

MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES' MEETING April 26, 2012 OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Board of Directors in Attendance:

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, St. Lawrence on-the-Park Secretary: Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower Treasurer: John Wichelow – Windmill Line Co-o VP External: Loretta Allen, Cathedral Court Co-op VP Internal: Steve Lowden, London on the Esplanade.

At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding

At Large: Caida Gill, London on the Esplanade At Large: Debra Corey, 230 King Street E.

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Robert Sherrin – Abbey Lofts
Lois Thompson - David B. Archer Co-op
Margaret McQuade – David B. Archer Co-op
Joan Lewis – David B. Archer Co-op
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Joan Campbell - Woodsworth Co-op
Alan Seymour – Old York Tower
Jim Loxley – PAL.
Toby Tenenbaum – St. Lawrence on the Park
Marie DeRosie – Harmony Co-op Homes
Ewa Jarmicka – Harmony Co-op Homes
Joan Campbell – 80 Front St. E
Duncan Ash – Old York Tower
David Balcon – 313 Richmond St. E.
Keith Bricknell – 7 King St. E
Chad Nuttall – 311 Richmond St. E

Board of Directors Regrets:

Mary McDonald - 25 The Esplanade
Brenda MacDougall – 25 The Esplanade
David Crawford – 135 George St. S.
Judith Nagata – 168 George St. E.
Donna Patterson – 230 King St. E.
Doug Maybank – Henry Lane
Yanina Jazek – Woodsworth Co-op
Donna Patterson – 230 King St. E.
Maureen Browne – London on the Esplanade
Wendy Devine – Windmill Line
Bluebell Planek – The Indigo
Deborah Field – Longboat Residents Association
Sherri Russell – 31 Princess Street

Regrets:

Wallace Simpson – Henry Lane Joyce Arnold - 135 George Street South David Crawford – 135 George Street South

Associate Members & Guests:

Tom Davidson – Pam McConnell's Office Peter Milczyn – Toronto City Councillor Judy Gingrich – 230 King Street E Gary Chu – The Spire Isorine Marc – Harmony B Stig Harvor – Old York Tower Ronny Yaron – Woodsworth Co-op Janet Walters – Historic Society Thoby Cameron – Glen Murray's Office

1. Registration and Refreshments

2. Opening Of Meeting

2.1 Opening Remarks

Suzanne Kavanagh (President) stated that she would be chairing the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.2 Approval of Agenda

It was resolved to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favour and the motion was CARRIED.

MOVED BY: Alan Seymour SECONDED BY: Keith Bricknell

2.3 Approval of Minutes for January 25, 2012

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Delegates' meeting held on February 29, 2012 as amended. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOVED BY: Keith Bricknell SECONDED BY: lan Campbell

3. Board Meeting Update:

- Debra Corey appointed director for term of 1 year.
- Suzanne reviewed role of Board Governance and presented the committees
- New directors were briefed
- Future speakers will include Glen Murray, Kristyn Wong-Tam, Pam McConnell, Bob Rae. Robert Sherrin, Cindy Wilkie or Mag Davis to speak on Pan Am Games
- Treasurer to update delegates on budget
- AGM procedures to be revisited

<u>4. Presentation – by Peter Milczyn, Toronto City Councillor – "Bolder & Brighter"</u> A report commissioned by Peter Milczyn suggesting changes to Toronto's Official Plan.

- Ideas include some pedestrian only streets, development of laneways in the city, better lighting to improve the night-time experience in certain parts of Toronto and protecting some of the great views in the city from being blocked by development
- Official motto for Toronto is "Diversity. Our Strength" he suggests a new slogan along the lines of "The best big city to raise a family"
- At City Council he has pushed for Council to consider the formation of a Committee of Adjustment Appeal
 panel which would review minor variance and consent appeals at the City rather than appeals going to
 the OMB
- As Chief of Planning and Growth Management he will oversee the five-year review of Toronto's Official Plan, be a leader on City Planning and Urban Design issues and work on finding improvements and efficiencies within the planning process
- Emphasized the importance of mixed-use development, keeping business close to where people live;
 there are too many bedroom communities
- Protection of Heritage properties and more interpretive plaques
- Affordable housing has not worked as well as it should and more progress needed in this area
- Building designs show improvement but must always strive for excellence
- Public transport needs to be better coordinated with zoning issues
- Need for annual monitoring of Official Plan
- Q When will it all be done?
- A Staff is working on this right now and difficult to say exactly when. Top priority is Heritage and Official Plan and will be better for a review
- Q Why is industrial land disappearing?
- A In the core we are losing small manufacturing and office space to condo development. Need a better balance. City should impose development levy suburbs do charge this. Good news is Royal Bank building at Queen's Quay maybe indicates tide turning
- Q Aren't developers breaking by-laws?
- A Yes we do not have enough inspectors for this. Change needed here
- Q Aren't there lots of vacancies in City Planning?

A Always – should improve through 2013 now that costs are being contained. Some contracting out expected

5. Update on Suzanne's meeting this Pam McConnell

- Buskerfest maybe time to find another venue as it is growing and very inconvenient to locals and people in wheelchairs having difficulty due to restaurants expanding onto sidewalks.
- Need feedback from delegates on these problems and also on Woofstock
- St. Lawrence Market issues to be dealt with at Board and May delegates meeting

6. Budget Update

John Wichelow, Treasurer, gave brief update

- SLNA finances are in good shape
- Membership receipts ahead of budget
- \$20,000 in reserve for 30th Anniversary trees/benches purchase

7. Announcement - Jamii

Isorine Marc, founder of Jamii announced

- 5 movie nights
- Photo Project
- Music on The Esplanade
- BBQ & Youth Dance Night
- Busker workshops
- Basketball tournament and Transhumance on The Esplanade
- All activities are in co-operation and sponsorship with local organizations
- SLNA is sponsoring the movie nights
- Full details at: www.jamiiesplanade.org/file/2012_season.html

8. Community Environment Day - May 5, 2012

- Councillor Pam McConnell's Community Environment Day will be held at Lower Sherbourne Park
- Drop off recycling, items to donate and hazardous waste
- Pick up free compost
- Start time 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

9. New Business

- Meeting of Town of York Historical Society: Women in the War of 1812 Monday, May 7, 2012 at Riverdale Farm, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- Old Post Office has raised 22 members from the SLNA

There being no further business it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The next Delegates meeting will be held May 30, 2012 at 7:00 pm	
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Secretary	President