

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting  
Tuesday December 15, 2009 7p.m.  
Kensington Gardens**

**In attendance:** Tim Grant, Laura Bradbury, David Booz, Sue Dexter, Wendy Duff, Colin Furness, Richard Gilbert, Katrina McHugh, Gail Misra, Jane Perdue, Rory Sinclair, Stuart Schoenfeld, Wendy Smith, Leslie Thompson, Mairin Wilkinson, Eva Janecek-Rucker

**Regrets:** Angie Andreoli, Debby Black,

**1. Chair's welcome**

Tim welcomed all present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Approved with additional items.

**3. Approval of minutes:**

Minutes of November 17th, 2009 were approved. Moved by Rory Sinclair, seconded by Gail Misra

**4. Treasurer's report**

Leslie reported that HVRA is in a healthy position financially. She informed the committee that since the organization's activities have significantly expanded, it is very time-consuming to keep the accounts using Excel. Leslie recommended that HVRA hires a book-keeper to enter the data into an accounting package such as QuickBooks

Richard Gilbert moved that the Board approve \$500 to rationalize the accounting process under Leslie's direction. If further funds are required Leslie is to consult with Tim Grant. Seconded by Eva Janecek-Rucker  
Carried

**5. Committee Reports**

**a. Environment:**

**i. Trees:**

- Group will meet in Feb/2010

**ii. HERO**

- 106 audits were completed & 7 furnaces + several water heaters were installed to date
- Project activities were extended till end of January; one more flyer will be distributed
- An interesting information was learned at the last HERO meeting from Stefan Gruescu of Carson & Dunlop: ~80% of people who get new furnaces do so because of renovation or replacement rather than because of eco concerns

**iii. Graffiti:**

- Nothing new to report

**b. Membership:**

- 34 new members since the AGM

**c. Community Liaison**

- Deferred

#### **d. Communications**

Richard Gilbert reported that since Wendy Smith joined the Board, there has been a lot of activity with respect to the web site. All areas except Membership have been reviewed

- 1<sup>st</sup> page has been completely changed
- Board Members' ability to make changes to the HVRA web has been temporarily removed until the security threat has been resolved

Question was asked: who gets to appoint the HVRA webmaster

Richard moved that the webmaster be appointed by the Director of communications in consultation with the Chair. The webmaster will report to the Board.

Seconded by David Booz      Carried

Monthly changes to the 1<sup>st</sup> web page will be put on the agenda for further discussion

#### **e. Zoning:**

- No report

#### **f. U of T Liaison**

▪ There is hope the re-routing of the ROM exhaust fan from Philosopher's Walk to the loading bays may be completed soon.

### **6. Other Business**

#### **a. Assistance of UofT Engineering students**

- After discussion it was decided that HVRA should not be "the gate-keeper"
- Discussion about individual vs community projects
- E-mail will be sent informing the members of opportunities for them work with U of T Engineering students.

#### **b. Special events permits**

Laura Bradbury reported that for the Fall Fair HVRA needs:

- 2 paid police officers and 1 security person
- if raffle continues, gaming license
- to show the server license of the of the person selling liquor
- it was agreed that Gus would call a meeting of the Fall Fair volunteers to discuss whether to continue serving alcohol

#### **c. Business partnership (e.g. Escarpment Program)**

Colin Furness distributed a proposal that was discussed electronically prior to the meeting. The chair and members thanked Colin for his great work; the only further suggestion was to change "Chair" for "President" in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of the document. Colin's proposed framework was approved.

#### **d. How to kick-start the laneway naming process**

- There are 47 laneways in the community
- Community participation and community building essential

Sue Dexter suggested that Gus Sinclair be "the Lane Czar" since he is so well connected, known and liked in the community. Agreed unanimously. Gus accepted and agreed to write a flyer for the residents inviting them to participate

**e. Special reports**

**i. Meeting with BIA & Annex RA on improving conditions on Bloor St.**

Tim reported that it was agreed by the organizations to support each other but not to create an ongoing committee

**ii. Robert St. Heritage**

Debby Black reported that Robert St. Heritage passed Council and in January it will be known whether there is an appeal to the OMB.

**iii. Sally Bird Parkette meeting**

Nicole Schulman attended Councillor Vaughan's meeting about this and another parkette, along with a handful of other Brunswick residents. Their suggestions for spending the \$100,000 in federal infrastructure money were to add adult exercise bars, more seating areas and a water feature near Brunswick to draw attention to the parkette. A landscape architect will develop a draft plan, which should be presented to local residents in March for their comments. The \$100,000 must be spent by March 2011.

**iv. Save the Pools**

David Booz and Tim were present at a Save the Pools meeting at Central Tech. Their assessment was that the participants at this school and Kensington Community School were passionate but small in numbers and not having enough time or resources to recruit enough user groups to keep the pools open before the December 31st deadline.

**f. St.Stephen's social worker**

Deferred

**g. Traffic problem at Harbord & Bathurst**

Moved by Wendy Smith, seconded by Stuart Schoenfeld

Whereas the intersection of Bathurst and Harbord is increasingly dangerous and difficult for left-turning drivers, we request the city perform a traffic study with a view of considering to install "advance lighting" which will include dedicated left-turn signals for drivers pproaching from all four directions.

Carried unanimously.

It was agreed that Tim and Susan would take this request to Councillor Vaughan.

**h. Garbage problems**

Concerns were expressed that there are no garbage containers on College St between Spadina & Bathurst and that consequently there is a lot of garbage on the street. Also, Caplansky's garbage problem, even though a bit better, is still not resolved

**i. Volunteer Appreciation Night**

Motion: beginning in 2010, the Chair may hold a Volunteer Appreciation Night in November or December to which all past and present members of the Board and Constitution Committee and such other persons as the Chair deems appropriate shall be invited and shall be reimbursed against receipts for the cost thereof to the annual limit of \$400.

Discussed but not decided upon.

**j. History competition**

It was proposed that the chair and the past chair bring forward a proposal for an essay competition (with prizes) on the history of Harbord Village for the purpose of posting it in the relevant section of the HVRA web site.

**Meeting adjourned at about 9pm**