitherman's Office

V = Voting Delegate, N = Non-Voting Delegate

1. Welcome & Round Robin

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:23 pm. Nancy Sheppard chaired the meeting.

Nancy ensured that everyone had a copy of the agenda and last meeting's minutes. Ronny Yaron distributed copies.

Nancy asked delegates to sign in on the sign-in sheet.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: to approve the agenda as written

Moved by: Alan Seymour

Seconded by: George Milbrandt

Carried

3. Approval of July 30, 2003 Minutes

Motion: to approve the July 30, 2003 minutes as written

Moved by: Alan Seymour

Seconded by: Helen Marangos

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Frank McLean, Delegate from 25 The Esplanade, submitted in advance of the meeting, in lieu of attending the meeting, an email to Nancy Sheppard, dated September 24, 2003. He was able to attend the meeting after all, and so reported in person, reading from his email as follows:

On August 21, I attended the neighbourhood Traffic Safety Meeting, Old York's Tower Community Room Main Floor, 85 The Esplanade. I spoke individually to suggest:

- First, our city, provincial and federal policy should be that neighbourhoods are essentially people places, not vehicle places; consequently, it is a neighbourhood's needs and priorities that have the higher priority in traffic management.

- Second, the power to make traffic management decisions, including roads and other infrastructure, is fractured among jurisdictions in the city as well as among provincial and federal authorities. Each of these, sometimes competing and overlapping interests, have their own mandates and agendas—as well as their own criteria for recognizing a particular location’s needs, for example, the most appropriate types and amounts of policing, lights, crosswalks, traffic flow changes, etc. without regard to the context of the entire neighbourhood and nearby neighbourhoods.
- Third, as important as particular traffic problem areas are to address, and several are being addressed currently, there needs to be an up-to-date consensus vision of what the residents, businesses, and community organizations want our neighbourhood to be and to become—what quality of life here we want to achieve. This would provide us with an ongoing basis for evaluating how well we are helping ourselves as well as whether other interests or authorities are helping or hurting achieving our vision. Consequently, it is a basis for holding those with authority accountable and a basis for lobbying to change the decision making process where it is inappropriate to the best interests of the parties to a decision—public or private.

SLNA may wish to discuss whether it is in favour of having a neighbourhood vision. Perhaps, the leadership and support SLNA is providing for this series of meetings on traffic issues can be managed to bring us closer to a neighbourhood approach and vision—and the power and leverage such a vision would give us in this and other issues in the future.

Frank answered questions from delegates.

Nancy thanked Frank for his presentation. She said Pam would remark on traffic issues when she arrived later in the evening. Nancy told delegates she has asked Frank to attend the next Executive meeting and discuss the issue with them.

In retrospect, Nancy welcomed delegates to the meeting, and introduced herself. She then introduced Erwin Jimenez of Cathedral Court as a new delegate; Frank Clarke, representative from Bill Graham’s office; and Wayne Chodikoff as new delegate for 65 Scadding.

A round table of introductions was conducted.

Nancy introduced Aurie Hensman, who is attending on behalf of her residence, 160 Frederick Street (Old Bank Building).

5. Update from 51 and/or 52 Division

Nancy said that an event this evening prevents representatives from either Division from attending, and that they send their regrets. She asked if the CPLC reps could report instead.

Bob Kemp announced a Walkabout organized by 51 Division, to take place October 8. Attendees are to meet at the St. Lawrence CRC at 7:00 pm.

Bob reported that Michael Comstock, President of the SLMBIA, is holding an all-day charette in 52 Division, regarding the homeless and panhandlers.

51 Division is working on a couple of incidents that occurred this summer on The Esplanade. They have suspects but no evidence. No one is talking. Bob pointed out that the police are able to easily and immediately catch criminals at Queen/Sherbourne, but that a similar element on The Esplanade are more organized and use cell phones, making them more difficult to catch.

Lawrence Hawke arrived at 7:41 pm, with apologies for being late. He sent Dwight Peters as his alternate to the recent 52 Division meeting. Lawrence will be attending the charette. He added that it will be open from 4:00 to 6:00 pm to the public and to the press for questions and answers only.

6. President—Nancy Sheppard

a) Delegate Code of Conduct

Nancy distributed to delegates in advance of the meeting a copy of the SLNA Delegate and Guest Code of Conduct. She now referred delegates to the document, emphasizing that delegates should show respect and honour and courtesy to one another so that meetings can be productive. She informed the group that if, as Chair, she finds someone's behaviour unacceptable, it is within her right to ask the person to leave, and she will exercise that right if necessary. If she asks a delegate to leave, the delegate must comply. The only option the person has is to put a motion on the floor to remove the Chair, which would have to be seconded, and the majority of delegates would have to approve in a vote. She emphasized, therefore, that delegates hold friendly, productive meetings.

Frank McLean, Delegate from 25 The Esplanade, submitted in advance of the meeting the following, in an email to Nancy Sheppard, dated September 24, 2003. He read to the delegates from his email:

The Delegate Code of Conduct is excellent. It is a vision of the quality of life we want in our meetings, just as a neighbourhood vision pictures the quality of life we want in our neighbourhood. It addresses our hopes for high quality meetings but does not ignore the risks associated with the individual who, from time to time, might forget that he or she is at SLNA only as a representative of their constituents. No governing body can afford to have its members offended by inappropriate behaviour of any kind or be distracted

from its corporate responsibilities by someone pursuing their personal needs or agendas at the expense of its meetings and mission. Well done.

Nancy thanked Georgette Harris for being the lead in developing the Delegate Code of Conduct.

b) Events

Nancy pointed out that last Tuesday night the SLNA co-sponsored a Mayoralty All-candidates Debate at Harbourfront. Having attended, Nancy reported that it was a successful event. Nancy gave thanks to Cam Miller who represented the SLNA in the organization of the event.

Nancy reported that she and Frank Burns attended St Michael's School on Sept 17 to present them with a \$1,500 donation from the SLNA to their Nutrition Program. She added that she will be meeting with the principal at Market Lane School to make arrangements to present them with a similar amount in the future.

Nancy announced the following meetings and events:

Oct 23: St. Lawrence Centre Recreation Council Advisory Council meeting. Ron Monteith described to delegates the advisory council's function. Nancy reported that Bob Kemp is no longer able to represent the SLNA at the meetings, and asked for a volunteer to take over from him. With no offers from the floor, Nancy said she would email the request to delegates. (*Note: Alice Briesmaster has since volunteered to be our rep*)

Sept 29: an Air Safety meeting in the council room at City Hall. Nancy will email the flyer to delegates and asks that the flyer be posted in delegates' buildings.

Oct 7: the EnerACT forum, which will be discussed later on tonight's agenda.

Oct 7: an event regarding the East Bayfront Precinct Plan, a revitalization program for Toronto's waterfront between Jarvis & Cherry and south of the train tracks. Nancy will email details of this event to delegates.

Oct 8: 51 Division walkabout, announced above by Bob Kemp

Oct 28: SLNA is co-sponsoring a Ward 28 All-candidates Debate at the St Lawrence Centre for the Arts.

Oct 29: SLNA Delegates Meeting.

Nancy asked for more events from the floor

Alan Seymour announced that on October 30 and November 1, the St. Lawrence Market will celebrate its 200th anniversary. A private event is taking place on Oct 30. But all are cordially invited to the Market on Saturday, November 1 for birthday cake. The Market is

considering selling potatoes at the same price they sold for 200 years ago. This event will be advertised in all the community newspapers. It will start in the morning. There will also be a historical plaque unveiling ceremony, starting at 10:30. VIP's will attend, and the event will receive full media coverage.

Ronny Yaron reported that Toronto's First Post Office is holding a 170th anniversary event, Sept 30, 6:00 pm, at St. Lawrence Hall, tickets \$25. Ronny provided flyers for delegates to post in their buildings.

Barry Bostwick reminded delegates that there had been a walkabout here at the North Market and in St. James and that Darryl was to be here to discuss it. Nancy promised to add this to the next meeting's agenda.

7. V.P. Internal—Georgette Harris

a) Gala Communication Update

Distributed with tonight's agenda was a "VP Internal Report to the July 30, 2003 SLNA Meeting," a memo from Georgette Harris, dated July 29, 2003.

Georgette Harris thanked delegates who helped with last year's Gala.

Georgette reported on the Gala meeting of two months ago. Of four people at that meeting, two have increasingly become unavailable. The Gala is the main fundraiser for the SLNA. It is important to have a skilled and experienced organizer or co-organizers and a dedicated committee. If the event is not well managed, the SLNA could lose money and reputation. It should also be noted that next year the SLNA Picnic celebrates its 25th year. People will be expecting a special celebration. Georgette recommends the Gala be postponed to October, 2004 to allow time to reorganize the committee, particularly to find a new organizer to replace herself, and to transition information to the new volunteers.

Georgette asked if anyone this evening is interested in becoming involved in this event. Nancy clarified that committees such as the Gala Committee are not restricted to delegates only.

Aurie Hensman volunteered. Georgette offered to hold an orientation with volunteers later. She said there is much documentation from the previous events, as an aid.

Joan Campbell suggested that if delegates know someone with fundraising skills that they ask the person to contact Georgette.

Georgette noted there is also a call for volunteers in the SLNA Newsletter, which is about to be distributed.

Helen Marangos suggested that the SLNA consider hiring an external person as fundraiser and pay them from proceeds from the event, because the same committee volunteers keep doing the work, and are getting burned out.

Georgette said options are being discussed by the SLNA Executive.

8. Communications—Joan Campbell

Joan Campbell reported that the current issue of the SLNA Newsletter is being distributed by Frank. She hopes that everyone will see the newsletter, and offer feedback on it. She asked delegates to distribute it to as many people as possible in their buildings, and to set up a regular system of delivery.

9. Helen Marangos

Helen Marangos distributed to delegates a final report from the Festival, which included a final budget and a table of events and activities detailing what worked, what didn't work, and suggestions for improvement.

She asked if delegates had any questions about the previous report. There were no comments from the floor.

Helen presented the budget. She said that if some housing groups which offered donations to the Festival provided payment, those donations would enable the event to break even.

Helen asked for comments from the floor. There were none.

Motion: that the report for the festival be accepted as is

Moved by: Helen Marangos

Seconded by: Alice Breismaster

Carried

10. V.P. External—Cam Miller

Nancy said that both Cam Miller and the Representative from EnerACT will arrive around 8:30. The time, she said, is now 8:10. She proposed that the agenda be adjusted accordingly. Delegates agreed. The meeting proceeded with an update from James Honeyman, on behalf of the SLCRC.

c) James Honeyman, SLCRC Update

James Honeyman gave an update on the Community Centre.

He reported on a successful Aquatic Leadership Program that was held last year. From sixteen candidates, fourteen were selected, and of the fourteen, eleven completed training

and received a National Lifeguard Service award. Of the eleven, eight obtained full-time summer employment as lifeguards at \$11 per hour. Of the remaining three, two were away for the summer, and one could not obtain employment. This fall so far, the Centre has sixteen names already for the program, which will commence October 16. James suggested that successful candidates can be asked to assist with the SLNA Gala or the Picnic, as repayment for the good the community has done for them.

James then reported on an Outdoor Leadership Program, which was sponsored in large part by the SLNA. A total of 50 kids went on four overnight trips. Their cost was only \$20 each. They went to The Pinery, a park near Grand Bend, where they canoed, swam, attended educational sessions, and camped. It was a fantastic experience for them, as many of them had not gone camping before. One trip remains to be taken this fall. James added that this too is a good opportunity to recruit kids as volunteers for the Gala/Picnic, as a form of thanks from them. It would be easy to convince parents to tell their kids they need to volunteer back into the community.

James reported that the Seniors Program, held on Wednesday afternoons, is a great success, and he thanked Dorothy Creaser for her work in starting it up. Seniors watch movies and hold discussions afterward, or play cards, or learn crafts, or take fitness classes. There are many out trips, the cost covered by the seniors themselves. James told delegates that anyone who wants to join can contact the Centre for information.

James added that on December 13, the Community Centre will have an Open House, to celebrate its 10th anniversary. The Open House will take place from 11:00 to 3:00, and will include all sorts of activities: free swimming lessons, squash, yoga, martial arts. On the occasion, the Centre will recognize founder P.J. Nicholson, and the lobby will be named after him, in his honour.

11. City Update—Pam McConnell

Nancy said Pam is in Council right now and is scheduled to finish at 8:30 but might run late as it is the last council meeting before the election. Nancy read from notes that Pam provided her in advance of the meeting.

Traffic and pedestrian safety

Several items were passed which will hopefully improve safety. In the St. Lawrence neighbourhood, traffic lights will be installed at Church and The Esplanade in 2004. This came out of the traffic safety meeting recommendations.

A four way stop will be installed at the corner of Market and The Esplanade, another recommendation that came out of the traffic safety meeting.

City traffic staff have completed a report on Jarvis and The Esplanade where the fatal collision occurred recently. Pam is asking for volunteers, especially from the SLNA, to

examine the report and to examine the safety of the intersection. Pam will set a date for a meeting. Nancy said she will circulate that information to delegates once received.

Nancy answered questions from delegates regarding the traffic report.

Joan Campbell pointed out that Council will also do a study of the lights at Church and Front.

First Parliament Site

Pam is pleased to announce that the First Parliament site is now back in public ownership. On Monday, council unanimously approved that the Porsche dealership be moved off the site.

Nancy answered questions from the floor. She clarified that it is not clear at this time to what use the site will be put. It will probably be green space for the short term. Only the area along Berkeley Street was purchased. The area of land along Parliament which includes the car wash is still privately owned.

Enhancements to lower Yonge Street

In her report, Pam noted that enhancements to the pedestrian environment at lower Yonge Street have been approved. Recommendations include widening sidewalks, increasing street lighting, making intersections more pedestrian friendly, eliminating guardrails, and enhancing roadway lighting under the railway underpass.

10. V.P. External—Cam Miller

At 8:24 Cam Miller arrived and, at Nancy's invitation, took the floor. Distributed with tonight's agenda was a report to the SLNA Delegates' July 30 meeting from Cam.

a) Updates

Cam Miller reported that the Harbourfront Community Association All-candidates Debate a few days ago was very successful.

He reported that the Toronto Island Airport Community Advisory Committee (TIACAC) held a meeting on August 9. The Toronto port authority is trying to close off the environmental assessment that is currently underway. Cam said there has been very little opportunity for meaningful public input. Resources that are supposed to be available to the public have not been available on time or have been difficult to obtain when "they get there". TIACAC is now asking the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to intervene or become more involved in the process to ensure that this environmental assessment or a renewed one is conducted in an appropriate manner. TIACAC also wants the assessment to be extended or broadened. Currently, decisions are being based on an

environmental report from several years back which is too narrow in focus as it addressed only the effect of the bridge.

In closing, Cam announced that a TIACAC meeting will take place October 29 at City Hall to investigate safety concerns. This meeting will be chaired by Olivia Chow. All are invited.

12. New Business

Because Pam O'Connell and Ravi Singh of EnerACT had not yet arrived, Nancy directed delegates to discuss the next item on the agenda, new business.

She gave Lawrence Hawke the floor. Lawrence announced that he was withdrawing as delegate for Crombie Park and from any involvement in the SLNA. Lawrence expressed his dissatisfaction that SLNA projects since his tenure have not been completed or have been completed inadequately. He pointed out that Crombie Park has been a member of the SLNA since April, 2001, and that Wally Simpson, and Julita Wolanska will continue as delegates for Crombie Park.

Nancy asked for discussion from the floor. Grant Lowe expressed regrets that Lawrence was leaving.

Nancy thanked Lawrence for his participation to date.

Nancy asked if there was any more new business from the floor.

James Honeyman spoke on behalf of Ron Monteith, who had to leave the meeting early. He reminded delegates that a portion of the revenues from the 2003 Festival were to go to the Seniors Committee. Dorothy Creaser had emailed Ron Monteith about this. Nancy confirmed that at least

30% of revenues from the picnic were allocated to the Seniors Committee. But, she added, the festival operated at a loss and will at best achieve break even. With no profits, there will be no donation to the seniors. The donation would have been based on a proposal of usage presented to the SLNA by the seniors and approved by the SLNA executive. That is moot now.

Alan Seymour advised delegates that a working group has just completed eight weeks of fairly intensive meetings on the North Market, to examine what can be done with the North Market Redevelopment Initiative. A final wrap-up meeting will be held in two to three weeks when the facilitator returns from vacation. A report will be produced and made available to all SLNA delegates. The report will confirm a model with three floors up, and three down. Everyone has agreed there will be no condo on this site. Options for accessing the proposed parking lot include 1) off Market Street or 2) off King Street, or 3) off Jarvis Street. Generally, Alan concluded, the meetings were a move in the right direction..

Frank Burns answered questions from the floor regarding the North Market Initiative. Ideally, he said, hoardings would go up in spring 2004, but that doesn't seem likely.

11. City Update—Pam O'Connell

Pam O'Connell arrived at 8:36. At the conclusion of new business, Nancy gave Pam the floor.

Pam reviewed the information that Nancy had earlier summarized.

Traffic and pedestrian safety

A four way stop will be put in sooner at Market and The Esplanade. Traffic lights will be installed next spring at Church and The Esplanade.

Regarding Jarvis and The Esplanade, where the collision took place, Pam proposed to create awareness in drivers that as they come off the expressway they are entering into a community. She suggested setting up a small group to sit with her staff and go through the traffic report. They want to develop at that corner a community welcome to a pedestrian-friendly community. Pam recommended that people who live in the neighbourhood of Jarvis, those who live closest and are most affected, get involved in this committee, as they will best know whether people can live with the decisions made. Her staff are happy to work on this issue. Staff will look at the whole Jarvis corridor. They have already done a study, a photo log, a summary of recent incidents, a collision summary, safety performance summary, etc. At the conclusion of Pam's remarks, Frank McLean and Michael Waring volunteered. Georgette Harris and Joan Campbell said Dwight Peters might also volunteer as he has reported on the issue and has expressed interest in being involved.

Pam answered questions from the floor.

In response to a question from Cam Miller, Pam reported that traffic lights for George Street are budgeted for in this year's budget and that installation was to start in September. Some progress in electrical wiring has been made.

Enhancements to lower Yonge Street

Pam said that enhancements to lower Yonge Street represent the beginning of an effort to try to connect important corridors back to the lake. The *Toronto Star*, and the Harbourfront Corporation are involved in this process, and the City is helping with funds, to do whole corridors. The lower Yonge Street experience is, Pam said, a good lesson for the Jarvis corridor. She added that there may be development south of the Market.

First Parliament site

Regarding First Parliament site, Pam reported that the land is now in public ownership. She thanked the SLNA for their work toward this. Thousands of people hammered away at Queens Park, she said, and eventually they relented. Pam particularly thanked Edward Nixon of SEDERI, Heritage Toronto, and the Citizens for the Old Town.

Pam answered more questions from the floor. Grant Lowe asked if the Jarvis corridor might be considered for a TTC bus. Pam said that north/south corridors are not adequately served by transit, and that she will follow up on Grant's idea.

Frank McLean asked whether the East Bayfront Precinct Plan is being considered in connection with the Jarvis corridor. Pam said it was. She commented on how the St. Lawrence community is currently designed to protect "concrete" and not pedestrians.

Nancy thanked Pam for her report.

*Moved: on behalf of the SLNA, thanks to Pam McConnell and her office for the amount of work she and they have done to reclaim the First Parliament site.
Moved by: Alan Seymour
Seconded by: Cam Miller
carried*

Frank McLean, Delegate from 25 Esplanade, submitted in advance of the meeting the following, in a memo to Nancy Sheppard, dated September 24, 2003. This was not presented at the meeting, but is included here at the Chair's request:

News about the Parliament is a great relief and most encouraging, especially since work had already begun on the site. Congratulations to all who have played active and supporting roles in this fundamentally important matter to all of us.

Discussion ensued.

Rose Wilner passed on a personal experience that a bus did not show and that the next bus driver told her the earlier bus driver hadn't shown up for work. Pam offered to report this as a complaint to the TTC.

Lawrence Hawke commented on the Esplanade bus that travels westward, how many stops it makes, and how often the drivers change, so that inexperienced drivers often miss stops.

**10. V.P. External—Cam Miller
b) Guest Speaker—Ravi Singh, EnerACT**

At the arrival of Ravi Singh, Nancy proceeded to this item on the agenda. Cam Miller introduced Ravi to delegates, and he took the floor.

Ravi Singh is the Communications Officer for the Ontario Clean Air Alliance. He is a spokesman for EnerACT, the Energy Action Council of Toronto. Tonight he described a workshop that is taking place on Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 pm, at the North Market. This workshop will be for the SLNA, but he is available to do workshops with co-ops and other residences at request. He can be contacted through Cam Miller.

EnerACT is a fourteen year old nonprofit agency which promotes energy conservation and renewable energy. It began as a renewable energy demonstration program, but recently got into education, and developed the program "Smart Steps Simple Solutions." They advocate very simple things people can do in their own lives to reduce energy usage, save money on energy bills, and reduce the health impact from pollution and smog. Following their guidelines, residents could experience a potential 20% reduction in their home energy bill. The program gives tenants, not just homeowners, useful information.

Grant Lowe pointed out that this workshop is taking place at the exact same day and time as the meeting for the East Bayfront Precinct Plan. Nancy responded that the date for the workshop was set months before the East Bayfront Planning meeting. The workshop has already been advertised in SLNA's newsletter and the hall has been booked, so the time will not be changed.

A flyer of the EnerACT workshop will be made available for delegates to distribute.

Ravi described the "Smart Steps Simple Solutions" program as a twelve week guide to reducing energy. It is divided into three sections: 1) energy conservation, 2) energy efficiency, and 3) green energy and renewable energy sources, and people's options. The workshop is one and a quarter hours long.

Ravi answered questions from the floor. In response to a question from Grant Lowe, Ravi said that EnerACT can provide useful information to building managers and maintenance staff as well.

Lawrence Hawke pointed out that energy savings have the potential to influence tenant rents.

Nancy thanked Ravi for his presentation.

12. Adjournment

Nancy gave thanks to the St. Lawrence Market Complex for sponsoring this evening's refreshments. She then asked attendees to fill out the attendance form and to fill out the Meeting Evaluation Form.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: George Milbrandt

Seconded: Joan Campbell

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 29, at 7:00 pm.

Recording Secretary, Arlyss Ponchuk

Chair, Nancy Sheppard