

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday August 19 , 2008 7p.m.
Kensington Gardens

In attendance: Rory Sinclair, Margaret Beare, David Booz, Stuart Schoenfeld, Tim Grant, Sue Dexter, Richard Gilbert, Jane Perdue, Bachir Rabbat. Leslie Thompson, Eva Janecek-Rucker

Regrets: Colin Furness, Samiha Sayed, Katrina McHugh, Wendy Duff

1. Chair's Welcome

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved as circulated.

3. Minutes: moved by Tim Grant, seconded by Margaret Beare

4. Treasurer's report

Leslie reported that as of mid August there is about \$17,200. Bills for the Fall Fair are now being paid. Leslie will e-mail members or report at the next meeting how much money is the "trees" revenue.

Leslie also mentioned that after the treeing efforts, there was an increase in the membership.

5. Committee Reports

Trees:

- Several members of the committee interviewed 4 candidates for the Village Arborist and selected Bruce Tree Experts who in their opinion had the best approach, namely take into consideration the whole echo system while treating the individual trees
- Tim will ask a representative of Bruce Tree Experts to be present at the Fall Fair on Sept 14th ; flyer with prices would be beneficial
- *Louise Potts – tree inventory*
- The Chair and the members thanked Tim for his efforts and leadership

Solar

- Project winding down.
- Notice about a last chance to participate will be sent by the end of the year
- About 40 systems were installed (27 hot water and 13 PV)

Graffiti:

- Croft St. mural is starting to peel after only 2 years – Jane will follow up to express our concerns

Membership:

- Updated list available for committees from the Web site
- Members to contact David if they have problems accessing it

Communications

- Newsletter articles to be sent to Jane by Sept 16th
- Topics for AGM: Arborist (15min); Councilor Vaughan-State of the Union (include Ottawa Noise By-laws; 15min)

Fall Fair:

- New musicians and groups are lined up as well as some musicians who participated previously
- Items for silent auction are coming in
- Leslie is in charge of food

Community Liaison

- HVRA to work on Noise By-Laws

College Street

- Richard summarized the state of this project; the bottom line is: no activity at this time.

Zoning:

- 38 Brunswick St.-work is finished & building is occupied but court case postponed till Dec. 1st
- Councilor Vaughan's office to be notified to boost their legal position

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- No report

Farmers Market-

- Each Wednesday in Borden St. Green P Parking Lot

Fire Safety

- No report

Heritage

- Robert Street heritage project- to City in July (preview meeting) - Public meeting will be held in the fall
- Section 37 monies now applicable to heritage districts
- Cathy Nasmith is about to send a report to the City
- Discussion about the size of the 102 Robert St.

Green Project:

- Can we reduce our community carbon footprint?
- Sue Dexter and David Booz reported on the green project proposal they submitted to the City on behalf of HVRA.
- Sue described a two-step project:
 - 1. get carbon footprint for HV as baseline; fits with mapping project. It will tell gov't where an investment needs to be made.
 - 2. retrofitting –for example, bulk purchase on energy audits- or subsidize thing weather-stripping.
- The project will be measurable,
- The Chair and the members thanked Sue and David for their efforts

Other Business

OISE Parkette

- Sue reported that OISE received government (Section 37) money to rejuvenate the parkette on Bloor St. Question was asked if there was a possible similarity to Sussex parkette—no motion

Croft Lane North of Lennox

- Croft Lane problems: high school students loitering (some people couldn't get out of their own garage)
- Possible solutions: a/ meeting of residents to define the problem & then meet with the school officials; b/ talk to students directly

Patio Protocol

- HVRA will concentrate their efforts on noise by-laws
- Document was accepted with deletion of #6
- Richard to review, edit and e-mail to members

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

