



MINUTES OF DELEGATES' MEETING

November 25, 2009
OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance

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

Executive Members Absent with Regrets

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, St. Lawrence on the Park
Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square

Voting Delegates in Attendance

Cherril Baker, David B. Archer Co-op
Del Brown, Marketview Housing Co-op
Ian Campbell, Woodworth Co-op
Debra Corey, 230 King Street East
David Crawford, 135 George Street South
Jacob Hardie, The Indigo, 50 Lombard Street
Oleg Holowaty, 25 George Street
Shirley Lewis, TCHC, 55 The Esplanade
Catherine Limbertie, TCHC, 1 Church Street
Kathleen Mangan, The Indigo, 50 Lombard Street
Emma McBey, O.W.N.

Margaret McQuade, David B. Archer Co-op
Jane Mendita, Woodsworth Co-op
Judith Nagata, King George Square
Marc Piccinato, Windmill Line Co-op
Alan Seymour, Old York Tower
Robert Sherrin, Abbey Lofts, 261 King St. E.
Farhan Syed, The Metropole, 7 King St East
Lois Thomson, David B. Archer Co-op
Maureen Walsh, TCHC, 15 Scadding
Anna Wichelow, Windmill Line Co-op
John Wichelow, Windmill Line Co-op
Connie Yang, OWN

Associate Members & Guests

Michelle Carlisle, DAS
Tom Davidson, Constituency Assistant, Councillor Pam McConnell's Office
Julio de Souza, Principal, St. Michaels Catholic School
Shawn Dwyer, Youth Outreach Worker, John Innis Community Recreation Centre
Judy Gingrich, 230 King Street East
David Hains, SLCRC and John Innis Community Recreation Centre
Richard Pattee Windmill Line Co-op Board Liaison
Al Smith, SLMN-BIA
Benoit Tardif, 25 Henry Lane Terrace

Regrets: Joyce Arnold

Recording Secretary: Arlyss Ponchuk

ABBREVIATIONS

BIA: Business Improvement Area
DAS: Downtown Alternative School
OMB: Ontario Municipal Board
SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre
SLMN-BIA: St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area
SLNA: St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association
TCHC: Toronto Community Housing Corporation

1. Registration and Refreshments

2. Meeting Starts – Secretary Matt Raizenne

a) Opening Remarks

Secretary Matthew Raizenne called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and chaired the meeting. A round table of introductions was conducted.

b) Approval of Agenda

Amendments:

- Replace First Parliament Site presentation with: Swing Set – Tom Davison and David Hains, Vote Toronto, 2010 Membership Fee Motion, and Market Wharf
- Alan Seymour will present the by-laws in agenda item #8
- add Food Drive Announcement

At the Delegates' meeting in January, Rollo Myers' will give his presentation on the First Parliament Site, including recent significant advancements.

Motion: to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Alan Seymour

CARRIED

c) Approval of Minutes

Amendment: add to attendance Judith Nagata, 168 King Street East, King George Square. The Secretary will confirm that she is a Delegate.

Motion: to approve the October 2009 minutes as amended.

Moved by: John Wichelow

Seconded by: Jacquie Williams

CARRIED

3. Swing Set – Tom Davison and David Hains

Tom Davidson reported. Several years ago SAS, one of the first sustainable office buildings in Toronto, was built on King Street East near Parliament Street. As a condition for its development, SAS agreed to donate to parks improvements in the neighbourhood. SAS, the SLNA, and Councillor McConnell's office worked together to complete the first phase of donations: benches and trees. Stakeholders decided for the second phase to install a swing set with one swing accessible to disabled children. Tom Davidson now presented a proposal to install the swing set in David Crombie Park between George Street and Frederick Street, in front of Woodsworth Co-op. He asked the SLNA to support this initiative.

David Hains added that the swings and nearby wading pool will create a family-friendly area. The shed in the parkette near the wading pool will be replaced by a bin to store items such as pool chemicals. City staff maintain the park facilities and provide two staff as pool lifeguards every summer. Excavation for the swing set has already begun, for an official opening next spring and use by next summer.

David Hains proposed to increase enforcement against and education of dog owners who use the parkette.

Motion to support an accessible swing set in David Crombie Park near the wading pool at The Esplanade and George Street South.

Moved by: John Wichelow

Seconded by: Robert Sherrin

CARRIED

The Chair thanked Tom Davidson and David Hains for their report.

4. Vote Toronto

Matthew Raizenne presented the following motion. Tom Davidson explained that Councillor McConnell supports the idea, and that the proposal has been approved by the Executive Committee and will be considered by City Council next week. Provincial approval might also be required.

MOTION that the SLNA support Vote Toronto's campaign to ban union and corporate donations to the campaigns of candidates for City Councillor and the Mayor.

Moved by: Ronny Yaron

Seconded by: Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel

CARRIED

5. Market Wharf

Matthew Raizenne invited feedback from Delegates to forward to the developers about construction at the site of Market Wharf, located south of The Esplanade at Jarvis.

conducted in accordance with requirements of the Ministry of the Environment.

Feedback:

- ask the developers to build into the cost of the condominiums window treatments so that the building's exterior has a uniform appearance
- enforce the City's noise by-law so that construction occurs only within the hours allowed: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm weekdays, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Saturdays, and no hours on Sundays
- identify what the neighbourhood is receiving in return for the disruption. The Chair offered to have the Development Committee describe at the Delegates' meeting in January the benefits to the community from building developments in the last couple of years
- identify precautions being taken to excavate the land, which is contaminated. Tom Davidson explained that there are only pockets of contamination, not pervasive contamination, and that the excavation is being

Tom Davidson added that the developers are responsible for providing streetscaping along Jarvis Street in conjunction with the promenade plan for Jarvis Street:

- set-back upper floors to create more air space
- wider sidewalk to create a generous pedestrian promenade
- canopy along the building down to the railway as weather protection
- landscaping
- pedestrian access mid-block from Jarvis to Market Street

The front half of the north podium is being built first, then the back half of the podium, then the tower. The north side of the podium is currently under construction and the back half of the podium will begin construction shortly.

6. 251 King Street Update – Matt Raizenne

Matthew Raizenne, Robert Sherrin, and Tom Davidson gave an update on and answered questions regarding the development at 251 King Street, located on the southeast corner of King and Sherbourne. Community Council has recently approved the planners' report with amendments by Councillor McConnell to conduct

a study on retaining the historic building on the site and to reduce the amount of low-grade parking. The developers want to tear down the existing structure and have appealed to the OMB. The OMB hearing is scheduled for April 2010.

Tom Davidson advised that the developers' application for a demolition permit was formally refused by City Council so is part of the appeal process before the OMB. The planners' report requires fewer levels of below-grade parking in order to reduce the possibility that excavation might shake and cause structural damage to the existing building.

The planners' report also requires additional set-backs of the building's upper levels. The developers are proposing a vertical wall with no set-backs. The community is concerned that vertical walls could set a precedent for future building developments on Sherbourne south of King Street. Delegates expressed concern not to adversely affect the streetscape of our historic neighbourhood.

7. Motion to Approve Membership Fees – Treasurer Bruno Leps

Matthew Raizenne and Ronny Yaron presented the following motion on behalf of Treasurer Bruno Leps:

Motion: that the 2010 SLNA annual full voting membership fees for multi-unit dwellings remain at \$2.25 per unit for a maximum of \$275 and that the annual associate non-voting membership fee remain at \$30 per dwelling.

Moved by: Ronny Yaron

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

CARRIED

8. By-law Presentation – Alan Seymour

The proposed updated By-law Number 1 was circulated to Delegates by email prior to tonight's meeting and was posted at www.slna.ca for feedback. The Board adopted it on November 11. Alan Seymour now presented it for Delegates' approval.

Alan Seymour thanked the members of the subcommittee that updated the by-law: Joan Campbell, Cherril Baker, and David Crawford. He especially thanked Marcus Little who chaired the committee. He thanked members of the Board for their support.

Alan Seymour reviewed the main headings of the by-law.

Jacque Williams pointed out that two late proposed changes submitted last week were not added to the draft. Connie Yang suggested that the by-law might provide for one of the two signing authorities to be a committee Chair. Alan Seymour suggested with the support of Delegates that the by-law be approved as presented and that further amendments be considered later. Matthew Raizenne offered to follow-up.

Motion to adopt By-law Number 1, "A By-law Describing How the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association Conducts Its Affairs," 12 pages dated November 11, 2009.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: David Crawford

CARRIED

Ian Campbell suggested that the by-law include a provision that by-law amendments require two-thirds majority in favour in order to pass.

David Crawford pointed out that the SLNA, as a corporation, falls under the requirements of the Corporations Act, so that some proposed amendments might already be covered by the Act.

The Chair thanked Alan Seymour for his work on the by-law. Alan Seymour and Cherril Baker asked that special thanks go to Marcus Little for chairing the committee, for making all the revisions to the by-law, and for keeping the committee on track.

9. New Business

a) Food and Clothing Drive

Anna Wichelow announced that Windmill Line Co-op held a food and clothing drive on November 7 and raised 86 pounds of food and 350 items of clothing and housewares. Windmill Line Co-op challenges all other residential multi-plex buildings to top that. The Chair offered to post information on the SLNA's website so

that interested residents can contact Windmill Line for more information.

b) Seniors' St. Lawrence Christmas Luncheon

Dan O'Leary announced that the Seniors' St. Lawrence Christmas luncheon will take place at St. Lawrence Hall on December 2. He had tickets for sale.

10. School/Youth Forum, and

11. Panel Discussion on How SLNA Can Support Education and Youth

The Chair invited feedback on how the SLNA can better support programming for youth in the neighbourhood.

Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel introduced the panel speakers. Ronny Yaron advised that the Trustees of the Public and Catholic School Boards were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Julio de Souza, Principal for St. Michael Catholic School, gave an update on supporting youth at the school:

- the school introduced a uniform dress code a couple of years ago, and the effect has been very positive
- children are encouraged to "represent yourself, your family, and then your school"
- the children and the school are in a safe neighbourhood: this neighbourhood gives a feeling of being safe
- the Principal has an open door policy; members of the community are welcome to phone or come to the school to speak to him

David Hains gave an update on programs and youth initiatives at SLCRC:

- SLCRC is a healthy family-based community centre
- youth programming includes break dancing, babysitting courses, and youth night
- SLCRC hires local youths
- SLCRC has partnered with the North St. Lawrence Market to provide a skateboarding program Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the North Market, with 80-100 skateboarders attending each night; and to provide a family roller skating program in conjunction with a women's roller derby team on Tuesday evenings
- SLCRC is seeking a space for a Youth Lounge for youth on the west side of Jarvis. SLCRC will provide

furnishings and programs. The space at 1 Church Street has closed but the youth who used the facility are now making use of SLCRC's centre.

- an after school homework club accommodates thirty children from Market Lane Public School
- SLCRC is developing a youth mentorship program with about sixty businesses in Berkeley Castle.
- a company called Draftfcb held a global day of giving, acquired 400 books through a literacy drive, and also spent time with SLCRC kids to create a beautiful mural and to read with them
- Shawn Dwyer is working 40 hours per week as a youth outreach worker in the Moss Park neighbourhood and as of January will work at SLCRC for 20 hours per week.

Shawn Dwyer described his work as a youth outreach worker, starting in St. Jamestown in 2000. He assists youths 12-24 years old, challenges their interests and encourages them to develop in a productive way.

Michelle Carlisle described DAS:

- small school with students from all over the GTA and strong contingent from this neighbourhood
- hoping to attract more students and resources
- public schools are surprisingly underfunded; Parent Council can do much to support resources and curricular (and extracurricular) activities by helping to buy books and computers for classrooms
- DAS seeks new ways to be an alternative school; one strong feature is high parent participation

Priorities:

- Michelle Carlisle encouraged the SLNA to help DAS acquire resources.
- David Hains identified space for a youth lounge as a primary need.

- Julio de Souza asked members of the community to volunteer to teach kids to play piano on an unused piano at St. Michael's Catholic School. "If you have a roster of people who know how to play and teach and can do it as volunteers I can set up a schedule and let the parents know."

- Matthew Raizenne proposed that more partnerships could be developed between schools/SLCRC and local young professionals to mentor youth.

Tom Davidson offered to contact the Leasing Manager for TCHC to flag spaces that come available that might be usable as an SLCRC Youth Lounge.

John Wichelow offered to join a committee if one is formed to work with youth representatives, school trustees, etc. to provide support for neighbourhood children. The Chair offered to take his proposal to the Executive Committee for consideration.

David Hains clarified that the purpose of the Youth Lounge and skateboarding evenings are not merely to provide recreational outlets for youth, but to enable SLCRC staff to get to know the youth and encourage

them to enter into more productive developmental programming at SLCRC. Youth are invited to "hang out" and then are encouraged to participate in mentoring and educational programs.

Ronny Yaron described how the Jane/Finch area "have more going on than we do here because they get going." They could not find space for youths so had funders outfit two buses with computers etc. which provide mobile space. She encouraged the SLNA to come up with ideas. Perhaps developers of new buildings could be encouraged to donate space. Matthew Raizenne suggested that this could be part of the role of the proposed committee.

VP External Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel invited residents to contact him with more ideas.

The Chair thanked the guest panelists. He encouraged Delegates and community members to think on their way home of things that they might personally do to create a better environment for our community and our kids, and to take action so that next year this time the conversation can be even more vibrant.

12. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.

The SLNA acknowledges The Second Cup for sponsoring this evening's refreshments, and OWN for hosting tonight's meeting.

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

There is no meeting in December.

Secretary

President