

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday April 17, 2012 7 p.m.
Kensington Gardens

In Attendance: Tim Grant (chair), Angie Andreoli, Richard Gilbert, Steve Klein, Eleanor Levine, Gail Misra, Christian Mueller, James Murdoch, Stuart Schoenfeld, Wendy Smith, Neil Stephenson, Eva Janecek

Regrets: Sue Dexter, Carmen Gauthier, Jane Perdue, Rory Sinclair, Graham Rempe

1. Chair's Welcome extended to all.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Richard, Seconded by Gail, the Agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of March 20th, 2012

Moved by Richard, Seconded by Gail; Approved.

4. Treasurer's report

Carmen submitted a report (via Tim) that:

Cash on hand totals \$4,092. The input of accounts Project vs Regular Accounts is 99% done.

5. Special Presentations (insuring heritage homes) by **Marc Lefebvre**, Insurance Bureau of Canada), **Danny Sgro and Sandi Pires** (Jones DesLauriers Insurance Management Inc.), and **Rollo Myers** (Manager, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario).

Marc Lefebvre summarized the position of the Insurance Bureau of Canada and acknowledged that insuring older homes is more difficult than insuring newer homes mainly because of questionable state of plumbing, heating and roofing. To his knowledge no single agency has a rule not to insure Heritage Houses (HH).

Danny Sgro suggested owners provide the insurance broker with as much information as possible on the state of the property and upgrades to wiring, plumbing, heating and roofing.

Richard Longley told the committee that his "Heritage" booklet already has some information on insuring HH and agreed to summarize the relevant information from the discussion and compile a list of brokers who insure HH. He will run it by Marc.

The need for educating not only home-owners but also insurance brokers was discussed. Marc agreed to attend to this.

It was suggested that HVRA run a survey of residents regarding brokers and insurance used, rates and if any problems were encountered in insuring their houses.

6. Committee Reports

a) **Membership:**

Gail reported that there are 143 paid members for 2012

b) **Community Liaison:**

No report

c) **Zoning:**

No report

d) **Communications:**

Newsletter will have Eleanor's interviews as a centre-piece

e) **Website: Wendy**

2012 calendar was updated; home page lists the Clean-up and Yard sale events

f) **U of T Liaison:**

No report

g) **Heritage:**

No report

h) **History Project:** Richard will bring the new Trillium application to the June meeting for information/discussion. Eleanor reported that a full transcription of 24 interviews will be available in a few weeks

i) **Spring clean-up** Neil reported that all prizes were collected and everything is ready.

j) **Spring Yard sale** Christian reported that the sale is planned for May 5th. Copies of the flyer were distributed to the Board members. Volunteers are needed for distribution and collection of tables that will be rented to residents. Money collected from the community tables will be donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Left over articles will go to Goodwill.

Gail moved that: HVRA support the Yard Sale by paying for an ad in The Star.

Other advertising venues such as Kijiji & Craig's list were discussed.
Christian will explore this and Tim will approve the final amount.

- k) **Graffiti** Tim reported that two young adults were hired to distribute letters to houses with graffiti to encourage them to cover the graffiti themselves or use the services of students @\$15/hr plus materials. Then a 2nd letter will be distributed to encourage participation. The coordinators are very eager; they have a power-washer available to them. Neil proposed approaching RBC to spearhead "A graffiti project to clean-up Harbord from Spadina to Bathurst"
- l) **Neighbourhood disruption** A short mention will be in the Newsletter
- i) **Lane ways** Report sent via e-mail by Gus:

As you will recall, one of the most successful community consultations ever undertaken by HVRA resulted in a wonderful collection of names for our laneways suggested by you our members. With the approbation of the Councilor's office, we submitted our list to the City and as expected, some were accepted as is, some had pro forma objections that can be over-ridden and some have to be changed as there is some duplication in other parts of the City Six of our suggestions were accepted without modification and they are, by lane number:

- 1: Loretto Lane
- 7: Galvao Lane
- 13: Sappers Lane
- 14: Greenberg Lane
- 17: Immergluck Lane
- 23: Bagpipe Lane

The following suggestions met with only one 'pro forma' objection: in general the Street Naming Policy prefers single names for streets, avenues and lanes rather than two names such as first and last names of some individual. It is our opinion and that of the Councilor's office that the community can push for acceptance of these "double" names and there is already much precedent for doing so. It is our intent then to go forward with the following names as originally suggested by you and as selected by the jury:

- 2: David French Lane
- 3: Alan Powell Lane
- 5: Albert Jackson Lane
- 12: Douglas Campbell Lane
- 15: Barker Fairley Lane
- 16: Boys of Major Lane
- 18: Barbara Godard Lane

- 20: William James Lane
- 21: Leah Cohen Lane
- 22: Barbara Barrett Lane

The following suggested names had bigger problems insofar as there were other streets in the city with the same or very similar names already in use. This poses a problem for Emergency Services who may give instructions to crews that are ambiguous. We have consulted with the individuals or organizations as well as the jury to sort out alternatives to our original suggestions

<u>Original Suggestion</u>	<u>Alternative Suggestion:</u>	<u>Reasons</u>
4: Carpenter's Lane [the others will be on a plaque below the sign]	James Hales Lane	One of 3 carpenters honoured
6: Lewis Lane	Lewis Family Lane	Wish of the Lewis family
8: Fernandes Lane	Antonio Fernandes Lane	name of 1 st original immigrant
9: Greenland Lane	Cyril Lane	Wish of the Greenland family
10: St. John's Lane	Chapel Hospice Lane	Original building + new use
11: Dairy Lane	Grimsby Dairy Lane	Full name of the original dairy
19: Trinity Lane	Katharine Hocken Lane	Name of important minister at TSP

- h) **Flowerpots** Wendy was congratulated on the beautiful Easter/Passover displays on Harbord. She reported that all money was spent on the arrangements and she hopes that BIA will give more money and buy more pots.

It was recommended that HVRA contribute as well and work with BIA on this project.

- i) **Farmers Market** Tim reported that more farmers were found to participate so there will be Farmer's Markets again this year. However, since the provincial government cut their support, the organizers of the Market are looking for help. Tim moved that: HVRA approve 2012 contribution of \$500 to the Farmers Market

Seconded by Eva; all in favour – approved

Gail asked if the Green P Parking lot is the best location; the question will be discussed at the Farmers Market group.

Adjournment at 9 p.m.