



**MINUTES OF THE
DELEGATES' MEETING**
March 31, 2010
OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, St. Lawrence on the Park
VP Internal: Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower
Secretary: Matthew Raizenne, Longboat Residents Assoc
At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park
At Large: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op
VP External: Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel, 140 The Esplanade
At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Cherril Baker - David B. Archer Co-op
Loretta Allen - Cathedral Court Co-op
Catherine Limbertie - 1 Church Street
Catherine West - 1 Church Street
Joan Campbell - 80 Front Street E.
Debra Corey - 230 King St. E.
Donna Patterson - 230 King St. E.
Robert Sherrin - 261 King St. E.
David Crawford - 135 George Street S
Sherri Russell - 31 Princess St.
Keith Bricknell - 7 King St. E.
Bob Parkin - 71 Front St. E.
Connie Yang, O.W.N.
Siobhan McLaughlin, St. Lawrence on the Park
Marcus Little, The Wellington

Associate Members & Guests:

Tardif Benoit – 25 Henry Lane
Juan Ménorz – 2 Market Street

Suzanne Smith, Recording Secretary

Executive Member Regrets:

Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square

Abdi Nur - Muriel Collins Co-op
Hawaa Kabbashy - New Hibret Co-op Homes Inc.
Alan Seymour - Old York Tower
Maureen Walsh - 15 Scadding
Marc Piccinato - Windmill Line
Ian Campbell - Woodsworth Coop
Lene Andersen, 140 The Esplanade
Marie Copkov, 176 The Esplanade
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op Homes
George Millbrandt, Longboat Residents Association
Getachew Fantu, New Hibret Co-op Homes Inc.
Mohammed Hoque, New Hibret Co-op Homes Inc.
Elisabeth Ecker, St. Lawrence on the Park
Cathy Waiten, The Indigo, 50 Lombard

Regrets:

Joyce Arnold, 135 George Street South

Tom Davidson - Councillor McConnell's Office
Ed Nixon – EN Consulting

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 7:03 p.m.

3. GUEST SPEAKERS: GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE – COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Kizzy Bedeau, Operations Manager and Joseph Stapleton, Community Projects Manager from the Community Partnerships Office of George Brown College presented:

Overview: Community Partnerships was developed in 2005 to address the social economic system and to serve communities in Toronto. The mandate is to develop new partnerships, coordinate, manage and create. The first program was to partner with Pathways to Education in response to a new opportunity of creating new pathways for non traditional students. They partner with Goodwill and Fred Victor Mission to help people transition to employment. The work has evolved and they are now designing effective programs and sustaining engagement with community. They had a total of 1,824 clients in 2008-2009 and found there is a need from communities to meet their needs. There are 64 programmes overall.

Initiatives:

- First Generation Initiatives – support to individuals to make transition to post secondary education
- Pre Apprenticeship Initiatives – provide education first and then send them into the workforce – work with non traditional communities such as early school leavers, newcomers, EI, starts with academic upgrading, then level one training and then help them find roles
- Green Ladders “Youth Build” – the Youth Build program started in the USA to provide academic upgrading and skill training to build homes that are vacant. This program is about building youth. One of the partners is with Habitat for Humanity. Youth helping communities develop assets. Focus on leadership development in addition to knowledge and skills.

Q: When hear community we are expecting inclusive, but this is only focused on youth, what about the seniors? Can the seniors be included in these programs?

A: George Brown does partner with agencies to assist with recruiting. They partner with Second Career to retrain individuals who are older. There is a seniors program as well at George Brown College engaging seasoned individuals. There is a range of ages in the programs already.

Q: So are seniors used as mentors?

A: Yes, used as experts to help develop curriculum.

Q: What is the demand for the programs?

A: We are in the development phase and are looking to leverage and launch a Youth Build project for 25 to 30

Q: How do you accommodate the intake or formal process to reach non traditional individuals?

A: Did close to 25 info sessions to talk about the programs, in house and went out to community agencies to talk to people in their environment. Assessments were scattered over days and added assessment dates to accommodate as many people as possible. Work with different divisions who do the academic upgrading to assist and support individuals. Advisors assist with the formal process for individuals.

Q: Would you consider an information session at the St. Lawrence Community Centre?

A: Absolutely. This is how partnerships happen.

Q: What is the relationship with Regent Park?

A: One of the first partnerships was with Regent Park and people are still involved in programs from this area.

Q: Do you still have continuing education programs at George Brown?

A: Yes.

Q: What is the cost for the Community Partnership programs?

A: Nothing to qualified individuals. The Program even assists with supplies and even child care costs for qualified individuals.

Q: How do you measure success?

A: Mostly success is determined on numbers of individuals who secure employment or move to full time schooling. Report on different milestones achieved.

Q: It's good if the program keeps individuals out of trouble.

A: Yes.

Q: Where does the funding come from?

A: Depends on the project - 90% operates on various Ministry funding.

S. Kavanagh thanked the presenters.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

4.1 Ontario Municipal Board Hearing for 251 King Street East:

The delegates agreed to ensure that representatives attend and participate in the OMB Hearing for 251 King Street East on April 26, 2010. The delegates agreed to write a letter to the OMB regarding the property at 251 King Street East. It will be sent out via e-mail to delegates so that all are aware and agree on the content in the letter and everyone is saying the same message.

Resolution to participate and attend the OMB hearing for 251 King Street East on April 26, 2010:

It was resolved to have designated delegates attend and participate on behalf of the SLNA. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: Cherril Baker
SECONDED BY: Loretta Allen

It was resolved that the delegates authorized the SLNA Board of Directors to designate SLNA representatives to attend, and participate in, the OMB Hearing for 251 King Street East on April 26, 2010. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

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4.2 Canada Day Resolution:

S. Kavanagh informed the delegates that the SLNA has received funding from City of Toronto for this event.

4.3 Living Green Roof:

S. Kavanagh asked for volunteers for this event which is coming up on April 17 to and that they contact D. O'Leary.

4.4 Mayors Clean Up Day

S. Kavanagh informed the delegates that the SLNA will be participating in the Mayors Clean Up Day on April 24th. Volunteers will be re-mulching trees in the area. Please come out and lend a hand.

4.5 Presenters at the Next Meeting:

Presenters at the April 28th Delegates Meeting: S. Kavanagh informed the delegates that Al Rezoski and Michael Hynes from the City of Toronto staff will present at the next meeting.

4.6 Committee Volunteers:

S. Kavanagh called for volunteers to sign up for the various committees.

4.7 Retiring Executive Members:

On behalf of the delegates and the Board, gifts and thanks to retiring executive members were extended to Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel, Wallace Simpson and Ronny Yaron.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The AGM was then convened.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on April 28 at 7:00 pm.

Secretary

President



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