

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING
July 26, 2006

OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

President and Chair: Paul Smith, St. Lawrence on the Park V
V.P. External: Frank Burns, Longboat Residents Association
V.P. Internal: Diane Hollingsworth, Windmill Line Co-op V
Secretary: Joan Campbell, Market Square V
At Large: Connie Yang, OWN Co-op V
At Large: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op

With Regrets:

Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square V
At Large: Wally Simpson, Crombie Park V
Ben Marans, smartliving St. Lawrence
Blake Webb, MPP George Smitherman's Office

In Attendance: Voting Delegates

Lene Anderson, 140 The Esplanade TCHC

Cherril Baker, David B. Archer Co-op
Randy Bath, 15 Scadding TCHC

Patricia Bear Claw, Cathedral Court Co-op
Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op
Joan Boyd, P.A.L.

Keith Bricknell, The Metropole MTCC #1170
Dorothy Creaser, Old York Tower
Terry Eitel, Old York Tower
Karl Froehr, Windmill Line Co-op
Norman Hart, P.A.L.

Stig Harvor, La Place Saint-Laurent
Aurie Hensman, 160 Frederick St.
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op
Ani Kounavis, 25 The Esplanade
Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op
Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding
Loralie Olinyk
Sherri Russell

Alan Seymour, Longboat Residents Assoc.
Farhan Syed, The Metropole MTCC #1170
Michael Waring, New Times Square
Catherine West, 1 Church Street TCHC
Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower
Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel, 140 The Esplanade

Guests:

Howard Bortenstein, City Council Candidate
Sandie de Freitas, CommFest (c/o PAL)
Marie De Rosie, Harmony Co-op
Didier Pomerleau, King's Court
Tim Rourke, 15 Scadding

Sara Teng, King's Court
Albert Young-Tai, 25 Henry Lane Terrace

Recording Secretary: Arlyss Ponchuk

ACRONYMS:

BIA: Business Improvement Area
CAR: Canadian Aviation Regulation
CPLC: Community Police Liaison Committee
LBPIA: Lester B. Pearson International Airport
LEEDS: Leadership in Environmental and Energy I
NAVCAN: NAV Canada
SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation Cen
SLNA: St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association
SLSL: smartliving St. Lawrence
TCHC: Toronto Community Housing Corporation

In Attendance: Non-Voting Delegates

Tom Davidson, Councillor McConnell's Office

Bob Kemp, Chair , CPLC 51 Division

Jenn Syntetos, Bill Graham's office

1. Registration & Refreshments

2. President's welcome and remarks

President Paul Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and chaired the meeting. An attendance sheet was passed around.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Add to Other Business: a) CommFest – Sandie de Freitas and b) Canada Day Celebration – Conny Yang

Motion: to approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Keith Bricknell

Seconded by: Patricia Bear Claw

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes of the June 2006 Meeting

Under attendance, include Delegate Sherri Russell as present.

Motion: to approve the June 2006 minutes as amended.

Moved by: Joan Campbell

Seconded by: Ewa Jarmicka

CARRIED

5. The North Market is on the MOVE— in more ways than One! — Alan Seymour

The Chair introduced Alan Seymour. Alan described the history of the North Market Redevelopment Initiative, from its inception in 1990 onward. Two documents were distributed, "St. Lawrence Community North Market Redevelopment Initiative' (4 pages) and "The Past, the Present, and the Future (A Catalyst for Old Town Toronto)" (1 page). Alan thanked all the individuals and organizations who have pushed to retain a North Market on the site. He recommended that Delegates acquire a

copy of the *Old Town Revitalization Action Plan*.

Frank Burns described ongoing plans for redevelopment of St. Lawrence Market's North Market. The original plan was to retain the farmers market, make it heritage sensitive/compatible, and make it self-sustaining. So far, it will contain a farmer's market and its design will be heritage-sensitive. But the self-sustaining component has been replaced with an amalgamation of traffic courts on the upper

levels of the building. Advocates are now pushing for space for community groups, a community health centre, and a “learning through the arts” facility. Other recommendations include: management by one group, making the building environmentally friendly, and maintaining a height no greater than St. Lawrence Hall. Alan Seymour concluded: “We fought the battles outside the walls; now we need to fight the battles inside the walls.”

Tom Davidson provided some deadlines:

- Temporary relocation of North Market vendors: spring 2008 subject to consultation with farmers
- Beginning of construction: spring 2008
- Relocation of farmers to the new Market: after construction is complete, an estimated 18 months
- Grand Opening: about 18 months after spring 2008

Tom Davidson added that the new building’s governance structure is being

reviewed by City staff at the direction of Councillor Pam McConnell last September. He did not know who would have naming rights for the building.

The Chair praised Tom Davidson for having done “an incredible job so far” as Pam McConnell’s new assistant. Delegates applauded.

Paul Smith pointed out that the SLNA must make a formal presentation to the City within weeks, with recommendations for use of space by community groups. Tom Davidson added that a report to City Council on studying the feasibility of a traffic court as tenant is due in September.

Alan Seymour welcomed questions, suggestions, and ideas, for response at a future meeting. The Chair agreed to Dorothy Creaser’s request that Delegates receive continued updates as progress is made.

6. Report from 51 Division — Frank Bergen

Police representatives were not present. Paul Smith read from a working document developed from two community meetings with police and Pam McConnell’s office to discuss safety and security in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood. The document has been emailed to Delegates. It lists detailed action plans, primarily to maintain connectivity and communication amongst community groups, the police and the City Councillor’s office; and to encourage youths to engage in more productive activities and life goals.

Tom Davidson added that the SLCRC is being reconsidered for priority improvement, because it is in a mixed income community where a segment of the population is low income and in need of its

services. Paul Smith concluded that neighbourhood safety will be solved one child at a time, one family at a time, one building at a time, and that each of us needs to take responsibility for our own building. We can work together to achieve our goal.

Residential buildings can opt to join Vertical Watch, a neighbourhood safety program related to Neighbourhood Watch but applying to highrise buildings. Contact the police at (416) 808-2222.

Diane Hollingsworth recommended that the SLNA set up random night walks by community members. Ronny Yaron will provide a safety audit checklist issued by Metro Action Against Violence

(METRAC), for use during the walks. The Chair announced that an email would be sent to Delegates announcing the date and place for the first walk, and a description of “random walks.”

The Chair described VOC Corporate, a voicemail system that can be purchased at a monthly fee, that could provide broadcast messages for Delegates who do not have email to call in and hear.

Barbara Bell recommended inviting the Guardian Angels of Canada to conduct walks.

Motion: to invite the Guardian Angels of Canada to speak at our September meeting.

Moved by: Ron Monteith

Seconded by: Dorothy Creaser

Friendly amendment by Catherine West to change the date to the October meeting.

Point of order by Keith Bricknell that this issue is not on the agenda and that the Chair can treat it as a notice of motion with a guarantee to the mover and seconder that it will be placed on the agenda for the September meeting.

Final Motion: to invite the Guardian Angels of Canada to speak at our October meeting.

DEFEATED 9 in favour, 16 against

7. Report from George Smitherman’s Office — Blake Webb

No report. Blake Webb sent regrets.

8. Report from Pam McConnell’s Office — Tom Davidson

The Chair welcomed Tom Davidson. Tom reported:

- North Market farmers will be temporarily relocated to the parking lot south of the South Market, in the space between Wilton Street and The Esplanade. After they move into the new North Market, the parking lot will be converted into a park, perhaps including the part of Wilton Street abutting the land.

- a project was just approved through the Clean and Beautiful City Fund to beautify the west side of Princess Street, from the parking lot to the old fire house. Dennis Glasgow prepared the grant application and worked with the planners. \$1,500 will be available for work to commence in August or September. Bob Kemp and Dan O’Leary will be doing a lot of the work.

- the SAS Building made a donation to improve David Crombie Park. The City organized community input and is receiving from SAS their recommendations for funds allocations. SAS, “Statistical Analysis Systems,” is a software development

company for large corporations. They built the first LEED-certified, environmentally friendly office building, at a site on King Street.

- City Council just passed the King/Parliament Community Improvement Plan. The plan allocates funds for streetscape improvements, heritage projects and other community projects. Similar moneys will be allocated to the St. Lawrence neighbourhood in September. The SLNA has an opportunity to think of how to spend the money.

- Pam McConnell’s office is working with the BIA to create a master plan to light heritage buildings in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood, and is seeking funds for the initiative.

- The Docks nightclub have lost their liquor license, so in effect are closed down. This is a landmark decision in establishing that businesses have to be good neighbours. Now that the waterfront community is

being rebuilt, loopholes in anti-noise by-laws are being investigated.

In response to Conny Yang, Tom Davidson reported that standing water is being drained from the fountain in Market Lane Park. A decision is yet to be made on what to do with the fountain. Some Delegates asked that it be retained as an ornamental feature.

Paul Smith reminded Delegates that SAS, as part of their donation to park improvements, want an ice-skating rink installed between Berkeley and Parliament for use by the community and their own employees. Weather would be cold enough for only a few days a year, but SAS does not want artificial ice. Keith Bricknell will give Paul statistics on the number of below-freezing days per year, for him to advise SAS. Paul concluded that SAS is open to ideas other than a skating rink. Delegates made the following suggestions:

- Frank Burns: have instead a rink with no ice for ball hockey or ball games, and screen two sides.
- Cherril Baker: petition Parks & Recreation to reinstall a skating rink in the dog park at Sherbourne and The Esplanade and use SAS's funding for another parks improvement.
- Edward Nixon pointed out that a major capital renovation plan for David Crombie Park was undertaken in the early 1990's but scrapped after the City's amalgamation. It might contain useful ideas. George

9. Update from Bill Graham's Office — Jenn Syntetos

The Chair welcomed Jenn Syntetos. Jenn responded to questions from the last meeting:

Regulations regarding aircraft flying over the neighbourhood: Jenn acquired from Transport

Milbrandt has a copy and will make it available to the SLNA Executive for reference.

- Diane Hollingsworth: make improvements to the dog park, and/or the basketball court.

Frank Burns pointed out that \$700,000 in funding from development at 40 The Esplanade is already allocated to make improvements, particularly water features such as a skating rink, to a new parkette to replace the parking lot at Jarvis and The Esplanade. Delegates noted that the rink would not be constructed until some time after 2008, and that its location is not near enough to the SAS building.

Motion: to examine the possibility of creating a skating rink in this community and compare the cost of natural as opposed to artificial and the feasibility of doing either one.

Moved by: Diane Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Barbara Bell

Cherril Baker called the question.

CARRIED

Ani Kounavis and Diane Hollingsworth offered to help conduct the study. Delegates interested in joining this subcommittee can contact Diane. Paul Smith will advise SAS of the SLNA's decision.

The Chair thanked Tom Davidson for his report.

Canada regulations pertaining to air space and flight paths but there are none specific to the City of Toronto. NAVCAN can look into noise complaints. Pilots follow airport regulations for noise reduction. LBPIA has a 60-year ground lease; they too have regulations.

Frank Burns noted that Harbourfront has a Canadian Flight Supplement to CAR that states that aircraft are not to fly over their neighbourhood. He suggested that that might be extended to include our neighbourhood. Jenn will look into it.

Rubbish along train tracks: For clean-up, contact CN and CP: At CN, contact Ian Thompson at (905) 669-3128. At CN the main customer line is 1-888-333-6370.

Toronto Port Authority: The Minister of Transportation has stated that they are a new government, and the Toronto Port Authority is a longstanding issue with a complex history. Therefore an independent consultant, Roger Tessier, has been appointed to investigate and report. The community can contact Minister Cannon at webfeedback@tc.gc.ca, or (613) 990-2309 or by letter to Transport Canada, 330 Spark Street, Ottawa, K1A 0N5.

The Chair thanked Jenn Syntetos for her report.

10. Update from Smartliving St. Lawrence — Ben Marans
No report.

11. Development News: Hummingbird, Five Corners, Union Station, 40 The Esplanade, The Vu — Frank Burns

Diane Hollingsworth called for a motion to extend the meeting, as it was now past 9:00 p.m. The Chair overruled her. He deferred all but two items remaining on the agenda:

Volunteer Recognition Nominations and Other Business. Agenda item #11 was deferred.

12. Heritage Conservation District Initiative – Joan Campbell
This agenda item was deferred.

13. Volunteer Recognition Nominations – Ronny Yaron

Edward Nixon reported that the annual Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony will take place on September 28 at the North Market as part of the CommFest Community Film Festival. He distributed a nominations form, nomination instructions, and a list of past winners from 2004 and 2005 (who are not eligible). He described the awards and procedures for nominating

community members. The deadline for nominations is September 7. Nomination forms can be dropped off at the SLCRC c/o the SLNA or emailed to Edward Nixon, Chair of the Awards Committee. The committee is comprised of past winners of the Citizen of the Year Award and recipients of the Award of Merit.

14. Other Business

a) CommFest – Sandie de Freitas

Sandie de Freitas asked Delegates to help sell tickets for the opening night gala of CommFest, the community film festival. The gala will take place at the North Market on September 28. Tickets cost \$25 and include food. There will be a cash bar.

Sandie hopes to have at least 500 people in attendance in order to draw media attention. Anyone who would like to participate in sale of the tickets can contact Sandie at (416) 362-5570 or sandi.telemark@rogers.com The Chair

stated that an email will be sent to all Delegates to advise them of this initiative.

The *Toronto Star* recently reported on another film group's youth education

program. Sandie hopes that similar publicity will occur for CommFest. She displayed a sample award to be presented to winners in CommFest's youth education program.

b) Canada Day Celebration – Connie Yang
This item was deferred.

c) More Local News
Alan Seymour announced additional news: Buskerfest takes place in August. Construction of the kitchen theatre in St. Lawrence Market is now underway. New

maps of downtown Toronto, highlighting Yorkville, Old Town Toronto, and the Entertainment District (west of Yonge), are now available.

d) Seniors Trip
Ann Turner reported that SLNA grant money received by the St. Lawrence Seniors Club is now dedicated to a road trip on September 5, a black history tour with stops at the Sheffield Park Museum,

Collingwood, and Georgian Bay. There are 38 members in the club and 47 seats on the bus, so anyone interested is welcome to contact Ann at (416) 947-1196.

15. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:21 pm.

The SLNA thanks OWN for hosting tonight's meeting. The SLNA acknowledges the St. Lawrence Market Complex for sponsoring this evening's refreshments.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at 7:00 pm.

Note: There is no meeting in August!

President

Corporate Secretary