

President's Report – Sharon McMillan

SLNA DELEGATE MEETING – MAY 2018

- SLNA co-sponsored with the Corktown and Distillery Residents' Associations two recent provincial election all candidates' meetings – one for the Toronto Centre Riding and one for the Spadina-Fort York Ridings – both ridings our in our neighbourhood
- The sessions were held at the Cherry Street Family YMCA and both were well attended. The Corktown Residents' Association live streamed the event which allowed anyone to view and we are hopeful that as many of you as possible were able to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the candidates in your riding. We encourage you all to vote (if you haven't already) on June 7.
- On May 2 the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area hosted a community consultation at St. Lawrence Hall regarding the revitalization of Farquars Lane. I attended that event and participated in the facilitated workshop sessions.
  - From this the BIA learned more about stakeholder concerns and ideas to address traffic, safety and public art priorities
  - More specifically they learned that we want :
    - The creation of pathway to eliminate safety concerns and improve the pedestrian experience
    - Lighting to be a priority
    - Mural/art installation development to involve the community and to build upon themes including themes that take into consideration our physical location of the lane along the original shoreline of Toronto (Front St.)
- Our streetscape committee representative David Crawford informed us of some very good news that reflects in part his ongoing lobbying on our behalf with respect to the placement of unsightly utility boxes on our streets.

Given recent amendments approved by City Council all utility companies must now provide aesthetic treatment options and alternate location options when submitting an application to the City. Furthermore when any equipment is placed in front of a park, the Parks Supervisor, Councillor, Neighbourhood Association and BIA if one is present, must be notified. So many thanks to David Crawford for his efforts helping this decision to happen.

- We're happy to let you know that once again the SLNA is providing sponsorship support to local groups to support their activities and programming. We are sponsoring one a local soccer team through the St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre and our very popular local community group JAMII.

- We are also continuing to provide local sponsorship for the Princess Park Children’s Play Garden which serves children from Market Lane Public School, the Recreation Centre Summer Camps and the St. Lawrence Coop Daycare.
- **UPCOMING CONSULTATION:** The developer Graywood is submitting a new application to the city and holding a community meeting re: 33 and 37 Parliament St. on Thursday, May 31 from 7 – 9 pm at the Lucie and Thornton Blackburn Conference Centre in the Canary District (80 Cooperage St.). The development team and their design consultants will be on hand to answer any questions.
  
- Introduce Robin Lobb:
  - Tonight’s keynote presentation will focus on a timely topic in this election season and that is voter engagement. Our presentation tonight will explore how something called “Big Data” can make us more informed about voter engagement in our neighbourhood and the drivers that impact our desire to get out and vote.
  - Our speaker is fellow downtown resident and neighbourhood association member, Robin Lobb. Robin teaches in the Georgian College Big Data Graduate Certificate Program and focuses on “social” process modelling specifically with respect to Toronto’s downtown vertical communities. Robin is also on the executive of the Toronto Entertainment District Residents Association?