

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

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 Burns, Longboat Res. Assoc. V
At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V
At Large: Mohammed Hoque, New Hibret Co-op V
At Large: Dwight Peters, 25 The Esplanade V
Past President: Edward Nixon, Windmill Line Co-op V

Delegates 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
Jeanette Postnikoff, 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 & Round Robin

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:10 pm. Nancy Sheppard chaired the meeting.

Nancy introduced herself and welcomed delegates to the meeting. She introduced Zaria John, a representative of the Market Lane School Council, and Delano, a resident at Marketview Co-op, as well as new delegates: Rachel Cowan and Pam Gierman of Windmill Line Co-op, and Peter Enwalt of Caroline Co-op. A round table of introductions was then conducted.

Nancy ensured that everyone had a copy of the agenda and distributed a few remaining copies of the minutes of the last meeting to people who did not already have copies. She also asked delegates to sign the sign-in sheet.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: to approve the agenda as amended

Moved by: Dorothy Creaser

Seconded by: Peter Ewalt

Carried

3. Approval of September 24, 2003 Minutes

Dorothy Creaser pointed out on page four the correct name for the “St. Lawrence Community & Recreation Centre Advisory Council.”

Dorothy spoke to the All Candidates meeting last night. She said the SLNA was well represented by the SLNA’s President. Delegates applauded Nancy Sheppard.

Motion: to approve the September 24, 2003 minutes as amended

Moved by: Bob Kemp

Seconded by: Cheryl Baker

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Update from 51 and/or 52 Division

Bob Kemp introduced Detective Sergeant Darren Hallman, who works with Staff Sergeant Kelly. DS Hallman introduced two other officers in attendance. He announced the tentative opening date of the new police station as March, 2004. DS Hallman deals with drug problems in 51 Division, and invited delegates to ask him questions after his talk.

DS Hallman reported that more officers on bicycles will be available in the neighbourhood now that summer is over. In August, Chief Fantino designated a Street Violence Task Force as a result of all the shootings. Last night Hallman arrested four drug dealers at Sherbourne and Dundas. He can co-ordinate a drug bust in “your” area, and bring in many officers. A major drug dealer in our neighbourhood is currently in court. He was arrested last March at the Community Centre. He lives at Henry Lane Terrace. He might receive two or three months in jail. DS Hallman warned delegates that drug dealers consider such minimal sentences as “the cost of doing business,” and return to drug dealing after serving time.

Delegates asked DS Hallman questions related to drug dealing in the neighbourhood, and expressed dissatisfaction at how well entrenched the “business” appears to be.

Frank Clarke, from Bill Graham's office, announced that his office is looking into an amendment to the criminal code to recognize community impact statements, to give them the same weight as individual impact statements.

DS Hallman responded to more questions and comments on drug dealing in the neighbourhood. He recommended that the community evict drug dealers who deal from out of their homes.

Nancy advised delegates that she has extra copies of the flyer "Safety in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood," which has phone numbers for police contacts. If you are not satisfied with the response at the 222 number, she said, then contact Inspector Kinsman, whose number is also listed on the flyer.

Nancy thanked the detectives for their attendance at tonight's meeting. They then left the meeting

Motion: Send a letter to Bill Graham's office in support of amending the criminal code to recognize community impact statements

Moved by: Helen Marangos

Seconded by: Frank McLean

CARRIED

6. Report from Parks & Rec – Darrell Vossen

Nancy distributed a handout from Darrell Vossen, Parks Supervisor, who was unable to attend this evening. Nancy read his report aloud. She offered to email Darrell with delegate questions and report his answers.

Darrell Vossens reported that four new lights have been installed in Crombie Park, two by the stonehenge patio in the west end, and one on each of the concrete north/south walkways in the east end. He hopes there is enough funding to add lighting outside of St. Mike's Catholic School's large playground. In the west end, he added, there are currently two deteriorated brick patios undergoing repairs.

In Market Lane Park, the middle bench arms have been installed on all permanent park benches. The brick patio in the north end is currently undergoing repair work. Electricians are preparing a lighting plan.

In the St. James Cathedral area, all permanent benches have been fitted with middle bench arms. The gazebo has been retrofitted with additional lighting on the roof. Lights are not yet installed in the park.

Nancy documented requests and suggestions by delegates.

Georgette Harris reported that a \$200,000 bequest left by a parishioner at St. James Cathedral is intended for the cathedral's formal decorative park. There will be more lighting. Dead trees will be replaced.

Nancy documented more questions from delegates for Darrell.

7. City Update – John Argue

Nancy reported that John Argue will be arriving late. She moved to the next item on the agenda.

8. President – Nancy Sheppard

a) Events

Nancy announced the following events:

On October 28 (last night) the “Ward 28 All Candidates' Debate” took place at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts. It was very successful; 8 of 9 candidates attended. A tape recording of the debate will be available on the SLC Forum website in a few days (forum.stlc.com).

On Saturday, November 1, St. Lawrence Market will hold their 200th Anniversary celebrations. Festivities start at 9:00 a.m. Unveiling of an historical plaque will take place at 10:30 am in the North Market, followed by a reception, which will include a birthday cake.

On Thursday, November 6, “Celebrate Toronto” will take place at St. James Cathedral, starting at 7:30 pm. The event is being organized by John Sewell. Admission is free.

Sunday, November 16 is the Annual PAL Bazaar.

Saturday, December 13 is the SLCRC Open House, from 11:00 to 3:00. This event will include a dedication of the lobby to PJ Nicholson (who was one of the founders of the SLNA). SLNA representatives will be on hand.

On Monday, December 15, Handel's Messiah will be performed at St. Lawrence Hall. This event is a fundraiser for the Citizens for the Old Town. Tickets are available at the CFOT office or from CFOT Board members.

Nancy asked for more event announcements from delegates. None were forthcoming.

b) Outstanding Positions

Corporate Secretary: Sandy Sellers is no longer a delegate and so is no longer eligible to hold this position. Nancy asked delegates to let her know of any interested persons who could fill the position.

CPLC Rep to 52 Division: With Lawrence Hawkes' resignation, Dwight Peters is stepping up into Lawrence's position, and an alternate is now needed. Barry Bandurk offered to serve as alternate. Nancy thanked him for taking on the position.

Development Committee: Nancy pointed out that the committee has become inactive. Committee members present tonight announced that the committee does not have a Chair. Cam Miller agreed to organize the next meeting of the committee.

9. V.P. Internal – Georgette Harris

a) Gala Committee Update

Georgette announced that since July she has been recruiting for a new Gala co-ordinator. Aurie Henson has volunteered. Georgette will train her in the position. April 16 is the tentative date for the next gala. Delegates applauded Aurie's participation.

10. Treasurer – Frank Burns

a) September Financial Statements

A financial statement was distributed to delegates. Frank reviewed some of the items. Event insurance has gone up. As of next year, the gala and the festival will have to budget for insurance. On page 1, an accounts receivable total not yet received is expected by the end of the year. Frank said that for a donation, the SLNA has a used Compaq pentium 1 computer and a printer for sale. Frank invited delegates to enjoy the food donated by St. Lawrence Market.

7. City Update – John Argue

Nancy welcomed John Argue, from Councilor Pam McConnell's office. John reported that Pam has been campaigning this month and that councilors have not been meeting much this month due to the election. He said that Pam hasn't had time to set that up the traffic committee discussed at the last SLNA meeting, but that it will be organized soon.

John said he would like to receive minutes from the North Market Development Initiative meetings. Delegates briefly discussed the North Market Development Initiative. Frank Burns said a report is coming out shortly, in the form of a letter to Pam McConnell, which outlines aspects agreed upon.

Nancy agreed to email to John Darrell Vossens' response to SLNA delegates' questions. John will send Nancy an update on the Front/Jarvis traffic light project; he was unable to gather the information in time for tonight's meeting. John added that Pam's office is looking into ways to reinforce to the public that St. Lawrence is a neighbourhood and that traffic should slow down accordingly.

John apologized for needing to leave the meeting early. Nancy thanked him for his report.

11. Traffic – Dwight Peters

a) Update

Dwight reported that a cohesive traffic plan for the neighbourhood is in the works. The "get thinking" part of the plan is a long term vision for improving traffic safety in the neighbourhood. The "get going" part of the plan is to start to identify small projects that can be moved on soon. For example, King and Jarvis gridlocks are a problem. Recently painted grids are not enforced. Perhaps a citizens' group can build awareness by taking pictures of cars in the grid, and filling out police forms, so that the police will send warnings to the drivers. Dwight will be co-ordinating with Detective John Liska of 52 Division. He asked delegates to encourage people to volunteer for this traffic safety initiative. A committee could also ensure that promised traffic safety installations are put in place. Dwight responded to questions from delegates.

12. New Business

a) Dorothy Creaser, Announcement

Dorothy distributed a flyer for posting. A Seniors Holiday Dinner, organized by Synergetic Adults (55+) and Community Centre Staff, will be held Wednesday, December 3, at the St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre's multipurpose room. The cost is \$10 per person (50+) or \$5 per person (Welcome

Policy—a reduced rate for people otherwise unable to attend). Seventy-five tickets are for sale at Reception before November 15, 2003.

b) Cam Miller, Announcement

As VP External, Cam has served as SLNA delegate to the Community Air Initiative, attempting to stop construction of the bridge to the Island Airport. Tomorrow at 10:00 am, at City Hall, the Community Air Initiative is holding a press meeting. Cam welcomed other delegates to attend.

Cam said that on Saturday he will be distributing green leaflets on behalf of the Community Air Initiative outside St. Lawrence Market. He asked for volunteers to help distribute the leaflets, either on Saturday or within their own residence.

13. Adjournment

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.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 26, at 7:00 pm.

Recording Secretary, Arlyss Ponchuk

Chair, Nancy Sheppard