

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 7pm, Kensington Gardens  
Minutes

**In attendance:** Tim Grant, Sue Dexter, Carlo Drudi, Carmen Gauthier, Christian Mueller, Margaret Procter, Steve Klein, Paula Gallo, Caroline Macfarlane, Marilyn Martin, James Murdoch, Jane Perdue, Gus Sinclair, Bob Stambula, Eva Janecek.

**Regrets:** Gail Misra, Carolee Orme

**1. Chairs welcome** extended to all.

**2. HVRA Board Expectations Agreement**

Gus briefly reviewed the background for development of this Agreement that each Board member is expected to sign. The agreement will be valid for the entire time the members are part of the HVRA Board. Members were given time to review the document. Everyone signed and had their signature witnessed. The duly executed copies of the Agreement were collected by the Secretary for appropriate lodging with the Board's other official records and documents.

**3. Approval of the agenda.**

Moved by Marilyn Martin, seconded by Paula Gallo. Approved.

**4. Approval of minutes**

Approval of December 15, 2015 minutes was moved by Gus Sinclair and seconded by Steve Klein. Approved.

**5. Business arising from minutes**

*a) Review and formally adopt the updated Vision for the HVRA*

Steve Klein distributed a copy of the Mission statement and Values from the HVRA Constitution and a graphic representing an Accountability framework (containing Visioning elements) generated at the January Visioning session.

Steve then reviewed the definition of vision, mission and values.

It was unanimously agreed that the mission and values in the Constitution and the January 9<sup>th</sup> vision are properly aligned. It was agreed that a small group consisting of Steve Klein, Tim Grant and Margaret Procter will amalgamate the mission and vision and will present it as draft to the Board.

Steve and Tim agreed to brief Paula Gallo & Caroline Macfarlane on the visioning session that they missed on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

*b) Commit to a firm schedule of follow-up sessions to complete the HVRA Strategy and identify the 3-year priorities for the Board*

Steve estimated that to get it done requires approximately 12 - 16 hrs of work. He identified 2 ways of doing it:

- meet for 4hrs during 3 or 4 weekends

or

- cut the business portion of the monthly meetings by 1/2hr and extend planned timing for adjournment to 9:30pm.

The second alternative was preferred. It was agreed that by sending reports to members prior to the meetings will allow the Board to have necessary information to make decisions as needed and thus streamline the time for Board members.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **a) Planning and development**

Sue reported that there are many development projects in the city. Specifically, there are 37 in the Annex and 17 in the Grange. A map of proposed development projects is being created by the Annex Residents' Association. We have two dense developments along our borders - 15 stories approved at the Waverley Hotel and a U of T proposal for a 23-storey residence at Sussex and Spadina, to include 15 townhouses running north-south along Sussex Mews Laneway.

The University has held its final pre-application meeting attended by about 80 residents. It presented plans for a tower along Spadina for c.550 students, 60% first-year and 40% upper years. Four-storey townhouses will occupy the abandoned volleyball court on Sussex Mews Laneway.

Community members have concerns about height, density, and the point of access being on Spadina. The community is seeking more diversity and fewer numbers in the student population. A cafeteria remains in the plans. There will be discussions about who might occupy the townhouses, though the University said present tenants of the buildings will have a right of return once construction is complete. In addition, the future of the south end of the Robert Street field will be a point of negotiation.

A four-storey commercial/residential proposal at 294 College is coming before Committee of Adjustment February 10. After a deferral, HVRA met with the proponent and will meet with adjacent neighbours at the end of January.

The final meeting of the Bathurst-Bloor 4 Corners Planning Study will be at Bickford centre cafeteria, 777 Bloor street West, February 2. 7-9pm.

Another meeting is planned for the College Street study.

## **7. Chair's notes.**

Tim Grant sent the following notes prior to the meeting:

*a. Kensington Gardens has proposed another year of rent-free meetings within their buildings IF HVRA creates a team of 2-10 participants in their May 1<sup>st</sup> Hike for Hospice, AND put a one-page announcement in our newsletter. The Hike for H runs from 10:30 to 2:30 that day and includes lunch.*

It was agreed that Tim has thus informed the members of the Hike for Hospice and it will be up to each individual to decide if they want to participate rather than ask for volunteers. Tim will communicate with Bill O'Neill.

*b. Request to shift February's board meeting from Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> to any other weekday that week. This will enable Janice Dembo, our police liaison, and a representative of Toronto Police (TP) to attend. (The TP's monthly Community Liaison meeting is on the same night as our board meetings.)*

Tim will send a survey of dates agreeable to majority.

*c. From: Raymond Ngu (in Councillor Cressy's office): "We're reviewing our Parks Minor Capital list for the upcoming year and I wanted to get your input as well. If there are any minor things in your neighbourhood parks that could be addressed (such as adding benches, repairing broken equipment, bike racks, etc.) please send them to me so we can submit a request. Please note that this should not include any work that is scheduled to be done within the scope of a park redesign/revitalization."*

Tim asked for suggestions to be sent to him.

## **8. New business**

### **Yonge Street Mission. Evergreen Centre for Street Youth. Drop-In Centre**

Bob Stambula reported that the move of the Yonge Street Mission to Chinatown has been opposed by the local BIA. However, Councillor Cressy is supportive and will hold a meeting regarding this issue.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm** to attend the annual volunteer appreciation night at Gus Sinclair's house. Moved by James Murdoch and seconded by Carlo Drudi.