

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday February 15, 2011 7p.m.
Kensington Gardens

In attendance: Rory Sinclair, Angie Andreoli, Sue Dexter, Colin Furness, Carmen Gauthier, Richard Gilbert, Steve Klein, Eleanor Levine, Gail Misra, Jane Perdue, Stuart Schoenfeld, Wendy Smith, Eva Janecek-Rucker, Bettina von Lieres

Regrets: Laura Bradbury, Katrina McHugh,

1. Chair's welcome

Gus welcomed all present and especially Tim Grant as a guest.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved to adopt by Gail Misra, seconded by Sue Dexter
Carried

3. Approval of minutes:

Gail Misra moved to adopt minutes of January 18 /11 and Angie Andreoli seconded.
Carried

4. Treasurer's report

Carmen reported that membership dues are over \$800; she will have a comparison with previous year(s) available at the next meeting.
GICs are over \$20,000. Members suggested that the Board should consider financing projects that benefit the community.

5. Committee Reports

a. Membership:

No report

b. Community Liaison

Tim reported that he contacted other residents' associations to share the remaining \$ from the treeing project.

c. Zoning:

Sue reported on the issues with 245 College St. – including the numerous articles in the mainstream press as well as the Gleaner, involvement of Councillor Vaughan and the upcoming meeting of the UofT Committee Council

Regarding 72 Robert St.: the 2003 permit is for 2 units where as in reality there are 3 units in the house.

Gus thanked Sue for her due diligence.

d. Communications

Richard announced that the deadline for the Newsletter is March 25th
The following topics were volunteered for:

Laneway naming: Gus

Margaret Fairley parkette: Amy Furness

History Group: Colin and Wendy

Store display on College: Jane Perdue
Heritage matters: Carmen
Aura Lee Field survey results: Angie

Question: what should be the topic of the Spring meeting was deferred till the next meeting.

Survey of residents using a Survey Monkey regarding the Aura Lee playing field was very informative with a high participation.

There were 4x more internet responses than handwritten ones but handling/analyzing the handwritten ones takes more than 5x the work.

Richard moved that HVRA subscribe to Survey Monkey a fee of \$225/yr for a period of 1 year as a trial.

Seconded by Gail	Carried
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Angie volunteered to summarize the 21 handwritten pages of comments for the Aura Lee playing field survey.

e. Website

Wendy reported that the announcement of Competition for design of Brunswick-College parkette drew over 1200 visitors.

f. U of T Liaison

Sue reported that the UofT exhibits a new attitude with respect to planning of the Huron-Sussex neighbourhood.

College-Spadina planning/vision similar to the Bloor visioning study is planned to help with the changes to the College St. from Queens Park to Bathurst.

There was a discussion about the relationship between the Harbord community and the UofT.

Loretto development was changed from 15-stories to 9- stories with a very appealing interface with the neighbourhood

h. Heritage (Robert St)

Sue reported that the 5 properties that were missed on the list of the Robert Heritage project are being addressed by the City.

Chair's Report

Deferred

7. Other Items

a. HERO project

Sue reported that an engineering student wants to a project on how to green a neighbourhood efficiently using the HERO project as an example; he is doing a presentation in April

b. Friends of Margaret Fairley

On behalf of this group, Colin reported that the community brainstorming event on February 13 went very well. Over 60 people attended and over 110 notes with suggestions were collected – attached to helium balloons and affixed to a large, beloved park toy that had been vandalized and then repaired. A volunteer did professional portrait photography. The entire event was self-funded by the group, which had raised money over the past year by selling MF t-shirts.

In addition, Colin reported that the group had also launched a survey-monkey survey via the same flyer that had announced the community brainstorming event, and that responses were steadily trickling in.

Colin further reported that the group would like to ask the HVRA for a grant to pay an honorarium to fund a professional design brief that would synthesize the extensive data from the brainstorming and survey responses.

Richard moved that HVRA grant a honorarium up to \$250 for the production of a design brief, subject to receiving a half-page (maximum) description of the process from the group. Gus to approve and vet the proposal

Seconded by Steve carried with Colin abstaining

c. Caplansky's update

Richard reported that the garbage continues to be a problem; Councillor Vaughan's office has been absent on this issue; Gus will contact Adam Vaughan and will suggest a meeting with the owner to find a solution.

d. History Committee

Colin reported that the 1st meeting was very productive; plans for potential projects were discussed with the potential to seek funding from Trillium

Board members offered suggestions such as consider using resources from the Harbord community; utilize the current technology as much as possible, etc.

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The meeting was adjourned by 8:55pm