

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING

Wednesday, November 26, 2003

NORTH MARKET, St. Lawrence Market Complex

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Nancy Sheppard, 65 Scadding Avenue V
V.P. Internal: Georgette Harris, St James Condo V
Treasurer: Frank Burns, Longboat Res. Assoc. V
At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V
At Large: Dwight Peters, 25 The Esplanade V

In Attendance:

Cherril Baker, David B Archer V
Barry Bandurk, King George Sq V
Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op V
Mary Berberian, Crombie Park V
Alice Briesmaster, New Times Sq 2 V
Dorothy Creaser, Old York Tower V
Stig Harvor, La Place St. Laurent V
Aurie Hensman, 160 Frederick St V
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op Homes V
Helen Marangos, Family Action Network (FAN) V
Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V
Edward Nixon, Windmill Line Co-op V
Karen Serwonka, David B Archer V
Wally Simpson, Crombie Park V
Eileen Smith, OWN Co-op V
Michael Waring, New Times Sq 2 V
Rose Wilner, OWN Co-op V
Connie Yang, OWN Co-op V
Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op V

Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

John Argue, Pam McConnell's Office G
Jason Lisenchuk, George Smitherman's Office G
Frank Clarke, Bill Graham's Office G
James Honeyman, SLCRC N

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

With Regrets:

Jim Dalziel, 65 Scadding Avenue V
Bob Kemp, Pilot Place V
Manon LePaven, Old York Tower V
Melanie Martin, The Bentley V
Frank McLean, 25 The Esplanade V
George Millbrandt, Longboat Res. Assoc. V
Alan Seymour, Longboat Res. Assoc. V

V.P. External: Cam Miller, King George Square V

1. Welcome & Round Robin

Nancy Sheppard called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm and chaired the meeting. She introduced herself and welcomed new delegates: Barbara Bell of Woodsworth Co-operative, Karen Serwonka of David B. Archer Co-operative, and Mary Bergerian of Crombie Park. A round table of introductions was conducted. Nancy then passed around the attendance sheet.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Nancy moved agenda item 7, "City Update" to follow agenda item 4, "Business Arising from the Minutes." She added point b) "Events" under agenda item 10, "President." She added "a) Update on Gardiner Taskforce—Ronny Yaron" to agenda item 12, "New Business." Georgette Harris added "b) Gala Update—Georgette Harris" to agenda item 12, "New Business." Dwight Peters added "Open house at Rec Centre" to events in agenda 10, "President." James Honeyman said that he too had an event to announce.

Motion: to approve the agenda as amended

Moved by: Dwight Peters

Seconded by: Barry Bandurk

Carried

3. Approval of October 29, 2003 Minutes

Motion: to approve the October 29, 2003 minutes.

Moved by: Cheryl Baker

Seconded by: Joan Campbell

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nancy reminded delegates that it was agreed at the last meeting to send a letter to Bill Graham's office and the Justice Minister regarding community impact statements. Nancy told delegates that Bill Graham had already sent a letter, so the executive thought it was not necessary at this time to send a letter. They recommend waiting until Paul Martin takes the reins of government, and then send a reminder letter to the new Justice Minister. Delegates concurred.

Nancy apologized that she did not send a list of questions to Darrell Vossen, as requested by delegates at the last meeting.

5. City Update – John Argue

John Argue expressed regrets that he would have to leave early. He said that following the recent election, new councillors are negotiating their placement on committees. John distributed a report from Pam McConnell's office, which lists the issues that Pam will continue to address in regards to St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood.

John said Pam will be hiring a constituency assistant in the new year. John added that he will not be working as many overtime hours next year. He said he would be available to the SLNA for a couple of more months, to the end of January. Pam will attend the SLNA's next meeting, at the end of January, and will offer a more substantive update at that time.

John asked for any questions from the floor. Wally Simpson asked for the "new" phone number at Pam's office. John said it is the same: (416) 392-7916.

Dwight Peters asked for an update on traffic light installations. John directed him to the handout, and further discussed the topic.

Delegates and John discussed the possible installation of a fence around the Methodist United Church, at Bond and Queen Streets.

Ewa Jarmicka asked for people to sign a petition to close the Methadone Clinic at the corner of Front and Frederick Streets. She asked that people go to 160 Frederick Street to sign it. John added that Pam's office plans to contact George Smitherman's office to see if it is possible to co-ordinate a workable solution.

Motion: to congratulate Pam O'Connell on her re-election

Moved by: Ronny Yaron

Seconded by: Cheryl Baker

CARRIED

Delegates were told that out of nine candidates, Pam received 46% of the vote.

Motion: to send a letter of congratulation to George Smitherman for being appointed Minister of Health

Moved by: Helen Marangos

Seconded by: Frank Burns

CARRIED

5. Update from 51 and/or 52 Division

Nancy said that the police representatives might arrive late, so this item was deferred until later in the agenda.

6. Presentation by Lin Wong, Toronto Environmental Alliance re "People's Ridership Growth Strategy"

Nancy introduced Lin Wong and welcomed her to the meeting. Lin told delegates that the TTC has developed initiatives to increase ridership, but hasn't asked communities for input. She is here to provide assistance in liaising between the SLNA and the TTC. Nancy added that she has suggested to Lin that the SLNA might hold a public forum in January, inviting the TTC to discuss the issue with the St. Lawrence community.

Lin responded to questions from the floor.

Nancy suggested holding the forum on January 21, a week before the next SLNA meeting.

Joan Campbell suggested inviting someone from the Waterfront Planning group to the forum.

Lin told delegates that we seemed to understand clearly the transit needs of our community, and also have clear contacts with government representatives. She said that she intends to compile people's input into a "People's Ridership Growth Strategy" and would make that document available to the community. Wally Simpson suggested that a copy of the document also go to the TTC. Lin said she hopes to have the document completed by March. She added that March is a budgetary deadline.

Barbara Bell suggested giving the TTC an advance list of concerns so their representative can come prepared.

Lin said the TTC had a meeting recently where they decided not to increase fares and not to cut services. Lin said that the issue will arise again, and she offered to link up SLNA representatives with upcoming meetings.

Ronny Yaron suggested inviting to the forum Mitch Stambler, an ex-member of Woodsworth Co-op, who is the planner for the TTC.

Nancy thanked Lin for her presentation.

8. Update from Bill Graham's Office—Frank Clarke

Nancy noted that Frank Clarke was not yet present, and that this item on the agenda would be addressed on his arrival.

9. Update from George Smitherman's Office –Jason Lisenchuk

Nancy introduced Jason Lisenchuk. Jason announced that he is replacing Todd Ross, who is now a Senior Assistant to George Smitherman, working with stakeholder groups. Jason promised to provide a written update of action items for future SLNA meetings.

Jason said he will follow up on the Methadone Clinic, that he will work with John Argue to convene a meeting between the two levels of government and any impacted communities. Jason took names of SLNA delegates who would like to attend the meeting.

Jason commented on the need to make changes to the TTC, to improve fare prices and services.

Jason said he'd be pleased to meet with anyone after tonight's meeting, or arrange a meeting at the constituency office, to discuss issues to be raised with George Smitherman's office.

Jason then responded to questions from the floor.

Jason's phone number is (416) 972-7683,
fax (416) 972-7686,
email gsmitherman.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

Nancy thanked Jason for coming.

8. Update from Bill Graham's Office—Frank Clarke

Nancy reverted to this item on the agenda, as Frank Clarke had by now arrived. Nancy welcomed Frank.

Frank gave an update from the federal perspective on city and local issues. He said he has been working with Edward Nixon on the SEDERI proposal. He said Paul Martin has said it is time for a new relationship with the City of Toronto, that he seems to recognize that stable funding, not ad hoc grants, is necessary.

Regarding the fixed link (bridge to the Island Airport), Paul Martin had a meeting with Toronto's Mayor-Elect, and told him that the federal government would respect the wishes of the city if the city chooses to cancel the link. Frank added that the federal government could be of help in resolving usage of the Toronto Islands should the Island Airport not be expanded, perhaps as a heritage site. Frank said that the Distillery District has already received funding from the federal government's heritage fund. Frank believes First Parliament Site is another good candidate for funding.

Frank took questions from the floor. Delegates discussed the heritage value of the First Parliament site, clarifying information for new delegates.

Delegates then discussed current news on the fixed link to the Island Airport.

Nancy thanked Frank.

10. President – Nancy Sheppard

a) Nomination for position of Corporate Secretary

Nancy announced that Pam Gierman, new delegate from Windmill Line, has volunteered to become Corporate Secretary. Because Pam is not present at tonight's meeting, her election will have to wait for the January meeting.

Motion: to nominate Pam Gearman as Recording Secretary for the SLNA

Moved by: Edward Nixon

Seconded by: Cheryl Baker

CARRIED

b) Events

The following events were announced:

- Monday, December 1, East Bayfront Public Forum #2, 5:00-7:00 pm—Open House, 7:00-9:30 pm—Presentation & Display, at the Bambu by the Lake, 245 Queens Quay West (announced by Edward Nixon)
- Tuesday, December 2, West Donlands Public Forum #1, 7:00-9:30—Presentation & Display, Bambu by the Lake, 245 Queens Quay West (announced by Edward Nixon)
- Wednesday, December 3, 9:00 am, City Hall demonstration regarding the Island Airport (announced by Nancy on behalf of Cam Miller)
- Wednesday, December 3, 11:30 am, SLCRC Seniors' Lunch, tickets for \$10 available until this Friday, November 28 (announced by Nancy)
- Saturday, December 13, 11:00-3:00, SLCRC Open House (announced by Dwight Peters, posters provided to delegates)
- Saturday, December 13, 3:30 pm, Family Holiday Party for children ages 3-10 accompanied by parent/guardian (announced by Dwight Peters, posters provided to delegates)
- Monday, December 15, 7:30 pm, Handel's Messiah, St. Lawrence Hall (posters provided to delegates by Nancy)
- Computers at the SLCRC are being readied for usage (announced by James Honeyman)
- Games night is held every Thursday at the SLCRC, 6:00-8:00, all ages welcome, costs \$2 (announced by Dorothy Creaser)

5. Update from 51 and/or 52 Division

Nancy welcomed Bob Kemp, who had just arrived. Bob told delegates that panhandlers in the area have grown rude and violent, so the police were at a meeting tonight and on a walkabout, telling panhandlers to move on. An undercover crew will start tomorrow moving panhandlers out of the St. Lawrence community. He advised delegates to tell their communities to call dispatch if there is a problem with panhandlers. Both 51 and 51 Divisions are involved in this initiative.

Nancy thanked Bob.

11. Traffic – Dwight Peters

a) Update

Nancy called on Dwight Peters for an update. Dwight said that Jarvis and King will be the first intersection monitored by the traffic subcommittee. Volunteers will stand at the intersection and document traffic violators, then pass this information on to the police for follow-up. There are about a dozen folks signed up for shifts. Dwight asked for more people to sign up for one hour shifts 4:00-6:00 weekdays and Saturday 10:00-2:00 during the week of December 1. He said he would make a sign-up sheet available for a while after the meeting.

Dwight added that another intersection or “hot spot” is to be selected next.

There were no questions from the floor.

12. New Business

a) Update on Gardiner/Lakeshore Corridor Task Force—Ronny Yaron

Nancy called on Ronny Yaron. The Gardiner/Lakeshore Corridor Task Force has been looking at all aspects of the waterfront for eight years now. The Task Force has asked if the SLNA wants to continue to be represented at their meetings. They want also to know if Ronny will continue to be the rep.

Frank Burns told the delegates that he is willing to continue as the alternate.

Ronny said the SLNA must write to the Task Force with a response. Candidate qualifications include: “understand the issues and be able to use technical language, groups that bring detailed knowledge of a geographic constituency along the area of study, or knowledge of environment, design, cultural or transportation matters, preference would be given to individuals or organizations who are able to bring both local expertise and general expertise to the ask force.”

Motion: that the SLNA continue to be represented at the Gardiner/Lakeshore Corridor Task Force meetings

Moved by: Cheryl Baker

Seconded by: Barbara Bell

Carried

Nancy agreed to write the letter .

Delegates postponed nominating a representative. Ewa Jarwicka expressed interest. Nancy suggested that she accompany Ronny to the next meeting.

b) Gala Update—Georgette Harris

Nancy announced Georgette. Georgette advised delegates that April 16 is the gala date. She said that the volunteer process and nomination form have been updated. The deadline for nominations is February 1. Georgette passed out copies of the updated form.

c) James Honeyman

Nancy gave James Honeyman the floor. James reminded delegates that the Outdoor Leadership Program this year was a great success. On behalf of the SLCRC, he presented the SLNA with a collage of photos under glass of the kids’ trips in thanks for the SLNA’s contribution.

Nancy thanked James, and advised delegates that the picture would be available to view during the reception following tonight's meeting.

13. Adjournment

Rose Wilner asked for minutes to be distributed to delegates ten days or so before the next meeting from now on. Joan Campbell asked also for the agenda to be distributed the week before. Nancy said that minutes could be provided sooner, but that last minute scheduling made it more difficult to distribute the agenda as soon as delegates would like.

Connie Yang pointed out that there would be no SLNA meeting in December. Nancy wished everyone on behalf of the executive a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. Nancy pointed out that there is a holiday reception following tonight's meeting, with food donated by the St. Lawrence Market.

Nancy asked delegates to fill out the Meeting evaluation form. She acknowledged the St. Lawrence Market Complex for sponsoring this evening's refreshments. She then adjourned the meeting.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting

Moved by: Dorothy Creaser

Seconded by: Edward Nixon

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2004, at 7:00 pm.

Recording Secretary, Arlyss Ponchuk

Chair, Nancy Sheppard