

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday April 20, 2010 7p.m.
Kensington Gardens**

In attendance: Tim Grant, Debby Black, David Booz, Laura Bradbury, Sue Dexter, Richard Gilbert, Katrina McHugh, Stuart Schoenfeld; Rory Sinclair, Wendy Smith, Leslie Thompson, Mairin Wilkinson, Eva Janecek-Rucker

Regrets: Angie Andreoli, Colin Furness, Jane Perdue, Gail Misra,

1. Chair's welcome

Tim welcomed all present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved.

Moved by Sue Dexter; seconded by Leslie Thompson

3. Approval of minutes:

Minutes of March 16/10 were approved.

Gus Sinclair moved to adopt the minutes; seconded by Debby Black

4. Treasurer's report

Leslie Thompson submitted a draft statement of financial position to the board for review.

5. Committee Reports

a. Communications

Newsletter is ready for a layout and will be ready for distribution early in May.

Colin Furness contributed a well written article on graffiti which will be the centre-piece

b. Website

Wendy Smith reported the website is running very smoothly; there has been a gradual increase in visits with lots of new visitors. The technical advisor Jason is no longer available to help with HVRA website. Gus Sinclair will contact ISP to get a name of a possible new programmer

c. Environment:

i. Trees:

Next meeting – April 27th; the agenda includes the following: street-tree watering, collecting photos of heritage trees in HV; sharing remaining backyard tree monies with other RA's;

ii. HERO

David Booz is finishing up the final paperwork, will issue final HERO grants, and write a final report for the City.

d. Membership:

- Katrina McHugh reported the update of the database is almost complete and that only a few new members joined but the expectation is that more residents will join at the Spring meeting.

e. Community Liaison

Gus Sinclair had nothing to report now but as the laneways project gets off the grounds, there will be regular reports. Gus asked that “Laneways” are added to the agenda as a regular item. Agreed.

f. Zoning:

• OMB

- 580 Spadina – OMB denied owner’s appeal
- 102 Robert – no variance required for garage; going forward as of right
- 82 Robert – OMB hearing is scheduled for June 3
- 77 Borden – owner requested 12’ extension; Gus has asked for planning report

g. U of T Liaison

Gus Sinclair and Sue Dexter reported on UofT planning to put a pixel board on the Monk Centre building. An emergency meeting of Liason committee is planned to put a stop to these plans.

h. Heritage Committee

Leslie Thompson reported that Ian McKenzie will get heritage plaques that will be sold as a fundraiser.

Major St.-phase 3 photographs are done

Leslie will make an announcement about this next phase at the Spring meeting

j. Chair’s Report

Brunswick-College Parkette RFP is being drafted, and the design competition has been tentatively set for the Fall.

Crime Distribution Maps

Tim spoke to PC Robert Gris 3 weeks ago. He promised to obtain and send us the requested crime distribution maps after returning from a 2 week furlong, but Tim received nothing in the last week.

Mayoralty Debate

a/ Five RA’s, 2 BIA’s and Trinity-St. Paul’s Centre are now co-sponsoring the June 15th Mayoralty Debate. A committee of 3 rep’s from 3 RA’s has decided that there will be 2 back to back debates that night. The first will have the 6 best known candidates and start at 7pm. The second, likely running from 9-10, will include those of the lesser known candidates who have serious programs, a website, etc. A flyer designer has drafted a flyer for comments and will soon revise it. Having T-St.P’s Centre as a co-sponsor reduced the hall rental charge to \$238, and allows us to use the church’s sound system, and reduces HVRA’s cost to approximately \$30.

Discussion Items

1/June board meeting on June 8th or 22nd? The chair will decide depending on the agenda whether and when to call a June meeting.

2/ May 18 Spring meeting

Will include: Richard from AETNA: a presentation on termites; Carolyn Moss agreed to speak about green roofs; Gus Sinclair will introduce Laneways project and My Market (volunteers are still needed); Leslie Thompson will present an update on the Heritage project; Councillor Vaughan will be asked to deliver a state-of-the-union address

Volunteer Appreciation Night vote

Advertisement of the Spring meeting was discussed: a ½ page flyer with the Newsletter , The Gleener and others

3/ Mayoralty debate

How to deal with disruptive elements at a political debate?

There was a discussion about possible ways to prevent disruptive behaviour at a political debate.

Richard Gilbert moved the following, which was seconded by Tim

That the position of the HVRA Board to be discussed with the other hosts of the June 15 mayoralty election meeting be this:

1. That only registered candidates preferred by 5% or more of respondents in a recent poll taken by a reputable polling organization be invited PLUS other registered and interested candidates selected by lot to make the total on the platform to no more than eight.
2. That participating candidates be advised that participation in the meeting in any capacity by people who do not have a connection with the area represented by the meeting hosts will be discouraged (except of course the candidates themselves).
3. That on the evening of the meeting persons not connected with the area be discouraged from entering the meeting room by whatever means seem appropriate.
4. That during the meeting any time taken up by organized demonstrations evidently in favour of a candidate be deducted from that candidate's speaking time.
5. That any attempt by a candidate to contradict the actuality or the spirit of the above arrangements be strongly represented to Toronto media.

Gus Sinclair volunteered to be the chairperson/moderator at the Debate and HVRA board representative at the planning meetings for this Debate.

Richard suggested an objective and a transparent process of selecting candidates who will be invited to the debate, which involved randomly drawing names of lesser-known candidates who had a website and a serious platform.

In order to set a date for the debate, George Smitherman, Rocco Rossi and Joe Pantalone were asked if they were available on June 15th. All accepted the invitation. Five more candidates will be selected.

All sponsoring organizations will ask one question and then it will be opened to questions from the floor.

Residents will be asked at the Spring meeting to submit questions to help formulate a "HVRA" question.

4/ Adding pictures of HVRA award-winners to website?

Members agreed and Tim and Debbie volunteered to get pictures of the winners so that they can be posted on the HVRA web site.

5/ The Festival on Bloor will take place on Sunday June 13. Miles Nadal JCC is the main organizer of this street festival and wants to include the neighbourhood as much as possible.

Members agreed that HVRA should join the other residents' associations at one table.

6/ Brunswick Contra-Flow Bike Lane meeting on April 19

Richard, Sue and Tim attended and reported that it was a very positive and productive meeting. More public consultations are planned. Studies are needed to illuminate "what is happening" in terms of pedestrian and cycling traffic. Attention is needed in designing studies so that meaningful information is gathered to come up with appropriate solutions.

Meeting was adjourned at about 9pm