

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday August 17, 2010 7p.m.**  
**Kensington Gardens**

**In attendance:** Tim Grant, Debby Black, David Booz, Laura Bradbury, Sue Dexter, Richard Gilbert, Gail Misra, Rory Sinclair, Wendy Smith, Leslie Thompson, Mairin Wilkinson, Eva Janecek-Rucker

**Regrets:** Angie Andreoli, Colin Furness, Katrina McHugh, Jane Perdue, Stuart Schoenfeld

**1. Chair's welcome**

Tim welcomed all present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Approved unanimously. Items for discussion were added

**3. Approval of minutes:**

Gus Sinclair moved and Mairin Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of July 20/10.

Approved unanimously

**4. Treasurer's report**

Leslie Thompson reported that there have been no changes in HRVA financial position; there is over \$24,000 in the bank.

**5. Committee Reports**

**a. Environment:**

**i. Trees:**

No report

**ii. HERO**

HERO project update to be posted on the HVRA web site stating that the project is completed but the legacy of HERO will live on.

**b. Membership:**

No report

**c. Community Liaison**

- Gus Sinclair reported that another mayoral debate, this time including George Smitherman, will take place on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Bloor Street Church at 227 Bloor Street East. The debate will be hosted by TVO's Steve Paikin. It is co-sponsored by The Greater Yorkville Residents' Association and The Yonge Bloor Bay Business Association.

- Market is doing well and Gus informed members that on Sept 18 there will be a Peach Festival with free samples

- Councillors' debate is scheduled at Trinity St. Paul's on Oct 18th

**d. Zoning:**

- Sue Dexter reported again on the concerns of illegal rooming houses; attached houses can't be a mixture of rooming house and family dwelling and 80 Wilcox is a semi

Willcocks Common- a pedestrian mall was created on Willcocks St between Spadina & Huron

<http://www.news.utoronto.ca/campus-news/walk-this-way-to-willcocks.html>

#### **e. Communications**

Calvin's references checked out and he is working out well.

Richard discussed that the Newsletter will be put out in early October, so he needs copy to be submitted by mid-September.

The Board discussed possible topics for discussion at the AGM. Dave Meslin is being considered as the speaker to discuss the "Better Ballots" project, and he would be the only speaker.

Dave Meslin will be invited to provide an article for the newsletter. Christie Blatchford will be doing an article, Wendy will arrange for photos of the flowerpot committee on Harbord Street.

#### **f. Website**

Wendy reported that minutes of all past board meetings and AGMs were posted on the web. She also asked members to keep an eye on the website and keep her posted on any updates needed, especially on the homepage.

#### **g. U of T Liaison**

UofT is very aggressive in pursuing building on the Spadina Circle site; it will house Faculty of Architecture

Master plan roll-out and getting to the end

Plans for 40-story building for student housing on College St were resurrected

### **6. Chair's Report**

a. College Kebob's (inside) Liquor Licence application for 382 College Street  
Richard moved that: HVRA Board does not oppose liquor licence that includes 11pm closing at that location.  
All agreed

b. Tim presented motion regarding Robert Street Playing Field/Ice Rink/Tennis Courts/Parkette: "Be it moved that HVRA ask the U of T to collaborate with neighbours and HVRA."  
All agreed

### **7. Other Items**

a. Fall Fair

Gus reported that Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Fall Fair and that the Committee has been meeting. They are planning publicity to get more attendants, the music has been arranged; there will be an Art exhibit;

the Board has to have membership table there as it is the best time to renew memberships. He will contact Katrina to arrange staffing of the membership table. Laura is getting the permits, and has sent out requests for licences. There will be no book or rummage sale this year.

Tim reported that Alana Charles, of Urbin, has developed an attractive container to hold garbage and recycling bins and would like to set up a booth at the Fall Fair.

All Board Members are encouraged to attend, and there will be something to identify people as such. David Booz will provide lanyards, and Wendy will prepare the artistic name tags.

Tim to send out an e-mail blast to members to tell them about the date.

#### b. Fundraising for St.Stephen's

St. Stephens is creating a CD of a very successful musical performance that included Daniel Lanois, Bruce Cockburn, and others who participated a few years ago, and it hopes to sell it to raise funds for St. Stephens.

#### c. Heritage fundraising

Sue Dexter reported that the Robert St extension (HCD part 2) cost \$10,000 for a Heritage study and now the fund needs to be replenished for the next phase of the heritage designation effort. HVRA fronted the money in the first instance. The City now requires that groups have the funds available up front for a Heritage study. The question of how to get the money repaid was discussed. Since the study was financed out of HVRA funds, it would like to see that money returned so that it can form the seed money for the next group seeking heritage designation.

Consideration is being given by the local committee to fundraising through plaques, etc. but selling entire house reports is not realistic as an option. So the question is how to get the money repaid so that it could be used for Phase 2. 240 homes were involved on Robert Street.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to each affected household asking for a donation of \$100 or \$50 from each.

Gus and Sue will call a meeting with the remaining members of the local Heritage Committee to discuss this option, and will seek to craft a letter and send it out to each household. A second letter would go out after the first, asking for others who had not made donations to do so.

It was agreed that ideas about Heritage areas should be raised at the AGM to give members a sense of what the Heritage designation is about and what the HVRA is involved in.

Currently the City is reviewing its guidelines for heritage designation, so no new applications are being considered right now.

#### d. Garbage bins at Kaplansky's and College Kebab's patio

Dale Duncan has advised Tim Grant that neither of these establishments had a permit to build the pads for these spaces. The restaurants will be told they are in breach, they will then have to apply for permits, and then Adam's office will be advised, and so will the HVRA.

The regulations are not clear about this issue so there has been poor enforcement in the past.

Richard will be meeting with a new City official and will raise with her the problem in the regulations that govern this area of concern.

e. Development of the Loretto School building on Bathurst Street:

On July 27, 2010 Sue Dexter, Wendy Smith, Katrina McHugh and Gail Misra, along with Adam Vaughan, attended a meeting with the developers of the Loretto School building site. The developers presented four ideas for the site, which is slated for the building of approximately 200 condominium units aimed at the university market and those who may be downsizing. The ideas ranged from buildings of 10 to 18 stories in height, all of which would step up from the back lane on the east side of the property which backs onto the houses on Lippencott. We raised whether they may include some townhouses, that it would be of significant importance that the east face of the building not be a massive edifice facing the homes on Lippencott as the general plans seemed to envision a four storey edifice on that side that would then step up from there in tiers so that the mass of the building would be on the north and west sides of the building. The developers are envisioning that a main entrance to the building, and its parking, would be off the laneway. Adam Vaughan drew what he thought may be a more workable concept, made clear that a monolithic building of 18 stories was too aggressive, and that a three level building, lower at the south end, higher at the north end, animated on Bathurst Street, and more sensitive to the neighbourhood on the back and south sides would be more in keeping with what may be acceptable in the neighbourhood. He indicated they could consider less sidewalk space on the east side as there is less concern about the Bathurst side than the residential neighbourhood sides. Sue made clear to the developers that while we were there from the HVRA, we could not speak on behalf of the neighbourhood, and that nothing we said could be relied upon as authorization for any particular model. Wendy indicated that there was a concern about the lack of appeal of the present building on the Bathurst Street side, and that she hoped that they would be incorporating a more attractive and welcoming presence on Bathurst.

Meeting was adjourned at about 8:50pm