

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 7p.m., Kensington Gardens
Minutes

In attendance: Tim Grant, Sue Dexter, Gus Sinclair, Wendy Smith, Marilyn Martin, Carmen Gauthier, Christian Mueller, James Murdoch, Gail Misra, Carolee Orme, Margaret Procter, Eva Janecek. **Regrets:** Steve Klein, Jane Perdue

1. **Chair's welcome** extended to all.

2. **Approval of agenda**

Moved by Gail, seconded by Sue. Approved.

3. **Approval of the Minutes**

July 15th, 2014 minutes were approved with a change (5i)

Moved by Carolee; seconded by Carmen. Approved

4. **Special presentation**

Kevin Lee of Scadding Court Community Centre Redevelopment

Mr. Lee thanked the HVRA for the \$1,000 donation toward their Diversity Scholarship Program. This year they distributed \$100,000 to needy students towards their post-secondary tuition.

He then told the Board that City Council passed the latest report on a proposal which has been in the development over the past 8 years. Councillor Vaughan was in support of the innovative proposal which would include the rebuilding of the Community Centre, Library, skating rink and the pool into a large, new centre. It would include three 10 -12 story towers. UHN Hospital is planning to move some family practice units to the site and Ryerson OCAD is to occupy ~10,000 sq ft. A feasibility study has already been done. Mr. Lee assured the Board that the Market 707 storefront containers will stay.

5. **Discussion items**

i. *Should we distribute student membership flyers again in early September?*

Since only one student responded last year, the members decided against it. Instead, a notice will be on the 1st page of the next Newsletter.

It was agreed that it would be helpful for Area reps to have wallet cards with HVRA contacts to help them recruit new members and promote HVRA.

ii. *Should we print and sell HVRA t-shirts at the Fall Fair?*

Members agreed unanimously that t-shirts should be sold at the membership table. Many suggested making black t-shirts available. Wendy agreed to modify the colours to suit a black background and have the changes made available for email vote before printing. Gus agreed to have them printed at the same place as before.

6. **Reports**

a. Treasurer: Carmen reported that there is about \$1,800 that was collected from membership dues and more is trickling in.

b. Membership: Gail reported that there are 214 paid members; some paid as much as \$50. The new year will be starting soon and she reiterated the need to have the correct information regarding the price of membership (\$10).

c. Community Liaison: No report.

d. Zoning: Sue summarized developments at Central Tech; the information was previously circulated to members.

f. Website: Wendy will post the news that HVRA received "intervener status" with respect to Central Tech at the OMB hearing.

g. Communications: Wendy reviewed the commitments for articles for the upcoming newsletter that are due in a week. It was agreed that it is desirable to have a regular feature about local artists. Marilyn will make a list of local artists available.

h. U of T Liaison: Sue reported on the community meeting regarding the Spadina-Sussex project. She mentioned that about 80-100 people attended including two City Council candidates and Councillor Ceta Ramkhalawansingh. At the end of the meeting there was a rough consensus about the building and the field. Councillor Ramkhalawansingh pointed out what was learned from the 245 College process and how the lesson applies to this project. The next step is to make an appointment with Councillor Ramkhalawansingh and then meet with UofT, Daniel-Daniel and Councillor Ramkhalawansingh.

i. History: Still awaiting financial report. Christian agreed to ask for it again.

j. Flowerpots: Marilyn asked if anyone had perennials to donate to contact her.

k. Heritage: No report

l. Zoning: No report

7. Chair's Report (sent via email prior to the meeting)

a. On Friday, I spoke with Carolynna Gabriel, the sole proprietor of Wilmington Tennis, who is interested in refurbishing and leasing the tennis courts at Sussex-Robert from U of T and Lord Lansdowne School from the TDSB. Much like Razor Management, the company would rent out the courts, sell lessons and the public could use them only when no one else is using them.

b. Election debates. Other RA's are supportive of a 2 part Councillor debate. Because this format requires more time AND we want to provide more attention on the school trustee elections this time around, we'll soon be scheduling the trustee debate on a different date in mid-October.

c. I've done nothing to further our campaign for 2 or 3 day/week home delivery by Canada Post. Nor have I had a moment to contact potential new SE area reps.

d. Sue, Wendy and I are meeting Briony Glassco, the new interim school trustee, for coffee tomorrow (ie. Wednesday), to discuss Central Tech.

- e. Staff from Han Dong's office has requested a meeting to hear of our issues. I thanked them for their interest, and welcomed the opportunity to meet, but after the Oct.27 municipal elections. I did indicate that the 2 following issues are ones where we could use his help: reforming the AGCO and allowing Toronto to replace the OMB with its own development review panel.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

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