

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 7pm, Kensington Gardens
Minutes

In attendance: Tim Grant, Sue Dexter, Carmen Gauthier, Christian Mueller, Margaret Procter, Steve Klein, Marilyn Martin, James Murdoch, Carolee Orme, Gail Misra, Gus Sinclair, Bob Stambula, Eva Janecek.

Regrets: Carlo Drudi, Jane Perdue, Paula Gallo, Caroline Macfarlane

1. Chairs welcome extended to all.

2. Approval of the agenda.

Moved by James Murdoch, seconded by Marilyn Martin. Approved.

3. Approval of minutes

Approval of November 17, 2015 minutes was moved by Steve Klein and seconded by Christian Mueller. Approved.

4. Business arising from minutes

a) *January 9, 2016 HVRA visioning session:*

Eva Janecek informed the members that the cost of food will be \$11.25/person for morning snacks and lunch. It was agreed that the board members would each contribute \$10 towards the cost of food, the rest being covered by HVRA and that the HVRA will purchase a gift for each of the facilitators from Optimus. Carmen Gauthier will purchase appropriate gifts. Steve Klein summarized the reason for the visioning session and reminded those who have not sent him the skills inventory to do so ASAP. He invited everyone to come to the session with ideas and questions.

Tim Grant thanked Steve for providing the 3 persons from Optimus for the session pro bono.

5. Discussion items

a) *Change of December 2016 meeting date from 20th to 13th.*

Agreed unanimously

b) *The Brunswick House and HVRA current position on the matter*

Tim Grant presented the concerns regarding Boston Pizza taking over the Brunswick House that were sent to him by nearby residents. (also see Chair's notes v.) This information was passed on to Councilor Cressy's office. Tim asked our Councilor's staff to consult with Heritage Preservation Services as to why they rejected the at grade entrance that a pharmacy would have required in order to occupy the same space.

c) *Naming contest for the soon to be transformed Brunswick-College parkette.*

Tim Grant informed the members that in trying to find out if the City has rules for such contests or would be willing to partner with HVRA in running a contest, he received a form from the Office of Partnerships. The form indicated that the application fee that HVRA would need to incur in order to re-name the parkette was \$842.

After a fruitful discussion, it was agreed that Tim will write a letter to Councilor Cressy to seek his views and assistance in this matter.

6. Committee Reports

a) Treasurer's report - Carmen Gauthier reported that she has not yet received an invoice for the Directors liability insurance. Steve Klein agreed to follow up.

b) Membership – no report

c) Community liaison – Sue Dexter reported that this Thursday there is a meeting with the Bloor BIA on Bloor frontage. See Chair's notes i)

d) Zoning – see below: k) Planning

e) Communications and website

Margaret Procter reported that Liz Martin's study of the HVRA website was received and circulated to members on Nov 19th. Everyone who read it agreed that it was an exceptionally good report. Liz and Colin Furness presented a mockup of potential website structures to Margaret, Gail Misra and Steve Klein.

Margaret moved that HVRA acknowledge Liz Martin's volunteer work and write a reference letter on her behalf for the work she completed and offer her an honorarium of \$200. Seconded by Gail Misra. Carried.

Margaret moved that Liz Martin be able to use the report in her portfolio. Seconded by Steve Klein. Carried.

f) U of T liaison – see below: k) Planning

g) Heritage – no report

h) Flowerpots – Marilyn Martin reported that this year she did not get any free branches due to the mild weather. She spent \$400 on the winter flower pots.

i) Gardeners – no report

j) Area reps report –no report

k) Planning - Sue Dexter, Bob Stambula and Carolee Orme presented updates on the following:

i. Sussex-Spadina University residence. An open house was held. Plans showed a main residence building of 23 storeys plus mezzanine and mechanical. 550 beds consisting of approximately 40-60 dorm and suite style rooms for first and upper year students. There is a cafeteria onsite with the main entrance on Spadina.

Ten townhouses on the east side of Sussex Mews laneway framed by the existing lanes. The north end of the Robert St. field is to be natural grass. The community is seeking a fully accessible park on the south end of the field.

ii. An infill project on the site of 666 Spadina is being considered by the owner of the apartment tower.

iii. A 42-storey proposal for a tower on the northeast corner of Bloor and Madison is going to the Ontario Municipal Board.

iv. HVRA and adjacent residents' associations are considering the final reports of the College study and the Bloor-Bathurst Four Corners study. These studies are to set an updated planning framework for College from University to Bathurst, and the lands immediately adjacent to the corner of Bloor and Bathurst. Concerns include heights, density, massing, heritage and impacts on the adjacent stable neighbourhoods.

v. The field at Central Tech has been remediated. MPAC has judged its sister facility at Monarch Park as eligible for tax in the value of approximately \$200,000 a year. The company building its second dome at Central Tech requested the Toronto and District School Board issue a letter of exemption for both sites, claiming an institutional use. TDSB instead elected to revisit the request at the conclusion of the dome operator's appeal of his tax assessment. Work at Central Tech will soon be stopped for winter.

7. Chair's notes.

Tim Grant sent the following notes prior to the meeting:

- i. At the Bloor-Annex BIA AGM on Nov17, their chair mentioned that 2016 projects may include the refurbishing the boulevard spaces at Major and Bloor and Robert and Bloor. A group of board members will be meeting with the BIA chair this week for an initial consultation.
- ii. On Wednesday, Dec 16, a group of Major Street residents are meeting with Joshua Mott, the owner of the Her Father's Cider Bar & Kitchen, which will replace Loire Restaurant. Their concern is having a bar adjacent to their homes.
- iii. On Thursday this week at Joe Cressy's office, residents of lower Borden are meeting the negligent owner of a home for mentally-challenged adults to discuss its poor management.
- iv. Scott Mission recently bought Canadian Plasma Resources and will now add 30 new shelter beds in that adjacent property.
- v. In contrast to the assurances of Boston Pizza's representatives, Tim Grant received a disturbing email from a Brunswick resident suggesting their establishments are well-known drinking establishments in college towns. Tim asked Joe Cressy to investigate.

8. New business

Gus Sinclair reminded the members that at the next meeting all board members are to sign the HVRA Board Expectations Agreement as per the Constitutional Amendment passed at the last Spring Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm moved by Gail Misra and seconded by Carmen Gauthier