



**MINUTES OF THE
DELEGATES' MEETING**
July 29, 2009
OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, 65 Scadding
 xVP Internal: Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower
 xSecretary: Matthew Raizenne, Longboat Residents Assoc
 xAt Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding
 xAt Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park
 xAt Large: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op

Executive Member Regrets:

Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square
 VP External: Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel, 140 The Esplanade

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Catherine West - 1 Church St.
 Patricia Bearclaw - Cathedral Court Coop
 Margaret McQuade - David B. Archer
 Cherril Baker - David B. Archer
 Joan Campbell - 80 Front Street E.
 Debra Corey - 230 King St. E.
 David Crawford - 135 George Street
 Donna Patterson - 230 King St. E.
 Robert Sherrin - 231 King St. E.
 Bob Kemp - Pilot Place Society
 Shirley Lewis - 55 The Esplanade
 Sherri Russell - 31 Princess St.
 Ewa Jarmicka - 31 Princess St.

Maureen Walsh - 15 Scadding
 Emma McBey - OWN
 Connie Yang - OWN
 Karl Froehr - Windmill Line
 Ian Campbell - Woodsworth Coop
 Arlene Markow - Woodsworth Coop
 Becky Street - MTCC 1385
 John Wichelow - Windmill Line

Regrets:

George Millbrandt - Longboat Residents Association
 Marc Piccinato - Windmill Line

Associate Members & Guests:

Ann Foster - 109 Front St. E.
 Joyce Arnold - 135 George St. S.
 Awet Tekeste - 171 Front St. E.

Mark Fernandez - smartLiving St. Lawrence
 Chou Waiyee - Ontario Smart Growth
 Bonnie Taylor - Busker Fest/Toronto Waterfront Marathon

Darek Fiedukiewicz, Recording Secretary

1. REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS**2. OPENING OF MEETING****2.1 Opening Remarks**

Suzanne Kavanagh (President) stated that she would be chairing the meeting. She called the session to order at 7:07 P.M.

2.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following addition:

- Update on Canada Day Events (Connie)

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

MOTIONED BY: K. Froehr
SECONDED BY: P. Bearclaw

2.3 Approval of Minutes

The delegates reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on June 24, 2009. The following clarifications were discussed and clarified:

Section 6 – Development Committee Update: the proposed motion should be corrected to reflect that it was raised by C. West and not C. Baker.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Delegates' meeting held on June 24, 2009 as amended. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: M. Raizenne
SECONDED BY: E. McBey

2.4 Executive Meeting Highlights

By-Laws

S. Kavanagh report that the Executive had met twice with the By-Law Committee. It is anticipated that a proposal will be presented to the Delegates in either September or October.

September Meeting

George Smitherman has been invited to the September Delegates' meeting.

Canada Day Event

S. Kavanagh thanked C. Yang and her committee for their work organizing the successful Canada Day Event.

Toronto Municipal Strike

The Executive is seeking to meet with neighbourhood schools to investigate whether some child play space can be arranged. The committee is also working with Tom McDonald.

Toronto Marathon

The Executive is focusing on the Toronto Marathon which is scheduled for September.

3. BUSKER FEST (Bonnie Taylor)

Bonnie Taylor (Director, Busker Fest) introduced the event being organized by Epilepsy Toronto. This year marks its 10th Anniversary, the 7th at St. Lawrence Market, and it will run from Thursday August 27th through Sunday August 30th. Over 140 acts will be featured!

The event was originally started to raise awareness about epilepsy which affects more than 40,000 Toronto residents and to raise funds to support Epilepsy Toronto programs. It is estimated that over 1 Mil individuals attended the event in 2008 and over \$200,000 was raised.

The event also received a \$75,000 grant through the provincial "Celebrate Ontario" program which will be used to add a few stages for the performances. It will also help attract a few higher profile performers.

Busker Fest also features vendors and artisans so organizers offer space to local artists and community groups, such as the SLNA, to allow them to promote awareness, etc. B. Taylor offered the delegates event post cards, posters, and notices so they may take them back to their buildings and placed these in an appropriate location for their residents. She stated that a special area notice would also be emailed to each condominium.

A special Busker Ball is scheduled for Tuesday August 25th with tickets priced at \$100 each. A portion of the ticket price will be eligible for a tax receipt and approximately 300 tickets have already been sold.

A free children's barbeque (for 500-600 children) will also be held on the afternoon of Wednesday August 26th and it will feature two international performers.

More information is available via the event website at www.torontobuskerfest.com.

Q. A delegate questioned whether someone had to be present at community group tables during the full duration of the event.

A. B. Taylor stated that they did not but she requested that brochures, pamphlets, etc. be removed when the table is not being attended. Groups are also encouraged to arrange for shelter from the weather (sun, wind, rain).

Q. Do the performers get paid?

A. B. Taylor explained that the performers receive an honourarium toward their travel and accommodations but organisers do not pay for the performances. The buskers, however, make keep any contributions they receive from the public.

4. TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON (Bonnie Taylor)

B. Taylor stated that the Toronto Waterfront Marathon was scheduled for Sunday September 27th and will proceed rain or shine. It will mark the 20th Anniversary of the run and it will be the tenth full marathon. The event website is www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com.

B. Taylor stated that she also started a program called Marathon Kids to promote healthy/active kids. Approximately 3,000 children will run a full marathon during September. They will be transported to the event and their marathon will culminate with a 5 kilometer run on the day of the marathon.

The Toronto Waterfront Marathon is one of only five such races in North America which are a recognized by the IAAF. Runners come from thirty-five different countries and ninety-six charities have also signed up. It also has a very large economic impact to local area and many hotels are already sold out.

A Charity Neighbourhood Challenge is also organized. Three celebrity judges will select the Best Cheering Section and SLNA will have an entry located at Berczy Park.

Q. K. Froehr enquired whether wheelchair athletes may participate in the run.

A. B. Taylor stated that part of the route was not accessible but organizers are considering this for future years. She added that the cheering sites are accessible.

S. Kavanagh stated that the SLNA Cheering Section entry has set a goal of raising \$10,000 with all proceeds to go to the Student Success Foundation. The foundation provides children breakfast, lunch, as well as snacks.

One thousand cowbells have been ordered with the SLNA logo and will sell for \$10 each. Balloon arches will also be sold at \$500 each and interest has been shown by the Metro Store, Second Cup, and Sobey's. Bristol board will also be sold to spectators for \$5 per piece so they can write notes of encouragement to their favourite runners. A number of vendors will also sponsor event. Finally, a website will be built to raise funds.

The Student Success Foundation will give out t-shirts and school bands will play during the event (approximately 8am – 2pm).

Those interested in volunteering their time should email S. Kavanagh. More details will be posted to the SLNA website.

M. Raizenne stated that he has run the Boston Marathon on a number of occasions and he finds the college area with supporters using cow bells and students screaming their encouragement a highlight for the runners.

It was noted that the SLNA cheering section will be very important because it will be positioned near the end of the race!

5. CITY ART (Suzanne Kavanagh)

S. Kavanagh stated that the Tom Jones Restaurant wall has been painted by City Art at the request of the BIA.

City Art, a not for profit organization, was requested to make a presentation at an Executive Meeting. The SLNA can put forth suggestions to paint various locations of interest such as the sides of buildings, sidewalks, fences, etc. at no cost except for a donation. City Art also looks after all supplies.

S. Kavanagh suggested that delegates review the neighbourhood and look for possible locations of interest so a map could be created with telephone numbers visitors could call for information. City Art takes care of all supplies

Suggestions can be emailed through the SLNA website.

6. STRIKE UPDATE (Suzanne Kavanagh)

R. Yaron expressed her gratitude for the efforts of those who undertook garbage clean-up every other day during the strike!

S. Kavanagh especially thanked Anne Foster for her work and all others who participated. She stated that the City appeared optimistic that collective agreement would be ratified shortly. C. Yang added that S. Kavanagh's leadership was also critical to the project's success.

It was suggested that a photograph be taken of the volunteers so it may be posted to the SLNA website as well as the various member buildings.

It was noted that George Smitherman also organized 50-60 individuals each Saturday.

A delegate expressed concern that the private internal courtyard was neglected. C. Yang stated that a date was being planned to clean this up.

7. PROPOSAL FOR SPORTS BUBBLE – CHERRY BEACH (Matt Raizenne)

M. Raizenne stated that a proposal was submitted to the City of Toronto to install a dome on one of the soccer fields at Cherry Beach. Letters of support have also been requested from community groups including the SLNA.

Approximately \$6.5 Mil was spent on the fields which are now in place and operational but they are only usable for a fraction of each year.

M. Raizenne listed a number of features and benefits of the proposal including the following

- There will be no cost to City.
- A \$2 Mil investment is being sought from private investors to pay for the dome, heating, and building the seasonal structure (end of October to the beginning of May each year).
- The complex could accommodate day-time golf, soccer, seniors walking area, etc.
- A \$1 donation could be accepted for entry and be given to a charitable organization.
- Additional funds could be earned by leasing the area on evenings/weekends to soccer, lacrosse, and other teams.
- A \$10,000 annual donation could be made toward funding youth soccer.
- A number of hours per week or month could also be set aside for community users at a reduced rate.

It was noted that over 180 different applicants have requested use of the fields during the summer.

It was resolved that the SLNA write a letter of support for the proposed Sports Bubble at Cherry Beach. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: R. Yaron
 SECONDED BY: C. Baker

8. OTHER BUSINESS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Canada Day Event

S. Kavanagh thanked C. Yang and her team for a very successful Canada Day Event which proceeded even with the City work stoppage and a need to relocate the festivities!

It was request that event photographs be posted to the SLNA website.

C. Yang thanked Bob Kemp for his assistance in moving the event and stated that she would express her regret to City Hall who did not allow the event to take place in the park.

Environment Day

S. Kavanagh suggested that the momentum of the garbage group be leveraged by initiating an annual Environment Day beginning in 2010. This could feature various activities such as weeding tree pits, putting down bark, etc.

D. O'Leary stated that the City of Toronto Public Space Committee has expressed a growing desire to transfer maintenance of various items from the City to local groups.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on September 30 at 7:00 pm.

Corporate Secretary

President



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