

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting  
Tuesday December 16 , 2008 7p.m.  
Kensington Gardens**

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

**Regrets:** Bachir Rabbat, Mairin Wilkinson , Stephanie Rea

**1. Chair's Welcome**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Approved with additions.

**3. Minutes:** Approved with corrections; moved by Tim Grant, seconded by David Booz

**4. Treasurer's report**

Leslie reported that not much has changed since the last meeting and that financially HVRA is in a good shape. Leslie also mentioned that there was again an increase in the membership.

Heritage conservation money is expected to arrive soon.

**5. Committee Reports**

**Trees:**

- Contract with Phoenix in order for send a tax receipt to people donating money to the Trees fund.
- Tim will send diplomatic e-mails to people who were identified in the report as having "problem trees"
- The Tree committee is interested in providing incentive grants of approximately \$200 to each of 4 homeowners that agree to remove 60-80 sq ft of concrete in their backyards and plant a tree
- Money is still available for trees for 2009

**Solar**

- Nothing to report

**Graffiti:**

- Nothing to report

**Membership:**

- System now works well

**Farmers Market-**

Gus reported on a wrap-up meeting with Bob Chorney and farmers; over all our Market was the best; about 50% of attendees indicated that they came to the Market because they saw the signs; very small number came in response to flyers  
tips to make the Market even better for the next year are:

- Big trucks will be placed on the outside
- Area for socializing near the musicians
- Less restrictions on the selling before the 3pm “opening” hour

### **Communications**

- Richard will ask Jason to help him sort issues around who is authorized to do what on the website and find out how to make email addresses point to particular board members

### **Community Liaison**

- HVRA to work on Noise By-Laws

### **College Street**

- no activity at this time.

### **Zoning:**

- 38 Brunswick St.-
  - Ms. Tseng lost her case at OMB and the next step is demolition but it may take some years
  - Interior work is finished & building is occupied
  - Councillor Vaughan’s office to be notified assist in pushing this towards demolition

Motion by Sue Dexter:

Once OMB decision is Gazetted, Gus will draft a letter to Councillor Vaughn, with a copy to Chief Building Inspector to advise them of the recent OMB decision and ask for the City to enforce the decision post haste.

Seconded by Stuart                      Carried unanimously

### **U of T**

- Philosopher’s walk air-conditioners  
Sue reported that after some initial resistance, the ROM had found a way to vent the restaurant fans to the roof as per original plans instead of into Philosopher’s Walk.

### **Fire Safety**

- Tim recruited a campus Co-op student to write the fire safety pamphlet and put her in touch with Colin Furness

### **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 Retrofit Project:**

- David is waiting for the contract to be signed by the City; once signed, the City will release 90% of \$20,000 grant Live Green Toronto has awarded HVRA
- The City will expect a report in 6month and if acceptable, the remainder of the money will be released at 12 months
- An e-mail address and a web page on HVRA site will be set up and the project will begin recruiting an energy audit firm and signing up residents. We hope to recruit 200 households in the next year to reduce our community carbon footprint.

## **Other Business**

### **Naming Lanes**

- Gus will find out what is needed to name a lane

### **Planning Robert/Robert/Spadina**

- Gus reported that there will be a new committee struck to decide on the future of the Robert Street Field..
- The process will begin with a public meeting of residents of Robert St. Harbord to Bloor and Sussex, Spadina to Brunswick and reps of the U of T. At this meeting two members will be chosen to sit on this committee...

### **Absentee Landlord data**

- Information gathered by a student indicate that there was about 25% change since the data was collected last year

### **Silver Dollar @ OMB**

- This patio license was denied by the C of A and has been appealed to the OMB... A one day hearing was held on the 15 of December but was not sufficient to complete the task.. It will continue on January 5
- There was an excellent turnout of residents [13] and two witnesses spoke well. Gus also testified.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm**

