

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting  
Tuesday February 16, 2009 7p.m.  
Kensington Gardens**

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

**Regrets:** Stuart Schoenfeld

**1. Chair's welcome**

Tim welcomed all present, especially the guests: PC Steve Kohout, PC Mike Murphy and PC Robert Gris, Community Response Team (CRT) of the 14<sup>th</sup> Division and Natasha Gromoff\_Kromer, Director, Annex Res.Association,CPLC-14<sup>th</sup> Division and Douglas Mason.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Approved with corrections.

**3. Presentation by Community Response Team**

PC Kohout presented crime statistics such assaults, B&E, possession of drugs, mischief, assaults and theft comparing 2008 and 2009. The officers confirmed that the more calls they receive from a given area, the more attention it receives.

He is going to provide the Chair with more details and geographical data.

A new pilot project is planned for March. In this project more officers will be patrolling the neighborhood during peak crime hours.

There was a productive discussion between the Board members and the CRT and willingness to continue to cooperate.

Suggestion was made to explore a levy on late-night entertainment businesses (after-hours clubs) to cover the cost of the extra policing. Richard Gilbert agreed to bring this to Councillor Vaughan's attention.

**4. Approval of minutes:**

Minutes of Dec.15/09 & Jan.19/10 were approved with changes as circulated.

Gus Sinclair moved to adopt Dec 15/09 minutes; seconded by Gail Misra

Sue Dexter moved to adopt Jan 19/10 minutes; seconded by Wendy Smith

**5. Treasurer's report**

Leslie Thompson reported her work with the book-keeper is going very well.

There is \$17,000 in the bank.

**6. Committee Reports**

**a. Communications**

Nothing to report.

**b. Website**

Webmaster Wendy Smith reported that there were 85 visits to the website before the e-mail "blast" and 187 afterwards. The members commended the Webmaster for her efforts.

Gus Sinclair thanked Mairin Wilkinson for recently completing a breakdown of all the postal codes for each of the HVRA areas.

**c. Environment:**

**i. Trees:**

- Nothing to report

**ii. HERO**

- Project is wrapping up
- 108 audits were done by Carson & Dunlop
- 11 furnaces sold

**iii. Graffiti:**

- Deferred

**d. Membership:**

- To increase membership it is recommended to take a more systematic approach such as: do an e-mail “blast” 1 month and 2 months after the Fall Fair and a mailing in February/March

**e. Community Liaison**

- Deferred

**f. Zoning:**

- Gus Sinclair and Sue Dexter are meeting with Councillor Vaughan regarding issues with 23 Major St.

**g. U of T Liaison**

▪ Street closures were discussed at the University of Toronto Area Liaison Committee. Closing St. George is proving a challenge since the City and University will have to sort out whether the pedestrian section will be closed to both cars and bicycles, or cars only. At the present, it would seem that closures for certain periods could give the City some indication as to practicality. Second, the City traffic department is studying ways to implement the zebra crossing at the St. George and Hoskins/Harbord intersection. This intersection qualifies for a zebra crossing, because some 35,000 pedestrians cross that intersection daily. But it is irregular in shape, so is proving a challenge. The south end of Devonshire Place and Willcocks west of St. George closures are preceding.

- UofT is going to expand but details are unknown

**7. Other Business**

**a. Volunteer appreciation night**

Deferred – March meeting

**b1. Business partnership (e.g. Escarpment Telecom)**

Colin Furness reviewed his findings and recommended that the Board approve the partnership in principal.

Colin then moved that: HVRA continue and formalize the relationship with Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy regarding its telephone services

Seconded by Gus Sinclair                      carried

**b2. "How to legalize a basement apartment" write up for HVRA web site**

Deferred

**c. Laneway naming**

Deferred

**d. Heritage committee**

Tim Grant summarized activity of the committee that met for the first time. Gus Sinclair circulated terms of reference (attached-Appendix A) for approval.

Moved by Gus Sinclair; seconded by Sue Dexter

**e. Chair's update**

Tim Grant and David Booz are going to a meeting of Mirvish Liason Group on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.

**f. Affiliation with the Toronto Area Conservation Network**

Deferred

**g. Olivia Chow, member of Parliament**

Olivia discussed opportunities for the community such as Summer Youth Program, concerns & issues such as cuts of child care spaces, immigration policies, green jobs, pension and the federal budget in general.

The Chair thanked Ms.Chow for taking time out of her busy schedule to talk to the Board.

**h. Honouring Walter and Margaret Houston**

Deferred

**i. Bike lanes**

Tim Grant circulated a summary of a meeting he attended at Councillor Vaughan's office on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> re bike lanes on Harbord St. In lieu of installing bike lanes, Transportation Services is planning to install bike boxes at major intersections and adding "sharrows" symbols to the 4 blocks without bike lanes.

Discussion at the Board meeting included pro and cons of bike lanes and some suggestions such as bike boxes. It was agreed that without a traffic study it would be difficult to have a good discussion about the need for bike lanes. Tim will forward the request for a study to Councillor Vaughan's office.

**Meeting adjourned at about 9pm**

## Appendix A

### **HVRA Heritage District Advisory Committee Terms of Reference**

A Heritage District Advisory Committee is a committee that is mandated by the Ontario Heritage Act that must be established in any area that acquires the designation as a Heritage Conservation District. Here is the description of the committee from the HVRA Heritage Report Phase II

#### 10.6 Heritage Conservation District Advisory Committee

Harbord Village Residents Association has established a Heritage District Advisory Committee to liaise with City staff and the heritage architect through the study process. The committee will become the Heritage District Advisory Committee, whose role will be to provide community input, liaison and assistance to City staff in reviewing applications for Heritage Permits in the District. The Committee will be informed of all applications for Heritage permits in the District prior to permission being granted. The Committee will also be the point of contact for residents wishing to expand the district.

In order to flesh out the Terms of Reference for the HVRA Heritage District Advisory Committee [“The Committee”] the following will be the guidelines for the operation of The Committee

- a) The Committee is a sub-committee of the Harbord Village Residents’ Association and reports to the Board as necessary
- b) The Committee shall have a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 5. In general, members of The Committee shall be residents of an existing HCD or one in progress. There must be at least one member who is also a member of the HVRA Board
- c) Members of The Committee are selected by the HVRA Heritage Conservation Team – a committee of HV volunteers who are interested in preserving Heritage aspects of HV. The members so selected are approved by the Board of HVRA and serve at its pleasure.
- d) To ensure that The Committee speaks consistently and with one voice, all communications with the City and its various departments must be vetted by the whole Committee or in emergencies by at least two members of the Committee.
- e) Recognizing that the work of The Committee in implementing the Heritage Guidelines as contained the Heritage Report and passed into law by City Council is a delicate balance between what could deemed as “meddling by style police” and entering into a heritage conversation in which helpful advice is offered and exchanged with our residents, The Committee shall opt for the latter approach. This is not to say that The Committee might not request HVRA board to take such other actions as it may deem appropriate.
- f) The Committee shall act as a resource for new HCD’s and their local committees by providing advice and assistance in the process that brings HCD’s to final legal standing
- g) Once the HCD achieves official designation, the Committee shall act as a resource for the fostering of Heritage Preservation in our neighbourhood.
- h) The Committee shall devise and oversee the process of selection of such professionals as are necessary for advancing the heritage conservation in the neighbourhood but recognize any contracts or arrangements are the sole province of The Board
- i) Any disbursement of funds requires Board approval.
- j) Once each element of the HVRA HCD achieves official designation, the Committee shall act as a resource for the fostering of Heritage Preservation in our neighbourhood.

Feb 15, 2010