

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 7p.m., Kensington Gardens
Minutes

Present: Tim Grant, James Murdoch, Paula Gallo, Marilyn Martin, Carolee Orme, Steve Klein, Carlo Drudi, Bob Stambula, Rory Gus Sinclair, Margaret Procter, Wendy Smith, Carmen Gauthier, Gail Misra, Eva Janecek,

Regrets - Sue Dexter, Christian Mueller

1. **Chair's Welcome** to all especially guests; TDSB School Trustee Ausma Malik Caroline MacFarlane and later Ward 20 Councillor Joe Cressy
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Moved by Steve, seconded by Gus - approved
3. **Approval of January 20, 2015 minutes** –Moved by Gail, seconded by Carmen - approved

4. Special Guest Presentations

a) Trustee Ausma Malik presented an overview of her first 8 weeks in office and her commitment to promote cooperation with the community and her constituents. She briefly commented on school closures and proposed changes to keep some schools open, specifically Lord Lansdowne and Old Orchard on Dovercourt Street. Ms. Malik invited everyone to come to her monthly Ward Council Meetings. The next one will be on Thursday March 12th 2015 at Harbord Collegiate Institute.

b) Councillor Joe Cressy talked about many projects and activities he is involved in. Among his good news is that the revitalization plans for the Brunswick College parkette will break ground this year and the 2nd phase of Margaret Fairley Park's revitalization will be completed in 2015. He is very concerned about the pre-applications for two 40+ story residential buildings that were submitted to the City without any consultation. Mediation between the City and the owners of 484 College St (i.e. the Waverly Hotel site) continue. Joe also mentioned that a working group for U of T's Spadina-Sussex project will be reconvening in March.

Councillor Cressy is planning to have 3-4 Ward Council meetings per year that will bring together representatives of local residents' associations and BIAs. Two HVRA reps are invited to attend the first on March 23rd. Finally, he talked with guarded enthusiasm about Westbank's proposed development plans for the Honest Ed's site, the unveiling of which will occur on March 3rd at from 6-9pm at the Park Hyatt.

5. Discussion Items

Wendy expressed a concern regarding process of getting new Board members when a vacancy occurs outside of general meetings. Gus offered to draft a procedure.

a) Constitutional Amendment

Gus moved that

#1: Be it resolved that the revised constitutional amendment to replace Article 11 with new language bringing HVRA up to date on the matter of governance and as drawn up by Gus Sinclair be approved by the Board and be sent to the Annual Spring General Meeting for ratification.

#2: Be it resolved that the proposed revision to Article 6 subsection (b) dealing with the job description of the chair as drawn up by Gus Sinclair be approved by the Board and be sent to the Annual Spring General Meeting for ratification.

#3: Be it resolved that the proposed revision to Article 7 subsection (a) dealing with voting procedure the Area Caucuses as drawn up by Gus Sinclair be approved by the Board and be sent to the Annual Spring General Meeting for ratification.

Seconded by Gail. Carried

b) Lord Lansdowne

Margaret confirmed that Lord Lansdowne School will not close but with its new focus on French Immersion programs, some of its current students will be transferred to Kensington Community School. She shared a letter that parents received from a TDSB Superintendent of Education regarding the changes.

c) Spring newsletter

Wendy asked all members to think about contributions to the next newsletter. Suggested contributions include articles about the Postman play (Gus will contact the producers of the show); Constitutional changes; Brunswick Parkette (Richard Longley); Central Tech update (reprint public statement); Margaret Fairley Park; update on the History project.

d) Flowers to new residents – Tim's proposal that board members be allowed to spend up to \$10 on flowers for brand new residents on behalf of HVRA – to an annual maximum of \$100 was viewed as a good idea but difficult to implement and therefore rejected.

6. Committee reports

a) Treasurer's report – Carmen reported that she is preparing a budget for 2015 and that project leaders can get their financial status by contacting her.

b) Membership – no report

c) Communication & Website –no report

d) Community liaison - Gus reported on the progress that playwright David Ferry is making with the play "Postman" planned for this summer. A gala presentation may take place at Sussex and Major.

e) Zoning – no report

f) U of T liaison – no report

g) Heritage – Gus has signed up to depute to the Heritage Preservation Board on behalf of HVRA on Friday February 20th on the matter of the proposed prioritization protocols for choosing new Heritage Conservation Districts. His presentation is attached to the minutes for the record

h) Flowerpots – no report

i) History Project –no report

6. Chair's report – no report

Adjournment at 9:10pm