

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING

October 24, 2007

St. Lawrence Market – North Market (Jarvis & Front Streets)

Executive Members in Attendance :

President: Paul Smith, St. Lawrence on the Park
Secretary: Joan Campbell, Market Square
VP External: Hugh-Francis Burns, Longboat Residents Association
VP Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op

Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square
At Large: Ani Kounavis, 25 The Esplanade
At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park
At Large: Connie Yang, O.W.N. Co-op

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Randy Bath, 15 Scadding
Patricia Bearclaw, Cathedral Court Co-op
Keith Bricknell, The Metropole
Joan Boyd, P.A.L
Jennifer Chan, Windmill Line Co-op
Richard Cuthbert, 71 Front St E.
Terry Eitel, Old York Tower
Karl Froehr, Windmill Line Co-op
Aurie Hensman, 160 Frederick St
Catherine Limbertie, 1 Church St

Marcus Little, The Wellington
Emma McBey, O.W.N Co-op
Ronald Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op
Maria Moreno, O.W.N Co-op
Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding
Loralie Olinyk, Harmony Co-op Homes
Sherri Russell, F.A.N.
Alan Seymour, Old York Tower
Farhan Syed, The Metropole
Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower

REGRETS: Len Anderson, 140 The Esplanade

Associate Members & Guests :

Jennifer Arp, Bill Graham's office
Michael Comstock, St Lawrence Market BIA
Marie Copkov, 176 The Esplanade
Tom Davidson, Pam McConnell's office
Ed Majchrowski, TCHC Representative
Didier Pomerleau, King's Court
Harry Renaud, 135 George St S.
Edward Nixon, Windmill Line Co-op

Tim Rourke, 15 Scadding
Ben Marans, smartLiving St. Lawrence
Janet Tomas, 222 The Esplanade
Abigail Moriah for Edward Nixon

Alyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

ACRONYMS:

BIA: Business Improvement Area
CMHC: Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation
CFOE Citizens for the Old Town
CPLC: Community Police Liaison Committee
GWNA: Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood Association
HRSDC: Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
LEED: Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design
OMB: Ontario Municipal Board
OTTN: Old Town Toronto Network
PSB: Police Services Board
SEDERI: South East Downtown Economic Redevelopment Initiative
SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre

SLM: St. Lawrence Market
SLMN-BIA: St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area
SLNA: St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association
TABIA: Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)
TCHC: Toronto Community Housing Corporation
TIACAC: Toronto Island Airport Community Advisory Committee
TPA: Toronto Port Authority
TWRC: Toronto Waterfront Revitalization

1. Registration and Refreshments

2. Opening Remarks, Approval of the Agenda, & Approval of Minutes — Harry Renaud

VP-External Harry Renaud called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm and chaired the meeting.

Amendments to the agenda:

- Under Approval of Minutes, change the date of the minutes to September
- Toronto Waterfront Presentation deferred to November meeting

Motion: to approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Patricia Bearclaw

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

CARRIED

Amendment to the September minutes:

- Under Voting Delegates in Attendance, list Hawaa Kabbashy as present

Motion: to approve the September minutes as amended.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Jacquie Williams

CARRIED

5. Community Police Presentation — Police Services 51st Division

The Chair welcomed P.C. Paul Nadeau, 51 Division Community Relations Officer.

Officer Nadeau reported that crime is down in this neighbourhood, although there have been some thefts from vehicles. The police recommend that people leave nothing in their vehicles, not even change, as cars have been broken into for as little as thirty cents.

In response to Joan Campbell, Officer Nadeau reported that the recent stabbing on Yonge Street was a random act by an emotionally disturbed person who has been arrested. The three victims were not seriously injured and one did not even have to go to the hospital.

Harry Renaud reported on behalf of the Executive Committee. The Executive met on October 9 and set tonight's agenda. The Executive have decided to ask SLNA committees to report at each Delegates meeting, several committees per meeting.

Harry invited members of the community to participate on committees. The more volunteers that participate, the broader the representation of the community and the more input the SLNA receives from the neighbourhood that it represents.

Future agendas will include a smartliving St. Lawrence presentation, discussion of unauthorized neighbourhood signage, and a Schoolboard Trustees' presentation.

In October the SLNA, GWNA, and SLMN-BIA organized an All-Candidates meeting for the provincial elections, here at the North Market. The three major candidates and a fourth candidate for this riding were present. About 125 people attended.

In response to Harry Renaud, Officer Nadeau reported that reported drug activities in the neighbourhood are down, but that the police are monitoring hot spots where illegal activity is still taking place.

Officer Nadeau asked people who see a crime to call (416) 888-2222 to reach the police radio room (not 51 Division), and 911 in an emergency.

In response to Dan O'Leary, Officer Nadeau reported that a community meeting took place at John Innis Community Centre recently regarding surveillance cameras installed outside the SLNA but on pathways to our neighborhood. Seven

cameras are installed at intersections considered high crime areas by the police, for a six-month trial period.

In response to Wendy Devine, Officer Nadeau confirmed that people should report to the police anyone who follows them into their building's underground garage. "Get away from the person

and phone the police." If the building has security staff, tell them; advise the building manager.

Officer Nadeau left business cards. The Chair thanked him for his report. Keith Bricknell, SLNA Liaison to the CPLC, advised that police contact information is also on his CPLC report, distributed this evening.

3. Canadian Pacific Holiday Train – Randy Marsh

Ronny Yaron introduced Randy Marsh of CP Rail. Randy Marsh announced that CP Rail's annual Holiday Train (with lights, decorations, and a Christmas tree on top) will arrive on the tracks at the southwest side of the Distillery District at 6:30 p.m. sharp on Monday, December 3. Torontonians are invited to attend a free half hour seasonal musical show. A boxcar has been converted into a stage. The performers live on board the train for an 18-day journey with 120 shows east to west across Canada. This is the ninth year of the

Holiday Train, and its second year in Toronto. Donations go toward local charities, this year toward Toronto's Food Bank. Randy asked people to bring nonperishable foods or money.

Randy will email a flyer of the event to Ronny Yaron for her to pass to the SLNA's Corporate Secretary, for distribution to Delegates, for posting in buildings.

4. Committee Reports

a) Seniors – Joan Campbell

Developers have promised the seniors' a 5-year space for a Seniors' Centre in the new condominium at Church and The Esplanade, which is not yet built. The developers of the new condominium at Yonge and The Esplanade have promised set-up funding for the centre.

In the interim, David Hanes of the SLCRC organized a luncheon last Friday to make plans. Thirty people attended; The majority expressed interest in forming a St. Lawrence Seniors' Association. A Board will be formed in the next couple of months, and programming will start. Recently David Hanes, Tom Davidson of Councillor McConnell's office and a group of seniors traveled to Burlington to tour a successful community centre for seniors. "That is about two decades in the future for us." Currently the seniors hold sessions at the SLCRC. The seniors are also negotiating possibly using The Kitchen in St. Lawrence Market for cooking classes. A newsletter is also being considered.

b) Neighbourhood Beautification – Dan O'Leary

YIMBY: Yes In My Back Yard is in its third year as an event at the Gladstone Hotel, Saturday, October 27. The SLNA will have an information table at the event.

Members of the community are invited to participate in running 8 kilometers every Sunday morning with the community's Running Club. Flyers are available.

SAS is willing to donate money to replace swing sets in the community. Four swing sets will be installed in Crombie Park, perhaps near the wading pool and in front of 65 Scadding, and all will be accessible to disabled children.

Dan O'Leary thanked Councillor Pam McConnell's office for responding to the SLNA's 20-Point Plan, in part by recently replacing the signature sidewalks along The Esplanade. The City also installed a new planter and trees at

Parliament and Adelaide, which had been a “huge swamp of concrete.”

Sobey’s grocery store is opening at the end of November, at Front and Princess. The sidewalk alongside the store will be greened. The orphan garden on Princess Street might be extended up to Front Street.

The Embankment Committee for GO has committed to hiring a landscape architect to develop plans for the parts of the embankment that our community can see, ie. the north facing embankment.

No meetings have taken place recently regarding the Hydro transformer station between Frederick and Sherbourne south of The Esplanade. A meeting is to be scheduled shortly regarding beautifying Frederick Street along the edge of the transformer station.

The Neighbourhood Beautification Committee is considering a fundraiser in which people will be invited to tour the rooftop gardens of six residential buildings. The committee is looking for volunteers to help organize the event. The tour will take place next July, when the gardens are at their most beautiful.

c) Communications – Ani Kounavis

A DVD of photographs set to Canadian music celebrating this year’s Canada Day Event will be shown at the Delegates’ meeting in November. The montage will also be put on the SLNA’s website. Connie Yang will report in full on the Canada Day event in November. For now, she announced that the winning essay was by a student who wrote on the topic of volunteer work.

The Communications Committee is holding a meeting on Wednesday, November 19. Volunteers are welcome to participate on the committee.

For communications:

- three thousand SLNA brochures are on order
- the Delegates’ email distribution list is now up-to-date
- Dennis Glasgow is writing SLNA articles for the free half-page community space in *The Bulletin*. People with topics to include are welcome to contact the Communications Committee.
- a beta version of the SLNA’s new website will be ready in three weeks for people to try out and give feedback on layout and content. Volunteers can contact Ani Kounavis.

Ani Kounavis committed to giving Delegates two weeks’ notice for Delegates meetings and committed to delivering minutes to Delegates two weeks before each meeting.

d) Community Improvement – Aurie Hensman

Aurie Hensman received a last minute email from Councillor Kyle Rae that he was unable to send the final draft of the report for the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) because it must first be reviewed by one of his Directors. The CIP will be before Council in November for approval, not October as planned. Once City Council approves the CIP then, as with the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Urban Design Guidelines, the CIP will be a document to work with legally for community planning.

Councillor Kyle Rae’s office organized an open house at OWN Co-op on October 15 for community feedback. Most people asked questions about developments. Aurie Hensman clarified that the SLNA’s Development Committee deals with questions about building developments in the neighbourhood. The CIP addresses what “goes around” buildings in the neighbourhood, ie. landscaping, parks, streets and sidewalks, heritage.

When Aurie receives the final report from Councillor Kyle Rae she will forward it to the SLNA’s Corporate Secretary who will email it to Delegates.

5. Government Relations — Tom Davidson, Pam McConnell’s Office

The Chair welcomed Tom Davidson. Planning and development along the Waterfront continues. On Monday, October 22, a public meeting was held on the design progress for the Sherbourne Park. The park will form a wedge, 50 meters wide at the north end and 150 meters wide at the south end. It will contain multiple uses: children's play area, green space, improvised recreation space, but no major sports field as it is too small. There are plans to improve the underpass on Sherbourne so that this neighbourhood can more readily access the new neighbourhood to the south. Tom encouraged the SLNA to get on the stakeholders' list to be part of a focused group that will spend direct time with City staff and the design team prior to public meetings.

City staff are looking into repaving Sherbourne between the tracks and Front street. They might take the opportunity to provide streetscape improvements as well.

East Bay Front earlier this year completed their zoning by-laws. The building heights, streets, and community layout are mapped out. A series of OMP appeals are taking place. All lands north of Queen's Quay are privately owned, and lands south are publicly owned. The Redpath factory is concerned that the new nearby residential neighbourhood will object to the noise that they make. Corus will buffer the noise in part. Construction on Corus begins early in 2008.

Harry Renaud pointed out that at the last meeting Delegates expressed concerns about developers disturbing contaminated soil on The Esplanade. Tom reported that the Ministry of Environment investigated and reported that the soil itself did not contain dangerous contaminants. However, dust and gravel are rising into the air from the pit at the Hydro transfer station between Sherbourne and

6. Toronto Waterfront Presentation

Deferred to November.

7. Other Business

VP-External Harry Renaud reported that the Executive Committee recommends amending the

Frederick Street, south of The Esplanade. Ontario Hydro is committed to water down the site during work.

The proposed 46-storey development at 18 Lower Jarvis is designed with 6 storeys of parking above ground because the developer wants to avoid the cost of removing soil below grade. City staff feel that the developers have not yet made the case to receive approval.

In response to Arlyss Ponchuk, Tom Davidson confirmed that a development plan along Queen's Quay directly south of the SLNA includes towers at the foot of Jarvis and Sherbourne, on Queen's Quay, the tallest being about 120 meters. This would be just one block south of and similar in height to the proposed 46-storey condominium on lower Jarvis that the SLNA objected to at the Delegates meeting in October. Arlyss reminded Delegates that the SLNA Development Committee has decided not to address proposed developments whose footprint is outside the SLNA. She asked the SLNA to reconsider, as the towers to the south will have an impact on our air space, including sunlight, air quality, and view. Tom Davidson advised that a comprehensive precinct plan exists for the waterfront. The City negotiated a proposal that would allow developers increased density in specific, carefully chosen areas. Shadow studies were conducted and the effect on our community was heavily considered. Wallace Simpson added that at a recent public meeting, he learned that in fact four towers are planned. See www.torontowaterfront.ca for more details.

A Delegate asked Tom Davidson to look replacing 5-6 burned out lights at 49 Henry Lane Terrace, the south part of the building, near St. Michael's School, because the darkness is drawing drug dealers to the area. Tom will follow-up.

SLNA's by-laws to designate the Chair of the Development Committee as an Officer of the

SLNA. The person holding the position could then be covered by Directors' liability insurance. On the recommendation of Cherril Baker, Harry

Renaud will determine the formal process for amending a by-law.

8. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn.

Moved by: Cheril Baker

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

The SLNA acknowledges Timothy's and the Hot House Café for sponsoring this evening's refreshments, and St. Lawrence Market – North Market for hosting tonight's meeting.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm at OWN Co-op.

Corporate Secretary

President