

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING

Wednesday, May 28th, 2003 – 7 p.m.

NORTH MARKET, St. Lawrence Market Complex

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Nancy Sheppard, 65 Scadding Avenue V
V.P. External, Cam Miller, King George Square V
Treasurer: Frank Bums, Longboat Res. Assoc. V
At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V
At Large: Mohammed Hoque, New Hibret Co-op V
Past President: Edward Nixon, Windmill Line Co-op V

In Attendance:

Alice Briesmaster, New Times Sq 2 V
Stig Harvor, La Place St. Laurent V
Lawrence Hawke, Crombie Park V
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op Homes V
Helen Marangos, Family Action Network (FAN) V
Melanie Martin, The Bentley V
Frank McLean, 25 The Esplanade V
Susan McLeod, Market Square V
Dwight Peters, 25 The Esplanade V
Jeanette Po stnikoff, La Place St. Laurent V
David Sangaraille, La Place St. Laurent V
Alan Seymour, Longboat Residents Assoc. V
Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park V
Frank Touby, Harmony A Housing Co-op V
Michael Waring, New Times Sq 2 V
Rose Wilner, OWN V
Julita Wolanska, Crombie Park V
Connie Yang, OWN V

With Regrets:

Michael Comstock, SLMBIA NV
Jim Dalziel, 65 Scadding Avenue V
Manon LePaven, Old York Tower V
Grant Lowe, Marketview Housing Co-op V

V.P Internal: Georgette Harris, St James Condo V
Secretary: Sandy Sellars, Windmill Line Co-op V

Mary Taylor G
Jennefer Laidley, Pam McConnell's Office G
Andrew Lang, Bill Graham's Office G

V = Voting Delegate, N = Non-Voting Delegate, G =
Guest

1) Welcome

There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:20pm.

Nancy Sheppard introduced herself and chaired the meeting.

Three new delegates were welcomed: Frank McLean from 25 the Esplanade, Susan McLeod from Market Square, and Melanie Martin from The Bentley.

A round table of introductions of the other attendees was conducted.

2) Approval of the Agenda

Motion: to approve the agenda as presented, with a few changes in speaking order.

Moved by: Cam Miller

Seconded by: Helen Marangos

Carried

3) Approval of the Minutes of April 30, 2003

Wallace Simpson's name to be added to attendees list.

Motion: to approve the Apr27/03 Minutes as amended

Moved by: Wallace Simpson

Seconded by: Cam Miller

Carried

4) Business arising from the previous minutes

Edward Nixon reported that the remaining street signs would be installed in June for the Court House area and St. Lawrence Neighbourhood. Jennefer Laidley investigated the rain barrel/ West Nile Virus question, and reported that fine mesh screens cover the barrels so mosquitoes cannot get in.

5) WindShare Presentation

Cam Miller introduced Stewart Russell and Barbara Montgomery from WindShare. The delegates were shown a slide presentation followed by questions and answers on this new energy source. Wind power is renewable, safe, abundant, clean, and produces no hazardous waste or air pollution. Wind power costs are dropping while the costs of other energy sources increase and wind power is currently the fastest growing energy sector. The first wind turbines were used in Denmark and today Germany is the world's leader with 5% of its power coming from wind power. It is predicted that by the next generation 25% of its power will be from wind. It is expected the US will increase its use from today's 1% to 6% by 2020. Canada is rated 11th in the world in its use of wind power and 95% of the turbines are located in Quebec and Alberta.

WindShare is a project of The Toronto Renewable Energy Co-op (TREC) in partnership with Toronto Hydro. WindShare built the first 29-story tall wind turbine on land rented from the CNE. Since Jan 1 it has produced enough electricity for the equivalent of 61 homes and expects to power 250 by the end of the year. The electricity produced goes directly into Toronto Hydro's power grid. The next turbine will be built on Ashbridges Bay at a cost of 1.6 million dollars. The blades are made in Canada and the rest of the turbine in Holland. These are the first utility scale urban wind turbines in North America. For the first wind turbine there are 420 members in the co-operative and equity is \$800,000. A dividend of \$8 a share is projected, which would help offset the cost of the shareholder's hydro bill. There is a new share offering expected soon for the second turbine. It will cost \$100 to purchase a share and they are sold in lots of 5. The money would be held in escrow until the turbine is built and the dividends will pay the year after. Another company called LakeWind wants to build more turbines along the lakeshore.

Brochures on WindShare were handed out and a website is available for further information at www.windshare.ca. Cam Miller was thanked for bringing this interesting topic to the delegates.

6) Festival Committee – Helen Marangos

The festival is in two weeks – June 13th and 14th. Helen reported that some new sponsors are needed. Housing groups are also being asked for donations. Anyone wishing to volunteer is to speak to Dwight Peters; 40 more people are needed. Entertainment will be provided by a singing group, the "Coppertones" (former officers from 51 Division), the band "13th Step", and there will be a country music singer "T-Bone", who sounds like Johnny Cash.

7) 51 and 52 Division updates

Chris W. from 51 Division reported that the current work-to-rule does not affect regular policing and complaints can still be called in. The new station is delayed again. There was a complaint about someone throwing the free

papers around St. James Park and Jarvis areas, and although the police did not have an answer, they suggested calling the Crisis Intervention team. It was requested that Superintendent Gotchalk plan a walkabout in June.

8) City Update - Jennefer Laidley, Pam McConnell's office

SARS – a major recurrence is having a huge impact on the health care system and the economy in Toronto. Everyone is asked to take more precautions.

King Car - construction completion is delayed between Shaw and Church, now mid to late June. Garbage pickup is a problem in the River and Parliament area due to the construction on King St. TTC needs to give more directions in plain language about the alternate Front Street bus service.

North Market Redevelopment – a report will be forwarded to the city admin on June 3 for their recommendations and there will be a working group over the summer to finalize issues and working principles like height restrictions, then a report will be presented to City Council in October-November.

King and Parliament Part 2 – a report will be produce about how the community is reshaping the area and there will be a public meeting at 7pm on June 18th at George Brown College.

1st Parliament – no building permit has been issued yet and the site plan needs to be approved. 400-600 attended the Saturday rally. The councilors voted 34-1 to re-affirm commitment to obtain the land. An alternate use suggested is as a city archives.

Ontario Works funding of safety improvements in Market Square, St. James And Crombie Parks – the money is being used for bench arms, lighting upgrades and brickwork repair. Design tenders are out for lighting. More money is expected next year for Berzcy and Princess Street. There were questions about the functioning of various fountains and some late starts were due to piping problems. On Monday June 2, planting is starting in Market Square.

Traffic gridlock – A suggestion was made that Jennefer to talk to the Traffic Division regarding the timing of the lights along Jarvis – if properly synchronized, they could improve the traffic flow.

25 the Esplanade was able to have their meeting about the Hummingbird Centre.

9) Andrew Lang - Bill Graham's office

Andrew Lang conveyed Bill Graham's regrets about not being able to attend the SLNA meetings. If you want to get in touch with Andrew for any reason, his e-mail is grahab8@parl.gc.ca. He will not be able to attend the Festival but hopes to be here for a walkabout at a future date.

10) President – Nancy Sheppard

3rd Member-at-Large position – Nancy said that the person in this role will be working on the SLNA website. Dwight Peters volunteered for the position and was elected by acclamation.

Motion: that the SLNA appoint Dwight Peters as Member-at-Large.

Moved by: Edward Nixon

Seconded by: Frank Touby

Carried

11) Past President – Edward Nixon

Edward reported that the TTC is taking a headcount of users of the 504 alternate bus and that more signs are needed at Union Station to let the public know about the service. It runs every 15 minutes.

1st Parliament - 3,000 people attended the Doors Open at St. Lawrence Hall and 350 more people signed the petitions in addition to the 350 who signed at the Saturday rally. Please e-mail Edward at eaen@sympatico.ca with your ideas on what you would like to see at the 1st Parliament site.

311 Adelaide and Frederick – the application for a 16-story building is going up and there was no information available about the community benefit decided on. It is heard that there will be some York Square improvements.

There will be an All-Candidates (Mayoral) meeting at St. Lawrence Hall on the 16th of September. SLNA would like to combine sponsorship with other groups rather than hold it on our own. There was meeting on May 27th sponsored by the Condo Rate Payers but due to little publicity there was not a large crowd in attendance.

12) Communications – Joan Campbell

The second edition of the SLNA Messenger newsletter has been printed and Joan requested that the delegates make sure they pick up their copies and distribute the newsletter to their housing groups.

13) New Business

Cam requested that delegates use the meeting forms to add their suggestions for future meetings. One idea is for EnerACT to hold a homeowners' workshop about conserving energy. There would be an introductory talk at an SLNA meeting in the fall and the 1½-hour workshop would be advertised as a community event.

Motion: that the SLNA arrange for the EnerACT workshop

Moved by: Cam Miller

Seconded by: Dwight Peters

Carried

Lawrence Hawke suggested another idea, to have local business people come to talk about their company or business. Mike Comstock at BIA could be asked for suggestions.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Frank Touby

Seconded by: Edward Nixon

Carried

Secretary, Sandy Sellars

President, Nancy Sheppard

Next Meeting Date: June 25, 2003