

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

NORTH MARKET, St. Lawrence Market Complex

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Cam Miller, King George Square V
V.P. Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op V
V.P. External: Frank Burns, Longboat Res. Assoc. V
Treasurer and Interim Corporate Secretary: Nancy Sheppard, 65 Scadding Avenue V
At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V
At Large: Frank McLean, 25 The Esplanade V
At Large: Paul Smith, Toronto Condo Assoc. V

In Attendance:

Cherril Baker, David B Archer V
Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op V
Alice Briesmaster, New Times Sq 2 V
Pam Gierman, Windmill Line V
Georgette Harris, St James Condo V
Stig Harvor, La Place St. Laurent V
Aurie Hensman, 160 Frederick St V
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op Homes V
Bob Kemp, Pilot Place V
Helen Marangos, Family Action Network (FAN) V
Emma McBey, OWN Co-op V
Brian McElwain, The Wellington V
Susan McLeod, Market Square V
Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V
Edward Nixon, Windmill Line Co-op V
Terry Pennock, New Times Square V
Karen Serwonka, David B Archer V
Alan Seymour, Longboat Res. Assoc. V
Michael Waring, New Times Sq 2 V
Connie Yang, OWN Co-op V
Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op V
Marie Young, Place St Laurent V

Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

Michelle Buckley, Pam McConnell's Office
Jason Lisenchuk, George Smitherman's Office
Frank Clarke, Bill Graham's Office

With Regrets:

Philip Conlon, David B Archer V
Rose Wilner, OWN Co-op V

ACRONYMS:

CPLC: Community Police Liaison Committee

Darren Hallman, 51 Division
Mel Shipman, Circles of Support

SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation
Centre

Tim Burns
Robin Hart

TPA: Toronto Port Authority

V = Voting Delegate, N = Non-Voting Delegate

1. Welcome & Round Robin

Cam Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. He introduced himself and chaired the meeting.

Cam reported that St. Lawrence Market administration are aware that the SLNA meets the last Wednesday monthly in the main hall, but that again this month the main hall was booked to another party at the last minute. He apologized to delegates for the inconvenience.

Cam thanked all the members of the executive, new and continuing, for their volunteerism, and thanked all delegates and guests for coming out tonight and providing input to the meeting. He asked speakers to put their comments in context, to explain acronyms, and to give their full names and affiliations. A round table of introductions was conducted. Marie Young is the new delegate for La Place St. Laurent, replacing Jeanette Postnikoff.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Cam amended the agenda to move the Update from 51 Division to precede the Update on the Romanow Commission. Ronny Yaron added a report on the Seniors Centre to her VP-Internal Report.

Motion: to approve the Agenda as amended

Moved by: Joan Campbell

Seconded by: Stig Harvor

Carried

3. Approval of March 31, 2004 Minutes

Amendments:

Correct the spelling of Stig **Harvor**'s name throughout the minutes.

Page 5: "Bill Graham emphasizes his support for the Toronto Waterfront **Revitalization** Corporation (**TWRC**) . . . and he states that the **TWRC** . . ." (not Development)

Page 6: 120 "Jason reminded delegates that George Smitherman's office has moved to 120 **Carlton** Street" (not Carleton)

Motion: to approve the March 31, 2004 minutes as amended.

Moved by: Joan Campbell

Seconded by: Paul Smith

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Update from 51 Division

Cam introduced Sergeant Darren Hallman and Bob Kemp, Chair, Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC), 51 Division. Bob reported that the new station is officially opening on June 1. He added that the CPLC has a new system: submit complaints in writing to the SLNA, who will forward them to the CPLC for follow-up. Bob will provide Nancy with information on the station's Open House, which she will email to delegates.

Darren Hallman, of the Community Response group at 51 Division, works primarily in drug enforcement. He reported that they are moving into the new station on May 17. There will be 47 new officers from 52 Division plus 10 recruits, and more recruits in three months. Darren and his officers spend 80% of their time at the Queen/Sherbourne/Bleeker area, but they respond to calls as needed anywhere within the Division's boundaries. He can be reached at (416) 808-5126. His boss is Staff Sergeant Kelly.

Cam thanked Bob Kemp and Darren Hallman for their report. They then left the meeting.

6. Update on Romanow Commission — Tim Burns

Cam welcomed Tim Burns. Tim reminded delegates that the Romanow Commission reported at the end of 2002, and that little has happened since. Specific recommendations supported at a forum sponsored by the SLNA in April 2002 were included in the Romanow Commission's Report. Tim now asked the SLNA to hold a second forum, prior to the election. The forum would let the various parties know that people at the bottom who stand to benefit from implementation of the Romanow Commission are actively involved in follow-up. Tim offered to help co-ordinate, and suggested that it again be co-sponsored with the Ontario Health Coalition.

Motion: to hold a follow-up forum on the Romanow Commission, and possibly broaden the sponsorship to include the STLC Forum and other interested parties.

Moved by Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Connie Yang

CARRIED

Cam thanked Tim Burns for his report. Tim then left the meeting.

7. City Update – Michelle Buckley

Cam introduced Michelle Buckley.

Clean-up Days: Michelle congratulated everyone on a great Clean-Up Day and 20-Minute Make-Over (Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24). Thousands of people across the city participated. She thanked Bob Kemp for checking the alignment and condition of the garbage bins on Front Street. The angling will be corrected soon. Paul Smith pointed out that there is significant debris around the green building on the northeast corner of The Esplanade and Sherbourne. Michelle offered to send a clean-up crew to the site.

Michelle reminded delegates that Pam's Environment Day is May 8, from 10:00am-2:00pm in Crombie Park at the corner of the Esplanade and Sherbourne. Connie Yang asked if another community clean-up day could be scheduled for the fall, to maintain Toronto's reputation as a clean city throughout the year.

St. James Lights: Three new lights at St. James Park will be installed in June: one in the center north part and two in the southeast part. Georgette Harris pointed out that lights atop the gazebo and these three lights would not seem to add up to the \$40,000 allocated. Michelle will confirm if any other lights are to be installed

Newsletter: Michelle advised delegates that the newsletter is being sent out this week.

Crombie Park Lights: Stig Harvor asked about the status of installing permanent lights in Crombie Park. Michelle said she is waiting for someone on staff to get back to her.

Hummingbird Centre: Stig Harvor asked about the status of the Hummingbird Centre. Edward Nixon reported that Dan Brambilla of the Hummingbird Centre will meet soon with Frank Burns, Cam Miller, Edward Nixon, and Alan Seymour. Edward asked that their report be added to the agenda for next SLNA meeting.

City Budget: Ronny Yaron asked for an update on the budget. Michelle reported that a seven-day marathon budget meeting concluded early this morning, but that she has no specific information yet from Pam McConnell.

Hotelling: Cam Miller asked about the initiative that would culminate in a by-law to help combat "hotelling" (condominium owners renting out units on a short term basis). Michelle said that the City is changing the protocol by which they accept permit applications for construction of new buildings, but that no by-law is planned. For an existing building the new regulation is no remedy. Delegates noted that provincial legislation is in place, but municipal enforcement is needed. Michelle, Cam, and Jason Lisenchuk, along with interested condominium representatives, will discuss this issue separately.

Cam thanked Michelle Buckley for her report.

8. Update from George Smitherman's Office — Jason Lisenchuk

Cam welcomed Jason Lisenchuk.

Provincial Budget: Jason reported that the new budget is due May 18, and asked the SLNA to keep pressure on the main issues, including possible privatization or a P3 deal on the LCBO, and resurgence of the fixed link bridge issue. He said George Smitherman's office has received about 400 calls recently regarding rumoured changes to eligibility to receive physiotherapy. The rumours are unfounded.

Housing Forum: A housing policy forum is scheduled for late May or early June, after the budget. About 50 key stakeholders will be invited over the next few days.

Romanow Commission: The Province will be pleased to participate in the second Romanow forum, but Jason requested early notice. Because the election might be June 14, he suggested the forum be held between May 18-June 14.

Methadone Clinic: Jason reported that his supervisor, Todd Ross, is acting on this issue.

Children's Nutrition Programs: Helen Marangos expressed concern for nutrition programs for schools and daycares. When welfare was cut back, the government introduced children's nutrition programs, but the programs have increased in number without an increase in funding, and now cutbacks are planned. The City matches Provincial funding, and is also rumoured to be cutting back.

Motion: for the SLNA to write a letter to George Smitherman, to support extended core funding in the budget for children's nutrition programs, and for the city to increase their funding

Moved by: Helen Marangos

Seconded by: Brian McElwain

CARRIED

Frank MacLean clarified that the wording of the motion should not be taken literally, particularly the expression "core funding", but should be open to discussion by the informed parties who draft the letter, and that the spirit of the motion is what counts. Delegates concurred.

Jason said that Helen's suggestion is excellent, that the Province will be launching a number of initiatives, and that this will fit in well, as results are measurable.

SLCRC & Candy Machines: Alice Briesmaster attends Advisory Committee meetings at the SLCRC. A candy machine was installed recently at the SLCRC. Staff did not request it and, at their objection, it was removed. Alice asked if anyone knew who was responsible for the installation of these machines, which have also been installed in other rec centres across the city. Michelle Buckley said she would look into it, as a municipal matter.

Cam thanked Jason Lisenchuk for his report.

9. Update from Bill Graham's Office—Frank Clarke

Cam welcomed Frank Clarke.

Toronto Port Authority: Frank distributed a letter from Bill Graham to Toni Valeri, the Minister of Transport, April 27, 2004, triggered by the Toronto Port Authority's (TPA) recent declaration that they will proceed with construction of the fixed link bridge on July 1. The letter covers major concerns, including the the fixed link bridge, concerns that the TPA is not open and responsive to the community, and conflicts between the City and the TPA about land rights. This letter is the start of a process to rein in the TPA.

Delegates discussed the seeming autonomy of the TPA. Paul Smith said that Toronto does not qualify as a port under the definition of Port Authorities, and therefore the TPA can be disbanded. Frank said he would get in touch with Paul once he can confirm that information. Mel Shipman asked that Bill Graham's letter be given to the media to convey his message to the public. Frank said that such letters are not normally shown to the public.

The 1983 Tripartite Agreement, which is in effect until 2033, says there will be no bridge. The Lastman City Council approved changes, and asked government bodies if these approvals could be put into place. Bureaucrats concluded that on a purely technical basis, the bridge would not interfere with navigation on the waterway. Frank assured delegates that the approval was technically, not politically, motivated.

In response to a question from Connie Yang, Stig Harvor said that the TPA would pay for the bridge from a lawsuit settlement with the City over land (around \$50 million). In effect, public money would be used.

Motion: to approve that the SLNA executive write a letter to Paul Martin (cc. to Bill Graham) in support of Bill Graham's letter to Tony Valeri, to oppose the construction of the fixed link bridge, and to recommend the dissolution of the Toronto Port Authority.

Moved by: Ronny Yaron

Seconded by: Frank Burns

CARRIED

Rochester Ferry: Stig Harvor advised delegates that at a meeting held at City Hall the TPA, when asked to show a plan of the Rochester ferry facility, showed only a parking area, and did not show how the plan fit into the port lands. Frank responded that Brian O'Neil, from Bill Graham's office, attended, heard concerns expressed that the TPA was less than forthcoming, and is following up, gathering more details on the plan.

Romanow Commission: Frank reported that the Prime Minister is meeting with the Premiers about the Romanow Commission later this year, and has a commitment to ensuring quality health care. Two million dollars has been committed to healthcare in this year's budget, so it cannot be said that nothing has been done following the Report.

Hate Crimes Legislation: Frank reported that NDP MP Svend Robinson's Bill C250 passed in the Senate and is on its way to becoming law. The Bill expands the definition of hate crimes legislation to include gay bashing. Bill Graham's office worked with Svend Robinson toward this achievement. Delegates applauded.

Cam thanked Frank Clarke for his report.

10. President — Cam Miller

Community Air: Cam reported on the Community Air group's efforts to end plans for the bridge to the Island Airport. The Mayor is now publicly calling for the TPA to be reformed or scrapped. Cam and the Community Air people will meet further with members of Bill Graham's office. Cam asked for volunteers to attend Community Air meetings, strategy sessions, press conferences, etc. He said the federal election is an opportunity to "kill the bridge."

Bill Graham's newsletter: Cam responded to a line in the April 2004 newsletter from Bill Graham's office, within the article "Making our Communities Great Places to Live:" The line reads: "Canada's communities are where public policies are put into action, impacting on the lives of private citizens." Cam suggested that people should have more opportunity to provide input in the development of policies, not just react to set policies.

Cam quoted further: ". . . sincere commitment to work on a transformative partnership that brings together all levels of government." Cam said, We're not asking for miracles. We're not asking for a transformative relationship. We need to know that the Prime Minister's promise is kept by his government, that he will listen to the people of Toronto and the Councillors of the City of Toronto. Frank responded that, in comparison to the Harris years, more can be done now, transformations are now possible, because partnership has increased amongst governments. Cam pointed out that the Federal government sold land to the TPA post-election, the location from which the bridge would depart. Some deals took place on the eve of the municipal election and at least one took place after, deals which empower the TPL to construct the bridge. Cam said, Work with us on these issues, rather than against us.

St. Lawrence North Market Initiative : Regarding the St. Lawrence North Market Redevelopment working group, Cam reported that he spoke with Ann Milchberg who chairs the City's committee on the North Market. She has or will shortly issue requests for proposals. One is to investigate the suitability for the ground under the South Market and the South Market structure itself to see if it is amenable to a parking garage. The second is a costing study for a parking garage under the South Market. She will update the Committee by email and possibly convene a meeting soon.

Upcoming Events:

- May 13: tentatively scheduled meeting of the Market Lane Park Committee, perhaps in the North Market Initiatives meeting room.
- April 29: 7:30pm: Cam Miller, Dwight Peters, and Paul Smith will meet with EnerAct, to discuss a possible collaborative project for a sustainable energy efficient community. EnerAct is sending a letter of enquiry to a foundation to seek funding for the project. Location: 401 Richmond Street West, Suite 401.
- April 29, 4:00pm-9:00pm: Toronto Hydro "Notice of Public Information" meeting at the SLCRC, re: underground work to increase the capacity of the transformer station at Sherbourne/ Esplanade.
- May 6: SEDERI Stakeholder Forum, pre-registration only. Ronny will participate on behalf of the SLNA.

- May 6, 5:00pm-7:00pm: meeting of EnerAct, Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSE), and Toronto Renewable Energy Co-op (TREC), at 401 Richmond St. West, suite 401.
- May 6, 7:00pm-9:00pm: final public forum by the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation regarding the East Bayfront and West Donlands precinct plans, held at the Distillery district, 55 Mill Street.
- May 8, 10:00am-2:00pm: Pam McConnell's Environment Day, Crombie Park, Esplanade & Sherbourne.
- May 19: proposed date for a Harbour Noise Committee meeting. Cam will go on behalf of the SLNA.

Corporate Secretary: Nancy Sheppard reminded delegates that the position of Corporate Secretary still needs to be filled.

Motion: *to extend Nancy Sheppard's status as Interim Corporate Secretary for one more month, through May 2004.*

Moved by: *Cherril Baker*

Seconded by: *Edward Nixon*

CARRIED

11. VP Internal – Ronny Yaron

Circles of Support: Ronny Yaron introduced Mel Shipman of Circles of Support. Mel reported that Circles of Support's new Seniors Space Committee plans to establish a satellite of the SLCRC within the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood with space dedicated to seniors' programs, in co-operation with Dorothy Creaser, who chairs the seniors program at the SLCRC and with Ann Doggett of the SLCRC. Mel asked the SLNA to support the concept. He asked if there were means to make this a public issue. He added that OWN has a \$50,000 endowment to build a reading room if a space comes available.

Motion: *that the SLNA support the effort to establish a permanent seniors centre in the neighbourhood.*

Moved by: *Nancy Sheppard*

Seconded by: *Joan Campbell*

CARRIED

Cam asked Mel to provide the SLNA with ongoing reports.

a) Membership

Ronny recommended setting up a committee to build the membership of the SLNA. Georgette has shared some documentation with Ronny. Cam offered to accompany Ronny to meet with the buildings on the prospect list. The Toronto Community Housing Corporation will help facilitate their buildings' involvement. Robin Hart offered to join the committee.

b) Festival 2004

Ronny proposed that this year's festival be held in September, after school starts. Joan Campbell suggested that Ronny check Toronto Hydro's schedule for construction related to the transformer site at Sherbourne and The Esplanade. Ronny recommended that a committee of at least three people plan a smaller festival. Connie Yang offered to help with the seniors events. Helen Marangos, who organized the event for seven years, warned that however small the event, it still requires significant management, sponsorship, and commitment of time. She offered the use of the festival planner that she compiled. She added that a motion was passed a few years ago that any funding from the festival would go to seniors. Nancy Sheppard clarified that the specific motion dealt only with the funding for that year.

Ronny will set a date for the first committee meeting, and submit a notice to the upcoming SLNA newsletter, inviting volunteers to the meeting.

c) Gala 2004 Update – Georgette Harris

Ronny gave kudos to Georgette Harris, Edward Nixon, and Aurie Hensman for the successful Gala held last Friday night. Delegates applauded.

Georgette reported that the general consensus is that the Gala is getting better and better each year. This year 200 people attended. The silent auction raised \$5,000. Helen Marangos pointed out that sponsors could see evidence of their own funding in the presence of the youths from the aquatics program, who volunteered that evening. Georgette thanked all the volunteers whose efforts made the Gala a success. The proceeds were approximately \$12,000, net revenue. She will provide a more detailed update next month and share feedback and plans for next year. Georgette emphasized that the \$25 tickets, which some people said were too costly, had a \$50 value. Sponsors contributed about \$13,000. Details will be published in the June issue of the *Community Bulletin*.

Motion: that 15% of the proceeds of the 2004 Gala be allocated to building volunteerism within the SLNA.

Moved by: Georgette Harris

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

CARRIED

Nancy Sheppard clarified that this motion would not contradict a motion passed in February ***that the proceeds from the 2004 Gala be allocated to youth initiatives, with a small percentage being allocated to SLNA volunteerism.*** At Nancy's request, Georgette explained what she meant by "volunteerism in the SLNA," referring to the strategic plan presented to the delegates at the March 31 SLNA delegates meeting.

Moved: that the executive consider the strategic direction for supporting youth projects and volunteerism and the future of the Gala; and that the executive meet with Helen Marangos and Ann Doggett to generate the process whereby to reach a decision by the end of June, 2004.

Moved by: Edward Nixon

Seconded by: Alan Seymour
CARRIED, one opposed

Connie Yang asked that the executive contact prospective volunteers promptly. Georgette Harris apologized to Connie for not calling her until shortly before the Gala.

12. VP External — Frank Burns

a) Updates

Esplanade Development: Frank reported that the Planning Department is scheduling a public meeting toward the end of May regarding development along The Esplanade. Properties involved: Hummingbird Centre, 40 the Esplanade, southwest corner of Church and The Esplanade, Gross Machinery building, and 10-12 Market Street.

Goodwill Site: Frank reported that developers have submitted proposals for the current site of Goodwill, and a meeting will be set for discussion.

Berkeley & Richmond: The development at Berkeley & Richmond Street is on hiatus, but they might report at the next meeting.

b) Traffic Committee – Dorothy Creaser

Dorothy is away until next month, so this topic was deferred to May.

13. Treasurer — Nancy Sheppard

Nancy reported that the December 31 year-end financials were not yet ready, and that she would try to finalize them for the May meeting.

Motion: to approve a \$1,200 donation to the SLCRC sports program for 2004

Moved by: Nancy Sheppard

Seconded by: Edward Nixon

CARRIED

14. New Business

Georgette Harris reported that thank-you letters would be sent to Gala sponsors once she had letterhead paper and envelopes. Nancy Sheppard will provide Georgette with same.

15. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Stig Harvor

Carried

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:39 pm. The next delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at 7:00 pm.

Nancy Sheppard, Corporate Secretary

Chair, Cam Miller