



MINUTES OF DELEGATES' MEETING

April 30, 2008

OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

Secretary: Matthew Raizenne, Longboat Residents Assoc.
VP External: Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel, 140 The Esplanade
VP Internal: Jackie Williams, Old York Tower
Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square
At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding
At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park

At Large: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op

Executive Member Regrets:

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, 135 Scadding

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Len Anderson, 140 The Esplanade
Mary Bailet, OWN
Patricia Bear Claw, Cathedral Court Co-op
Joan Boyd, PAL
Keith Bricknell, 7 King Street West (The Metropole)
David Crawford, 135 George Street South
Karl Froehr, Windmill Line Co-op
Valerie Joseph, Muriel Collins Co-op
Glen Kim, MTCC 1606 (Mozo)

Marcus Little, The Wellington
Arlene Markow, Woodsworth Co-op
Emma McBey, OWN
Bob Parkin, 71 Front Street East
Alan Seymour, Old York Tower
Robert Sherrin, 261 King Street East (Abbey Lofts)
Becky Street, MTCC 1385
Catherine West, 1 Church Street (TCHC)
Connie Yang, OWN

Associate Members & Guests:

Stig Harvour, La Place St. Laurent (Non-Voting Associate)
Tim Rourke
Marueen Walsh, 35 Scadding
Rose Walsh, 1 Church
Tom Davidson, Councillor Pam McConnell's Office
Edward Nixon, EN Consulting & Windmill Line Co-op

Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator,
Transportation Services, City of Toronto

Christina Bouchard, Cycling Events Organizer,
Transportation Services, City of Toronto

Ed Thomas Majchrowski, Health Promotion Officer,
Toronto Community Housing

Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

1. Registration and Refreshments

2. Opening Remarks

Director Dan O'Leary called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and chaired the meeting.

Connie Yang announced that a planning meeting for Canada Day will take place on Tuesday, May 13, at OWN, 5:30 pm. MPP George Smitherman is inviting more people to participate in Canada Day so the event will be much bigger this year. Other event organizers in Canada are auditing the event to develop ideas for their own events.

Connie Yang reported that the Seniors' Centre is awaiting permission from the St. Lawrence Market to use The Kitchen in the Market for the Seniors' first program, Cuisine Delight. Pending approval, flyers will be sent out shortly.

Motion: to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Alan Seymour

Seconded by: Karl Froehr

CARRIED

3. Bike Race, May 30, 2008 – Matthew Raizenne

Matthew Raizenne introduced Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator for the City of Toronto, and Christina Bouchard, organizer of Bike Month. They gave a presentation.

A major goal of the City is to build a sustainable city, focusing on walking, transit, and cycling. Bike Month promotes cycling citywide through many programs and events.

As a kick-off to Bike Month, on May 26 cyclists are invited to ride from across the city to City Hall, to enjoy a free pancake breakfast and open air fair.

A professional bicycle race will take place on Friday, May 30. The race circuit will be Front / Market Lane / Esplanade / Scott, with street closure. Community groups will have cycling-related information booths at an expo set up in Berczy Park or Market Lane Park. The St. Lawrence Market and the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA have given their approval for the race. The two presenters requested approval from the SLNA.

At the request of Ronny Yaron, the organizers will send flyers by email for the SLNA's Delegates to distribute.

Sean Wheldrake can be reached at swheldra@toronto.ca. See also www.toronto.ca/cycling.

4. Environment Day, May 3, 2008 – Dan O'Leary

Dan O'Leary reported that Councillor Pam McConnell's Community Environment Day event will take place in the park at Sherbourne and The Esplanade on Saturday, May 3. Soil will be available for pick-up. There will be recycling

and disposal pick-up of specified items, as well as information tables. Starbucks coffee will be served. Two school classes will display environmental projects.

5. Soccer Uniform Budget Approval -- \$1,250

Dan O'Leary introduced a motion to make a donation to the St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre (SLCRC) for the children's soccer league sports shirts, which would have the SLNA logo.

Motion: to make a donation of \$1,250 to the SLCRC for the soccer league sport shirts.

Moved by: Patricia Bear Claw

Seconded by: Robert Sherrin

CARRIED

4. Environment Day, May 3, 2008, continued

Motion: to give an honorarium of \$50 each to the St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre Science Club and

the DAS: Downtown Alternative School class when they show science exhibits at Environment Day on Saturday on May 3.

Moved by: Marcus Little

Seconded by: David Crawford
CARRIED

6. SLNA Website Overview – David Crawford

David Crawford gave a screening of the SLNA website that he designed at www.slna.ca. Website content is written by the SLNA Executive. People are welcome to make suggestions to improve the site by contacting David Crawford or the Executive. Contact information is available on the website.

Dan O’Leary asked Delegates to provide pictures of the neighbourhood and neighbourhood events for the website. Patricia Bear Claw pointed out that permission would be required of persons who appear in pictures posted.

7. Report from Pam McConnell’s Office – Tom Davidson

St. Lawrence Heritage Conservation District

A couple of months ago Councillor Pam McConnell secured funding for a heritage study that was previously approved about two years ago. A development at Bay and Adelaide Streets will provide Section 37 moneys in return for building beyond zoning by-laws for one of two towers. Funds will be issued once a permit is issued for underground excavation at the site.

Emma McBey advised that Context Development is building a showroom at 18 Lower Jarvis Street, and asked whether the proposed condominium tower has been approved. Tom Davidson explained that the showroom is permitted but the development is to go before City Council for consideration next week.

Podium Signage at Jarvis and The Esplanade

The Vice President of Toronto Parking Authority, Real Estate Division, has advised that they have an agreement for the existing signage but that the lease contains an exit clause with 30 days’ notice. The Toronto Parking Authority is aware of the plan to convert the parking lot into a parkette and they know that once development is underway the signs must be removed. Pattison, the sign company, is in litigation with the City. The signs are allowed to remain in place during the legal action, but must be taken down regardless once the parkette is developed.

Robert Sherrin asked whether proposed exits and entrances in Market Lane Park for the underground parking at the North Market have been approved. Tom Davidson explained that it is one of the recommended options, and that designs are being developed for that and other options, but that no option has yet been approved.

Questions

Karl Froehr asked the Councillor’s view on declaring the TTC an essential service. Tom Davidson responded that the City has referred the matter to the Executive Committee for City Staff to study the implications of declaring the TTC an essential service, for a recommendation in September.

David Crawford asked whether the City has appointed co-ordinators to work with community representatives on the Community Improvement Plan (CIP). Tom Davidson responded that City staffing is being increased to meet downtown needs, and that a person will be appointed later in the spring. Dan O’Leary proposed that people contact Tom Davidson regarding the CIP in the interim.

Heritage Interpretation Master Plan Lighting Plan for Old Town Toronto

Tom Davidson reported that requests for proposals have been issued with a deadline of June 2 for two other studies: the Heritage Interpretation Master Plan and the Lighting Plan for Old Town Toronto. Funds have been acquired for implementation once the studies are completed.

8. Report from George Smitherman’s Office

None.

9. Report from the Development Committee – Marcus Little

Marcus Little gave summary presentations for the following developments:

18 Lower Jarvis Street

- located on the southwest corner of Jarvis & The Esplanade, just north of the tracks
- going to the Ontario Municipal Board
- report from planning people to appear before City Council on May 6, with some community members interested in making presentations
- height now reduced from a 48-storey tower to a 33-story tower with an 8-story podium
- 6-storeys of above grade parking is contentious

330 King Street East

- located on the northwest corner of Parliament and King Streets: a small building and parking lot
- plans have been submitted to the City's Planning Department for a 16-storey building
- public meeting yet to be scheduled

60 Colborne Street

- located at Colborne and Church Streets, just west of Market Square
- plans have been submitted to the City's Planning Department for a 39-storey building (131.4 meters high)
- public meeting to be scheduled
- The SLNA's Development Committee wrote a strong letter objecting to the development. The only change from the pre-submission was to remove the above-grade parking

251 King Street East

- located at the southeast corner of Sherbourne and King Streets
- at the proposal stage
- plan to remove a listed 3-storey heritage property
- developers propose to build a slab-shaped tower higher than Mozo (which is diagonally across the street). The developers want a building larger than Mozo on a much smaller lot.
- the SLNA's Development Committee plans to write a letter of objection

Sony Centre, "L Tower"

- located at the west end of The Esplanade, 5-7 The Esplanade
- a planning report has been issued and will appear before City Council on May 6, with some residents planning to speak
- 25 The Esplanade has sent Councillor McConnell a petition against the development with more than 250 signatures

- there are issues with the public realm at street level
- the proposed development has 2 storeys of above-grade parking plus 6 storeys of underground parking. The planning report states that all parking is below grade, but to access the parking, ramps would need to be constructed leading to a street wall on the east side

North Market Redevelopment

- planning is progressing
- a traffic offenses court might be housed on the upper level
- commercial parking is underground
- parking is likely to exit from Market Lane Park onto King Street. The SLNA's Development Committee objects to this access plan as it destroys part of the park and precludes any future plan to extend the park.

VÜ

- former Goodwill store at Adelaide & Jarvis Streets
- under construction
- awarded "Building Design of the Year" by the GTA Home Builders Association
- the City Planner feels this was an excellent working group activity. Marcus Little stated, "We ended up with a much better bldg at VÜ and it speaks to the value of working groups benefiting the community and developers and architects. There are developers like this that do a good job." He described a similarly negotiated agreement, the result of a working group, for the development "Five Corners" at Church/Front/The Esplanade.

Questions

Conny Yang asked for progress on the Five Corners development, as the Seniors' Centre is to have 5 years' free use of space in the building. Marcus Little stated that the plan is to construct the north end of the building first, but that he is not sure which part of the building is to house the Seniors' Centre. "When you see the hoardings go up you can measure the progress."

Catherine West asked whether the developers for Five Corners plan to preserve the cafés and pubs along The Esplanade west of Church. Marcus Little explained that Five Corners does not affect the existing cafés and pubs, which are on property owned by another party.

Catherine West objected to exhaust fumes that would permeate the neighbourhood from above-ground parking at the proposed development on 18 Lower Jarvis Street. Marcus Little stated that the SLNA's Development Committee has tried to have the developers build below ground but they prefer not to.

Ronny Yaron advised that a full-page ad has been published to sell units in 18 Lower Jarvis. Marcus Little stated that

there is no law that developers cannot advertise or sell condominiums that have not yet been approved or built. He added that the faster that units are sold, the less interest the developer has in making any changes to the plan.

Alan Seymour asked whether the height or footprint of the proposed new North Market have changed. Bruno Leps advised that they have not changed.

Ronny Yaron asked whether there is a chance for amenities to the community, such as an expanded health centre, in return for zoning by-law infringements by 18 Lower Jarvis. Marcus Little explained that the developers have appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and that he does not know what considerations Councillor McConnell is negotiating.

The Chair invited people to volunteer to work with the Development Committee, and to take on individual buildings under development. Marcus Little asked particularly for volunteers who are familiar with LEED standards (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design).

12. Other Business

Matthew Raizenne gave an update on his initiative to hang flower baskets along The Esplanade from Berkeley Street to the St. Lawrence Market. He has researched costs and drafted a fundraising letter. He hopes to have hanging flower baskets by spring 2009. Catherine West asked that the

program be extended west past St. Lawrence Market to a short residential stretch before the pubs and cafés. The St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA has a hanging flower basket program for the pubs and cafés.

10. Friends and Delegates Count – Open Space Forum

Dan O’Leary facilitated an Open Space Forum, in which Delegates posted ideas for discussion onto flip chart pages, and then broke into groups to discuss the issues. This is a way to enable more Delegates to speak up at meetings and to

speak to issues not on the agenda. Ideas posted on flip chart pages and notes taken in individual groups will be published on the SLNA’s website for further consideration.

11. Facilitation by the Chair – Dan O’Leary

The Chair facilitated the working groups that formed as a result of the Open Space Forum.

13. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Marcus Little

Seconded by: Karl Froehr

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

The SLNA acknowledges the St. Lawrence Market Complex for sponsoring this evening’s refreshments, and OWN for hosting tonight’s meeting.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00 pm.

Corporate Secretary

Chair