



**SLNA Delegates Meeting
September 27, 2017
7-9 pm
115 The Esplanade**

1. Approval of Agenda as amended. Moved by: Don James; Seconded by Brian McElwain. Carried.
2. Approval of July Minutes Approved. Moved by Brian McElwain; Seconded by Louise Murdoch. Carried.
3. Presentation – Building Roots – Lisa Kates and Darcy Higgins
 - An organization that supports places to buy and share healthy, affordable food. Right now working in the Moss Park neighbourhood (“Moss Park Market” on Queen east of Sherbourne).
 - This innovative grocery store offers fresh food in the neighbourhood from a shipping container – initiative started in July 2013 – in Moss Park since 2015.
 - Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday – offers opportunities for residents and the community to not only purchase fresh foods and dry goods, but participate in cooking classes, etc.
 - Fresh produce grown locally (this season there was kale, chard, egg plant, tomatoes and other produce).
 - Postcards were distributed to encourage residents to share information about this service – www.buildingroots.ca
4. BIA – Robin Posner, Special Events Manager – Summer Events Recap
 - Music in St. James Par
 - i. 11 concerts this year
 - ii. 5 sponsors including the SLNA, St. Lawrence Market, C’est What, Transat Travil & Novotel
 - iii. Movies in the park – one every month (Pride live show and movie, The LEGO, Batman Movie
 - iv. BMO Front and Berkeley sponsored screening of Grease! Live performance
 - v. 1812 Legacy Program – performed throughout the summer and appeared at local events; Countdown to Confederation; supported by BIA including Canada Day performances; Bob Kemp Day; and Feast of St. Lawrence
 - vi. Feast of St. Lawrence (we are a food destination) – first night – dinner under the stars – 200 people – raised money for charity (FoodShare). Eight restaurants participated and provided meals. Saturday featured vendors on the street, live music, participation by the City (provided KidZone); McKenzie House also participated (part of 150 celebration); Mayor Tory came by to help carve the

suckling pig. Sunday: Family Day – games and activities around the theme of healthy eating and living, face painting, and other other activities.

vii. Bard in Berzcy – the play was “Two Gentlemen of Verona”

viii. Yoga in the Park – July and August on Wednesdays.

ix. Lunch time music in Berzcy Park on Wednesdays

- Coming up:

- i. Nov. 1 – Halloween Pumpkin Parade 6-7:30 p.m., St. James Park– all families invited to bring their Jack o Lanterns to St. James Park, share with friends enjoy hot chocolate. Theme will be a “drum circle” for all to participate

5. SLNA Board Update

- Speaker ideas requested of delegates – what other speakers are delegates interested in inviting to speak at monthly meetings? For October we have a few speakers coming in to discuss public art. Topic: relationship of First Nations to this Neighbourhood.
- Gabriel suggested Artscape (the location that will be part of the Daniels project)
- November 15 - SLNA hosting a reception to celebrate the presentation of the St. Lawrence Hall Heritage Plaque (by the SLNA).
- Longboats Residence Association back as members – had 40 residents participate in a walkabout of the MetroLinx Union Station east corridor connection work. These initial discussions with Metrolinx have succeeded in getting an extension of notice of commitment to early 2018 instead of fall of 2017 and will strike a committee for residents to get involved.
- Bylaws “refresh” – Province has passed Not For Profit Corporations Act which requires SLNA to make some changes to bylaws. We will be able to waive an annual audit (very expensive) – legislation allows for a slightly different process – we can still conduct an audit but in a less intensive and expensive way. To do this a proposition is required and must be consented to by 80% of delegates at SLNA meeting. Other changes are not significant. Voting members are delegate members (no changes). We will now be able to issue proxies which allows more people to remain attached to a vote through the use of proxies (used in their absence). We would like to change the name of the meeting from SLNA Delegates’ Meeting to SLNA Community Meeting so that everyone will feel welcome to attend. There may be more changes/revisions as review continues.

6. City of Toronto Report (Claudia Calabro)

- No Councillor in Ward 28 at the moment. Council session will start on Monday, October 2. A special meeting will be held to determine whether to appoint or hold a by-election. An appointment will likely happen. Ward 28 technically does not have a vote at Council in the upcoming session.
- Benches moved from St. James Garden: this was done at the direction of the Parks Ambassador to address anti-social behaviour. Delegates commented that the benches were not used for the most part by those indulging in anti-social behaviour. The benches were used by those having lunch and enjoying gardens and should be returned. Claudia will take this feedback back to the city.
- King St. Pilot – looks at temporarily modifying bylaws and parking restrictions on King St. between Jarvis and Bathurst to improve transit and pedestrian movement on King. Pilot should roll out mid November. An ad campaign is being planned.

- Question around hording around North Market and efforts to beautify the boards – art work is being considered and should be installed on the hording in the coming weeks.
 - Work on Crombie Park – consultation process work has been pushed back for a bit – will likely happen next year.
7. OWN Housing Committee Presentation – Universal Design Living in Place Campaign – Thea Kurdi (accessibility and universal design consultant) delivered a PowerPoint presentation on this topic.
 - Campaigning on October 4 about changing the Ontario Building Code to incorporate more adaptable and accessible requirements into building designs.
 - Canadian Disabilities Act– work is being done to have this legislation incorporate more universal design /accessible housing considerations.
 8. Air BnB – City regulating Air BnB units – all reports at Toronto.ca – search “short term rentals.”
Big unresolved issue: if building rules say no “Air BnB” in buildings will city refuse to register any units in the building as Air BnB units when owners seek registration?
 9. Don James CPCL: suggested that residents go to Toronto Police website to report any unsafe conditions in parks, etc.
 10. Meeting adjourned at 9:03, moved by Don James. Seconded by??