

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING

September 28, 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
Secretary: Samantha Hewit, Space Condos V

In Attendance:

Leo Agosto, Marketview Co-op V
Cherril Baker, David B Archer V
Randy Bath, 15 Scadding, TCHC V
Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op V
Elisabeth Ecker, St Lawrence on the Park V
Stig Harvor, La Place St. Laurent V
Aurie Hensman, 160 Frederick St V
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op Homes V
Marcus Little, The Wellington V
Frank McLean, Twenty Five The Esplanade V
George Millbrandt, Longboat Residents Assoc. V
Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V
Anna Lee Orr, David B. Archer Co-op V
Sherri Russell, F.A.N. V
David Sangaraille, La Place St Laurent
Karen Serwonka, David B Archer V
Nancy Sheppard, St Lawrence on the Park, Assoc. V
Michael Waring, New Times Square 2

Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

Glen Abat, 51 Division G
Jennifer Arp, Bill Graham's Office, G

Michelle Buckley, Pam McConnell's Office, G
Bob Kemp, 51 Division C.P.L.C.
Richard Paul, St Lawrence Resident, G
Wendy Stockwell, St Lawrence Resident, G

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

1. Welcome & Round Robin

Cam Miller called the meeting to order at 7:10 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. Approval of the Agenda

Cam Miller amended the agenda, announcing that more time will be allocated to 51 Division.

With Regrets:

Sean Bassin, George Smitherman's Office G
Patricia Bear Claw, Cathedral Court Co-op V
Alice Briesmaster, New Times Square 2 V
Bonnie Dew, OWN Co-op V
Georgette Harris, St James Condominium V
Dawn Murray, Windmill Line Co-op V
Alan Seymour, Longboat Resident Assoc. 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

Motion: to approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Paul Smith

Seconded by: Robert Prowse

CARRIED

3. Approval of July 27, 2005 Minutes

Ewa Jarmicka amended the minutes to correct the spelling of her name in the attendance list.

Motion: to approve the July 27, 2005 minutes as amended.

Moved by: Marcus Little

Seconded by: Robert Prowse

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Update from Police 51 Division

Cam Miller welcomed two officers from 51 Division's Community Response team. Sergeant Glen Abat reported.

Barbara Bell stated that the relationship between 51 Division and the SLN is not as productive as it could be. Sergeant Abat reminded Delegates to encourage people contact the police when incidents occur. Barbara gave examples of times when police were unresponsive. At Barbara Bell's request, Bob Kemp, CPLC, offered to give her crime statistics specific to this neighbourhood. In response to Barbara, Jennifer Arp of MP Bill Graham's office stated that she, Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly, and CPLC Executive are trying to change the Criminal Code at the federal level. Frank McLean offered to look into judiciary changes to the Criminal Code. Ron Monteith asked that the SLNA make neighbourhood security a priority.

Randy Bath reported that 15 Scadding (TCHC) has invited Elizabeth Hawley, Executive Director of Crime Concern (previously Neighbourhood Watch), to a security meeting on October 27, open to all residents of the St. Lawrence neighbourhood. Flyers will be posted.

Motion: that the SLNA sponsor a community meeting about security and safety in the neighbourhood and invite the police, Pam McConnell's office, Bill Graham's Office, the CPLC, the TCHC, George Smitherman's office and all concerned parties to take part.

Moved: Ronny Yaron

Seconded: Barbara Bell

CARRIED

Barbara Bell, Ronny Yaron, and Joan Campbell will set the agenda for the security meeting, which will take place during the SLNA Delegates' November meeting.

Cam Miller thanked the officers from 51 Division for their report. They left the meeting at 7:42 pm.

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

Cam Miller welcomed Michelle Buckley. Michelle announced a September 29 meeting of Heritage Preservation Services on the topic of designating the SLN as a heritage conservation district.

Michelle recommended that the SLNA work with a dog walking group north of Adelaide Street that does safety walks of St. James Park every Thursday as they are effectively making St. James Park a priority for safety improvements.

Michelle reported that a strategy to reduce the number of newspaper boxes is going to Council for discussion. She will take Barbara Bell's recommendation back to Pam McConnell's office, that local newspapers, such as the *Community Bulletin*, be given preferential treatment.

Trees on the Front Street median have been removed as they are at the end of their life cycle. The BIA is paying to replace them with mature heritage varieties (including red maple and red oak) that have their own irrigation system so they won't be as stressed. Delegates applauded BIA member George Milbrandt.

Thanks to a new and more appropriate staffing formula, 51 Division will receive 150 more officers over the next year. An additional 200 officers in the city will be reassigned from desk duty to patrol duty.

Richard Paul, on behalf of dog watchers, asked that Berczy Park have safety lighting installed as the park is very dark. Michelle will convey his request to Parks & Recreation staff.

Karen Serwonka asked for recourse for noise from licensed businesses attached to residential buildings. Michelle stated that a Scarborough law with an 11:00pm curfew might not be applicable. Provincial law requires that amplified noise outside (via open doors or outdoor patios) is illegal, but that noise caused by drunk patrons is not. Residences might reconsider leasing to bars. The City can be asked to investigate.

At the request of Conny Yang and Joan Campbell, Michelle Buckley will have Parks and Recreation look into why the plants in Market Lane Park are not being kept up, and who is responsible.

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

7. Provincial Update from George Smitherman's Office (MPP)

No representative was present.

8. Federal Update from Bill Graham's Office (MP) – Jennifer Arp

Cam Miller welcomed Jennifer Arp. She reported that the federal government and GTA caucus sponsored a day-long crime forum last Wednesday. The report will be forwarded to the SLNA when available.

Jennifer will convey the SLNA's invitation to Bill Graham for him to be guest at an SLNA meeting at the end of January 2006. He has not attended an SLNA meeting in at least six years.

Paul Smith and Joan Campbell attended the Toronto Port Authority's AGM. They now consider the matter a federal responsibility and want the MP to take action. Jennifer Arp confirmed that Bill Graham is well aware of the TPA issue. She is waiting for a response from LaPierre's office, which will be reported at the SLNA's October meeting. Marcus Little noted that the TPA is legally required to operate in the black in our riding; as it is not doing so, that is grounds for closing it.

Jennifer announced that she is going on maternity leave until November 2006 or January 2007. Her replacement is Jen Synetos, who comes from a Parliament Hill office and is well informed of the issues in this riding. Delegates applauded Jennifer Arp and wished her well.

9. Report on 25th Anniversary Celebrations

a) Financials – Paul Smith

Paul Smith reported that the goal was to raise \$20,000 and that all things considered the SLNA did well to raise \$15,000. He will make the financials available so that Delegates can raise questions at the October meeting. Allocation of funds to community projects will be addressed at a later time.

b) Positives and Negatives – Ronny Yaron & Dawn Murray

Dawn Murray was unable to attend. Ronny reported her impressions of positives and negatives. Further discussion will take place at a post-event meeting. At the suggestion of Barbara Bell, Ronny Yaron will email a questionnaire to Delegates next week. Responses can be compiled, reported, and referred to when making decisions for next year's events.

c) Gala – Nancy Sheppard

Nancy Sheppard reported that 66 tickets sold and about 90 people attended (free tickets were given to sponsors and award winners). Last year over 150 people attended (some paying, some free). Paul Smith noted that the results are not that different on a financial basis.

Michael Waring questioned why there were flaws in the event, as a professional planner was paid to organize it. Nancy Sheppard pointed out that the SLNA could not afford to hire her full-time. "For the amount of money we were able to pay, she did a lot of work and helped us through it and took on some jobs that people were unable to do." Conny Yang added, "We learned a lot from her that we can apply next year."

Ronny Yaron displayed a commemorative booklet of the SLNA's 25th Anniversary, which is available for a donation of \$2.

George Milbrandt thanked the people who worked so hard on this event. Ronny Yaron gave credit to Dawn Murray for doing an enormous amount. Paul Smith added that Ronny Yaron and Dawn Murray and a few others put a lot of effort into it. Conny Yang encouraged the SLNA to hold fundraisers each year and encouraged more people to volunteer, as the funding goes toward good programs.

Festival and Gala planning for next year will be added to the agenda for the October meeting.

10. Development Update — Robert Prowse

Robert Prowse gave updates on developments planned for 40 The Esplanade, the Goodwill site, the Gross Machinery site, and 70 The Esplanade. He thanked Cam Miller and others who fought the development at 40 The Esplanade. "The willingness of the community to confront both City Hall and a developer at the OMB level shows that it is costly and time consuming to ignore us."

Robert encouraged people to participate in supporting a drive to have the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood designated a heritage conservation district. This initiative will succeed only if the community is proactive.

11. President's Report — Cam Miller

Cam Miller asked Delegates to give feedback on the new Smart Living St. Lawrence website, at www.smartliving.ca (select SLN), or www.smartliving.ca/stlawrence. An update on the project will be added to the agenda of the October meeting.

Cam Miller asked for volunteers to develop an application form for community groups to apply for SLNA funding for projects that enhance the quality of life in this neighbourhood. Frank McLean proposed that an SLNA representative might apply for some funding to promote the community health centre on the Gross Machinery site, ie. this could be a community-based project generated from within the SLNA.

Motion: to allocate \$1,500 to each of two schools' nutrition programs in our neighbourhood, Market Lane Public School and St. Lawrence Catholic School.

Moved by: Nancy Sheppard

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

CARRIED

12. Communications – Joan Campbell

Joan Campbell announced that the SLNA newsletter is ready for distribution. She asked Delegates to specify the number of newsletters they were taking (ie. not necessarily the whole bundle) and sign for them. Based on numbers taken, for the next issue she will copy only as many newsletters as needed.

Joan introduced a new volunteer, Elisha Romaine from Woodsworth Co-op, who has been helping Joan with the newsletter. Joan asked for more volunteers, not only Delegates but any person in the neighbourhood who has website, production, and public relations skills, to contact her at (416) 363-2164.

Joan asked that any building with a website or thinking of having one contact the SLNA to have their website linked to the SLNA's site, as the SLNA newsletter can also be distributed that way.

13. Other Business

Motion: that Frank McLean succeed Cam Miller as the SLNA Representative on what used to be called the Toronto Island Airport Community Action Committee (TIACAC)

Moved by: Cam Miller

Seconded by: Nancy Sheppard

CARRIED

Edward Nixon announced that Wireless Toronto, which provides free wireless internet access at various places, is launching a site at the St. Lawrence Market on October 7.

Ronny Yaron announced that the SLCRC's Advisory Committee is holding its AGM on October 20. It is open to the public and elections will take place.

13. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26 29, 2005, at 7:00 pm.

Samantha Hewit, Corporate Secretary

Cam Miller, Chair