

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING

October 26, 2005

OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Cam Miller, King George Square V
V.P. Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op V
V.P. External: Robert Prowse, Space Condos V
Treasurer: Paul Smith, St Lawrence on the Park, V
At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V
At Large: Connie Yang, OWN Co-op V

In Attendance:

Judith Anderson, Marketview Co-op V
Randy Bath, 15 Scadding, V
Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op, V
Alice Briesmaster, New Times Sq 2 V
Frank Burns, Longboat Residents Association V
Dorothy Creaser, OYT, V
Terry Eitel, OYT, V
Robin Hart, Crombie Park V
Stig Harvor, La Place St. Laurent V
Aurie Hensman, 160 Frederick St V
Peter Jackson, Market Square V
Catherine Limbertie, 1 Church Street, V
Beatrice Magder, OWN Co-op, V
Susan McLeod, Market Square, V
George Millbrandt, Longboat Residents Assoc. V
Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V
Dawn Murray, Windmill Line Co-op V
Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding, V
Anna Lee Orr, David B. Archer Co-op V
Dwight Peters, Twenty Five The Esplanade, V
Tim Rourke, 15 Scadding, V
Sherri Russell, F.A.N. V
Alan Seymour, Longboat Residents Assoc. V
Nancy Sheppard, St Lawrence on the Park, V
Michael Waring, New Times Square, V
Judith Willmott, The Bentley, V

Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

Shawn Bassin, George Smitherman's Office, G
Michelle Buckley, Pam McConnell's Office, G
Frank Clarke, Bill Graham's Office, G
Jenn Sentetos, Bill Graham's Office, G

Norma Seymour, St Lawrence Resident, G
Halina Shaller, St Lawrence Resident, G

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

With Regrets:

Cherril Baker, David B. Archer Co-op, V
Samantha Hewit, Space Condos, V
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op, V
Frank McLean, Twenty Five The Esplanade, V
Loralie Olinyk, Harmony Co-op, V
Karen Serwonka, David B. Archer Co-op, V

ACRONYMS:

BIA: Business Improvement Area
CMHC: Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation
CPLC: Community Police Liaison Committee
HRSDC: Human Resources and Skills Development
Canada
OMB: Ontario Municipal Board
PSB: Police Services Board
SLCRA: St. Lawrence Condo Ratepayers Association
SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre
TIACAC: Toronto Island Airport Community
Advisory Committee
TCHC: Toronto Community Housing Corporation
TWRC: Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Committee

1. Welcome & Round Robin

Cam Miller called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. He introduced himself as President and he chaired the meeting. A round table of introductions was conducted. An attendance sheet was passed around.

2. Pam Gierman — Ronny Yaron

Dawn Murray of Windmill Line Co-op announced that Pam Gierman, a Windmill Line Delegate, recently passed away. She described Pam Gierman as a very active volunteer in the community. She thanked the SLNA for its donation in Pam's honour to the Spina Bifida and Encephylitis Foundation. A memorial service is scheduled for October 29 at the Church in the City, at George Street and The Esplanade.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair made the following amendments:

- re-number the Agenda sequentially
- Insert after "Update from Police 51 Division": "U-Can Litter Boxes and Scott/Front Traffic Signal Request—George Milbrandt"; "SLNA Website—Joan Campbell"; "Summer League Sponsorship Motion—Dwight Peters"; "Notices from Developers—Cam Miller"
- Relocate "smartliving St. Lawrence—Ben Marans and Mark Singh" to follow the "Notice from Developers" in order to accommodate Ben Marans who needed to leave early. The Chair added that Mark Singh sent regrets that he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Delegates made the following amendments:

- Ron Monteith asked to add "Announcements" under "New Business"

Motion: to approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Terry Eitel

Seconded by: Robert Prowse

CARRIED

4. Approval of September 28, 2005 Minutes

Amendments:

- Page 5, #11: Nancy Sheppard asked that her motion correctly state that the school in question is "St. Michael's Catholic school" not "St. Lawrence Catholic School."
- Shawn Bassin asked that his name be spelled correctly.

Motion: to approve the September 28, 2005 minutes as amended.

Moved by: Dawn Murray

Seconded by: Michael Waring

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

6. Preview of November Delegates Meeting on Safety — Barbara Bell

Barbara Bell reported that the special SLNA Delegates meeting on safety and security in November will have a panel, including representatives from the CPLC, 51 Division, the Parks Ambassador's office, the BIA and Toronto Police Services. Michelle Buckley stated that Councillor Pam McConnell will attend.

Ben Marans of smartliving St. Lawrence noted that 51 Division gave him specific statistics on crime in the SLN and offered to pass the information to Barbara. Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly of 51 Division stated that statistics by neighbourhood are labour-intensive and will not be available on a regular basis.

Aurie Hensman asked Delegates to read in advance of the November meeting *Toronto Drug Strategy*, a report prepared by the City, which can be accessed on the internet via www.google.ca. On behalf of MPP George Smitherman, Shawn Bassin noted that the report is a municipal project undertaken at the request of the Federal Government, and that the Provincial Government was not involved in it but is aware of it.

Paul Smith noted that any community member can attend the November meeting, but that only Delegates can vote. Barbara Bell added that the meeting will focus on how the SLNA works in conjunction with the police and other security-related organizations, and is not intended for individuals to report incidents.

7. Update from Police 51 Division

Cam welcomed Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly. He reported that with the help of images from digital security systems, the police have arrested a man and charged him with 40 counts of bicycle theft in the SLN. The police expect to charge him with 20-30 more counts of theft. 14 Division in the west end also has charges against him. In response to Robin Hart, Tom Kelly stated that the police do not yet know the location of the bicycles. In response to Aurie Hensman, Tom Kelly stated that if convicted the man will receive from six months to two years, probably the lengthier sentence as he has a police record.

In response to Robert Prowse, Tom Kelly stated that it is not a criminal offense for residents to publish photos of suspects captured digitally on their residential security systems, but that there might be civil liability on the grounds that the person might have been present but not committing a crime. In response to Sherri Russell, Tom Kelly noted that the bicycle thief is different from the person(s) committing break-ins into residential units recently and that the police do not yet have any suspects.

In response to Barbara Bell's concern that 12 guns were found on the premises in the 35 Henry Lane Terrace shooting, Tom Kelly stated that that is not so. Three guns were dumped away from the premises in garbage bins. The police have no suspects as "everyone involved is uncommunicative."

Tom Kelly reported that the CPLC is hosting a Town Hall Meeting at St. Lawrence Hall, Monday, November 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m. This year the meeting will have an educational theme on two hot topics: internet frauds and identity thefts. The police will give citizens information on how to protect yourself from being victimized.

Cam Miller thanked Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly for his report. Tom Kelly left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

8. U-Can Litter Boxes and Scott/Front Traffic Signal Request—George Milbrandt

George Milbrandt, co-Chair of the BIA, reported that the BIA has written a letter to the City to express displeasure at the plan to introduce to Toronto neighbourhoods oversized garbage bins with ad space. The bins amount to 7-foot high billboards. The BIA recommends that the SLNA write a similar letter.

Motion: that the Executive contact our Councillor and other City officials to tell them we do not want these grotesque garbage cans in our neighbourhood.

Moved by Robert Prowse

Seconded Frank Burns

CARRIED

George Milbrandt stated that as part of Front Street renovations currently underway, the BIA tried, unsuccessfully, to get lights installed at Front and Scott Streets. A lot of pedestrian traffic crosses Front Street to go to theatres. Traffic will increase with new condominiums planned for 40 The Esplanade.

Motion: that the SLNA write a letter to the Councillor requesting that the intersection of Scott and Front be traffic signalled.

Moved by: George Milbrandt

Seconded by: Aurie Hensman

CARRIED

9. SLNA Website—Joan Campbell

Joan Campbell explained that the SLNA's website had been set up by Frank Burns and, after he moved away, maintained by Dwight Peters. Because Dwight Peters no longer has time to maintain the site, Joan Campbell located a professional web master for a reasonable price.

Motion: to authorize the expenditure of up to \$576 over a six month period for a professional web master for redesign and maintenance of our website.

Moved by: Joan Campbell

Seconded by: Paul Smith

Amendment by Frank Burns: that the SLNA Communications Committee spend the \$576 by March 2006, the date of the AGM, for writers of web content on the website, on topics including the environment, youth, seniors, development, and safety.

Amendment Seconded by: Robert Prowse

Amendment Seconder withdrawn, on realization that the \$576 was not to be an additional amount.

The Chair declared the Amendment out of order and returned discussion to the original Motion.

Peter Jackson moved to refer the Motion back to the Communications Committee.

The Chair vetoed the referral on the grounds that the Committee has already tried and failed to make a decision.

Terry Eitel called the question

ORIGINAL MOTION DEFEATED, 8 in favour, 10 against

Frank Burns offered to maintain the website during his current 6-month stay in Toronto. He argued that the website has already been set up and is currently free, and that writers are needed for content, else a webmaster would have no work to do. Elizabeth McLeod suggested that volunteers do the writing.

Motion: that the SLNA Communication Committee spend up to \$500 by the AGM (March 2006) on honoraria for content for the SLNA website

Moved by: Frank Burns

Seconded by: Alan Seymour

DEFEATED, by a clear majority

Joan Campbell resigned from the Communication Committee.

10. Summer League Sponsorship Motion—Dwight Peters

Dwight Peters, Chair of the SLCRC Advisory Council, reminded the SLNA that the Rec Centre held a Summer Sports League this year, and that in past years the SLNA has made a donation to it. He requested a retroactive sponsorship of 5 soccer teams at \$250 per team.

Motion: to sponsor 5 teams at the 2005 SLCRC summer sports league at a cost of \$1,250.

Moved by: Dwight Peter

Seconded by: Dawn Murray

CARRIED

11. Notices from Developers—Cam Miller

Cam Miller reported that thanks to a deputation by Dennis Glasgow at a recent meeting of the Transportation Committee, a new policy is under consideration. Up to now new building development notices for public consultations have covered too small a geographic area and have been sent, in residential buildings, only to Property Managers. The Committee now recommends that the notification area expand from 120 feet to 500 feet, that each unit in a building receive a copy, and that the developers pay the cost of the notification. This matter is going to City Council in December.

12. City Update from Pam McConnell's Office (Councillor) — Michelle Buckley

Cam Miller welcomed Michelle Buckley. She asked that the SLNA let Pam McConnell's office know if the new procedure for building development notifications works, and added that the geographic area of 120 feet can be increased on special request. She recommended that the SLNA Executive arrange for Delegates to be notified so that Delegates can convey the notices to their whole neighbourhood.

Michelle responded to questions from last month:

- The St. James Garden renovation is behind schedule but is now planned for spring 2006. Tenders went out but either no contractors were interested or their quotations were too high.
- The Market Street Parkette is not well tended this year because the irrigation system for watering plants is broken. The City will arrange to get it repaired. Paul Smith noted that the lighting on the west wall of the North Market is not on most nights. Michelle will look into it.
- Pam McConnell is well aware that Ward 28, including the SLN, does not want the oversized garbage bins in their neighbourhood. Pam opted out of the pilot project for this reason. Michelle recommended that people complete a survey by phone message at (416) 392-6000 or internet at www.toronto.ca/bintest. Results and next steps will be communicated in January. This is probably a deputable item.

Michelle reported that two SLNA members received City awards last week in the Beautiful City initiative: Dan O'Leary for creating the children's garden in Princess Street Park and Donna Burns for maintaining the garden at Jarvis and The Esplanade. Delegates applauded.

At the request of Connie Yang, Michelle will find out when the large garbage bin between OWN and Old York Tower, which was to be in place only during construction, will be removed.

Cam Miller thanked Michelle Buckley for her report. Michelle left the meeting soon after.

13. smartliving St. Lawrence – Ben Marans

Cam Miller welcomed Ben Marans. Ben Marans explained that he is Project Co-ordinator for smartliving St. Lawrence, a joint project between the SLNA and Eneract, the latter a non-profit energy conservation organization. smartliving is funded for three years by a Trillium Grant and by the Toronto Atmospheric Fund. The mandate of smartliving is to keep neighbourhoods vibrant, green and energy conscious, healthy for this and future generations. smartliving is partnering with many neighbourhood groups on projects to achieve this:

- with the BIA to promote local businesses' environmental friendliness
- with the SLCRC for physical activity programs for youths and seniors
- with Cool Shops, a program that distributes compact fluorescent lights to small businesses, audits energy savings, and offers other energy-conscious products to the businesses at discount prices.
- with local schools in a "reduce car idling" campaign for parents who drive their kids to and from school
- with Auto Share to encourage more people in the neighbourhood to share ownership of one car.
- with Toronto Dollar and C'est What restaurant, to host a speaker series on environmental topics, tickets purchased in Toronto Dollars, for speaker and meal at C'est What restaurant on Front Street.

smartliving is conducting a study to determine the baseline energy consciousness of our neighbourhood. People can participate online at www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=765691399485, and can visit smartliving online at www.smartliving.ca to sign up for the newsletter and volunteer.

Cam Miller thanked Ben Marans for his presentation.

14. Provincial Update from George Smitherman's Office (MPP) — Shawn Bassin

Cam Miller welcomed Shawn Bassin. Shawn reported that regarding OMB reform, Housing Minister John Garretson has completed all consultations and is reviewing them, with legislation anticipated shortly. At the request of Peter Jackson, Shawn will look into whether he can provide the SLNA a summary of the recommendations.

Regarding neighbourhood gun problems, this week the Attorney General announced that beginning immediately 26 senior police officers will join the Toronto Anti-Guns and Gangs Task Force. 32 additional Crown Prosecutors will work exclusively to both prosecute existing guns and gangs cases and support the investigation, laying and prosecution of new gun-related charges. The Task Force, set up by the Attorney General in January 2004, has led to large-scale gang takedowns resulting in dozens of arrests.

Frank Burns asked Shawn Bassin to look into whether recent changes to legislation on child support can be revoked.

Cam Miller thanked Shawn Bassin for his report.

15. Federal Update from Bill Graham's Office (MP) — Jenn Syntetos

Cam Miller welcomed Frank Clarke. Frank reported on the following initiatives:

- A new anti-gun package will include strengthening the witness protection program, increasing sentencing for gun crimes, and providing new funding for crime prevention programs. Social issues are the root problem, as mentioned earlier in tonight's meeting by Stig Harvour. The Government wants to convince U.S. authorities to enforce gun control as up to 50% of guns are smuggled in from the U.S.
- Other crime concerns including street racing and auto theft are under consideration.
- A home heating package will be introduced to provide one-time support for low income Canadians.
- The Government announced today an additional \$20 million donation to earthquake victims in Pakistan, bringing the total to \$55 million. An emergency assistance group, DART, is in the remote regions of Pakistan, providing clean water and medical care.

Stig Harvour asked for an update on the status of the TPA, particularly a response from Minister LaPierre's office which was not available last month. Frank noted that SLNA Delegate Frank McLean is attending a meeting tonight of the TWRC. Minister LaPierre's office explained recent renovations at the Toronto Island Airport as upgrades for safety purposes (upgrading runways but not adding extensions, upgrading runway lighting, plans to reintroduce 5 flights a day to Ottawa). No further upgrades will be made until completion

of an environmental assessment. The draft report will be available November 4. The TPA will then hold two weeks of public consultations, including an open house on November 22 at the Radison Admiral Hotel.

Given the large donation to Pakistan, Robert Prowse asked about the status of residents in Kashechewan, Ontario, whose drinking water has been contaminated for years and whose crisis is only now being acknowledged. Frank described it as a multi-governmental matter. He will keep the community informed.

Paul Smith asked for information on the U.S. draining their contaminated Devil's Lake into Lake Winnipeg, noting that the international body that monitors Canada and the U.S. has not taken action. He also pointed out that Americans want to reverse the flow of Lake Michigan into their country, to siphon off fresh water from Canada. Frank responded that the Government is adamantly against the Lake Michigan initiative. He will look into the Manitoba issue and provide the SLNA with more information. He confirmed that he and not Jenn Syntetos will probably attend next month's SLNA meeting.

Cam Miller thanked Frank Clarke for his report.

16. Fifteen Minutes Break

17. Financial Reports on Festival/Gala — Paul Smith

Paul Smith distributed a financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2005 and reviewed the details. He made a correction to the first page. Under 2005, in the fourth column called TOTAL, Inter-transfer funds should read not \$28,414 but \$0, and NET ASSETS, end of year should read not \$67,223 but \$38,309. Overall, Paul noted that expenses for the year have been "controlled quite well."

At the request of Cam Miller, Paul will ensure that Directors' insurance is paid and current.

18. Gala and Festival in 2006

Not discussed.

19. Funding Proposal Form

Ronny Yaron reported that the application form for the SLNA's Community Fund is not yet fully drafted. It will be presented at the January meeting as the November meeting is dedicated to Safety and Security and there is no meeting in December. The Community Fund was set up this year to allow various community groups to apply to the SLNA for small donations for their projects. In response to Alice Briesmaster, the Executive assured the SLCRC that they will continue to be funded as in past years.

20. AGM and Elections in March — Cam Miller

Cam Miller reminded Delegates that the AGM takes place the last Wednesday in March 2006. He encouraged those in the room and other Delegates in the community to put candidates forward for positions on the Executive. Ronny Yaron's and Cam Miller's terms are expiring.

Conny Yaron recommended setting up a Nominations Committee. Delegates agreed. Nancy Sheppard confirmed that By-laws allow for it. Joan Campbell noted that the Nominations Committee is traditionally chaired by the current President. Cam Miller agreed to chair. Connie Yang agreed to be on the committee.

21. Development Issues — Robert Prowse

Robert Prowse reported on the following:

Goodwill Site: a series of meetings were held. The size of the building has been reduced. Excessive vehicular traffic from underground parking is not being resolved. The side of the building facing Richmond Street is a blank wall. The architecture is banal yet the location is on a sensitive site facing St. James Cathedral and St. Lawrence Hall. Robert asked to have the architects redesign the development and bring back a “wow” factor. Cam Miller asked to have environmentally friendly elements incorporated. Cam added that the next meeting is delayed until a lead consultant has had time to make proposals.

70 The Esplanade: Nothing new to report at this time.

Gross Machinery Site: A Shopper’s Drug Mart is under consideration for the site, right next to the SLM. Its back wall would face The Esplanade; its loading dock would face OWN, its front doors would face south onto a parking lot on the south side of the property. It will increase expressway on- and off-ramp traffic. Residents would have to walk all around the building to get into it. The architects added a few design features to try to make a “box store” acceptable to our community. Delegates shared Robert’s perception that the development is entirely inappropriate. Right now the site is zoned for mixed residential use. To rezone the site for a box store community consultation is required.

Robert reported that this is his last Development Committee Report. He has to leave the SLNA as he is moving out of the neighbourhood. Delegates applauded his work. Cam thanked Robert Prowse for all his efforts on the SLNA’s behalf.

22. New Business

a) Announcements

Ron Monteith announced that changes have been made to the City’s Department of Parks & Recreation. Long-time Manager Lucy Stern has been promoted up to a level that will not be in direct contact with the SLN. Ron gave a heads up that in the same way that our neighbourhood has a St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre Advisory Council, we should also have a St. Lawrence Parks Advisory Council. Should this take place, residents should note elections dates and vote in preferred people for the Parks Council.

23. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2005, at 7:00 pm.

Samantha Hewit, Corporate Secretary

Cam Miller, Chair