## Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting Tuesday February 17, 2009 7p.m. Kensington Gardens

**In attendance:** Rory Sinclair, David Booz, Wendy Duff, Stuart Schoenfeld, Tim Grant, Sue Dexter, Richard Gilbert, Katrina McHugh, Jane Perdue, Bachir Rabbat, Leslie Thompson, Eva Janecek-Rucker

Regrets: Colin Furness, Stephanie Rea, Laura Bradbury, Mairin Wilkinson,

#### 1. Chair's welcome and introduction of all members

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Approved with addition Earth Hour (Environment) and other business: bike lanes, Labyrinth, trash cans, recycling of "old"garbage containers, Newsletter, Spring meeting & fire brochure.

#### 3. Minutes:

Approved with corrections: move College St. item from "Community Iiason" to "College St" & change "membership increase" to "new membership increase"; moved by Tim Grant, seconded by Jane Perdue

# 4. Treasurer's report

Members, including the chair again praised the new format of the report for it's ease of use. A new column fro trees was added.

The \$18,000 HERO cheque will be invested till needed.

Resolution put forward by Leslie Thompson: Move that banking is done on-line. Seconded by Eva Janecek-Rucker Carried unanimously

## 5. Committee Reports

#### Trees:

- Tim reported that Phoenix lost their non-profit charitable status, thus they are not able to help the Tree committee; Evergreen will be approached
- Question was posed whether it would be worthwhile for HVRA to set a Foundation with a charitable status. Gus, Tim & Richard will meet to discuss this.
- Tim was congratulated for the interview which was published on the a front page of the Globe & Mail
- A flyer will be distributed door-to-door in late March
- \$150 grants will be available to residents who are willing to remove concrete from their front/back yard and plant a tree
- Fall tree planting is planned
- Adopt-a-tree program: residents and business volunteers to water trees in containers will be sought

#### **Energy:**

- Earth Hour is set for March 28<sup>th</sup>
- Put a note in "Tree flyer"

- E-mail blast with figures & stats
- HERO
- David Booz reported that the project is now moving forward very rapidly
- RFP sent to vendors
- 2<sup>nd</sup> committee meeting is set
- Public meeting is planned for March 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Graffiti:

Nothing to report

# Membership:

- need to encourage more membership renewal
- Gus and Katrina will meet to e-mail a reminder to members who did not renew

#### Communications

Nothing to report

### **Community Liaison**

Nothing to report

## **College Street**

Nothing to report

#### Zonina:

- Another OMB: 580 Spadina
- 2 more cases on Robert St.
- 102 Robert St owner appealed to OMB; Councillor Vaughan will get a lawyer;
  HVRA doesn't need to appeal but should be represented
- Gus will talk to Councillor Vaughan about HVRA's concerns with respect to OMB and Committee of Adjustments

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 Sue reported on "Updated Part 2 Plan"; Councillor Vaughn is trying to be creative – buffer zones, no-go-zones; Gus to discuss with Adam

#### **Fire Safety**

Collin is to meet with the student who is writing the brochure

### Heritage

Gus circulated a draft flyer; members generated valuable feedback

# **Other Business**

### **Bike Lanes**

 Councillor Vaughn contacted HVRA re meeting on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss bike lanes with a request for a member to attend - Stuart volunteered

## **Labyrinth Lounge**

HVRA in charged to find out what the neighbors want the owner to do

## **Garbage Cans**

o Question was asked what are the residents to do with the "old" garbage containers

### **Spring Meeting**

o Will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

# Private Rights-of –Way

- o Constituents in Katrina's area were asking "who can help in case of conflict"
- Councillor's Office should be able to direct the residents to the appropriate contact person

# Meeting adjourned at about 9:00pm