

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Kensington Gardens

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: David Booz, Laura Bradbury, Wendy Duff, Sue Dexter, Tim Grant, Katrina McHugh, Jane Perdue, Stephanie Rea, Stuart Schoenfeld, Rory Sinclair, Leslie Thompson, Mairin Wilkinson

Regrets: Eva Janacek-Rucker, Richard Gilbert

1. Chair's Welcome:

Gus announced he will step down at the end of this term, after 8 years as Chair, but will remain on the Board as Past President.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Approved with additions of a) lead in water pipes and b) garbage pick-up.

3. Minutes:

Corrections: Under "Energy", Jane, not David, received an e-mail from "Friends of Margaret Fairley".
Under "Newsletter" Jane Auster, not Jane Perdue, volunteered to assemble .

Approved, as amended: Moved by Tim, seconded by Jane Perdue.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Leslie circulated an interim report.
General funds are at \$17,000.

5. Committee Reports:

A. Environment:

Water:

- Tim has extra water-testing kits and volunteered to submit them on behalf of residents.
- Sue suggested the Board put money aside to address issue of lead in our water.

Agreed: We will add Public Health standards and the water-testing project as a sub topic for the spring meeting. We will also ask for one Board volunteer to scope issue of hiring a student to do group testing and report to the meeting.

Trees:

Tim reported there was no response to offer for front yard planting. He also reported that we have not yet received donations to help pay for the trees we hope to plant on the eastside of the Central Tech campus.

HERO:

- David reported that 20 people attended the public meeting on April 16. A representative from Carson Dunlop gave a presentation.
- 37 people have signed up for energy audits (15 following the public meeting); goal is still 200.

Next Steps:

- Each member took 5 flyers to encourage neighbours to sign up
- David (and others) will prepare a one-page sheet for the spring meeting with info on
 - grant extensions, and
 - cost information

ECO-DAY:

- Trinity- St-Paul's has organized May 3 as Eco- Day. HVRA will have a table.
- Gus will send an e-mail to HVRA members.

B. Membership:

- Katrina sent out m/s renewal notices to 350 addressees; 15 responded.
- Katrina will send an up-date to members with a "time to renew your m/s" message.

C. Community Liaison:

Farmers' market:

- will run from June 3 to Oct. 28
- official opening will be held June 25
- volunteers are needed for two 2-hour shifts, 3 to 5 and 5 to 7 p.m; Gus will send an e-mail.

Patios on Brunswick Ave:

"Lab"- negotiations with owner did not result in a consensus; as a result, residents are opposing any patio licence for the Lab.

Future Bakery- residents agreed patio could stay open until 11:00 during the week and until 1:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Next steps:

- Adam will take residents' view forward; expect Council will agree with residents
- Owner will then have option to ask that city clerk organize a poll.

D. College Street:

Richard and Adam will attend a meeting on April 27.

E. 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

HCD

Agreed: this should be a separate item on every public meeting

- Sue advised HCD requires owners to obtain permits before changes are made to windows or doors

F. Communications:

- Newsletter will be out shortly

G. University Liaison:

- No new information

H. Community Policing:

- HVRA group attended community safety meeting following swarming incident at Central Tech
- Police say crime rates are down overall in the area
- Police suggest we name our back lanes and number our garages; we will discuss at spring meeting.

I. Other Business:

- i) Charitable Foundation:
Discussion concerning liability issues, costs and due diligence requirements.

Agreed: Tim, Richard, and Gus will pursue issue further.

- ii) Garbage:

- Stephanie raised issues about inconsistent pick-up rules

Agreed: we should call Adam's office each time we notice this and document the problems to see if there is a pattern.

- General concern that bins are unsightly and are marring the streetscape.

J. Next Meeting:

- Our spring meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26.
- Newsletter will include a public notice of the meeting.
- Agenda items include: solid waste; lead in water; community policing.

Meeting adjourned at 9.00 pm.