

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 7p.m., Kensington Gardens  
Minutes

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

Regrets - Jane Perdue, Steve Klein,

1. **Chair's Welcome** to all especially guest Pete Maragos and later Han Dong
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Moved by Gail, seconded by Gus
3. **Approval of December 16, 2014 minutes** –Moved by Marilyn, seconded by Carolee - approved

**4. Discussion items**

a) Guest presentation by Pete Maragos, constituency assistant and scheduler in MPP Han Dong's office. Due to unexpected late arrival of Mr.Dong, Mr. Maragos shared his accomplishments since the elections and his plans for the future. His main goal is to hear as many voices from the constituents so that the community can be well served. "A lot has been done but lot more can be done".

When Mr. Dong arrived, he shared his background and vision. He mentioned that since he was elected he met with all BIAs and resident's associations as he feels it is very important to work with the constituents. His main focus is on youth training, transit and OMB/planning, senior care and affordable housing. One question to Mr Dong was whether the new Condominium Act would contain provisions to make it less onerous to convert multi-unit houses to condos in order to enable people to downsize without leaving the neighbourhood.

Then Mr. Dong was given a background of challenging issues that the Disruption committee unsuccessfully dealt with over a few years such as inebriated patrons of College St. bars, lack of response to complaints, etc. Mr. Dong was asked for ideas and help in this area. He agreed to look into it. Tim thanked Mr.Dong and Mr.Maragos for taking time to come to the Board meeting and expressed trust that we will work together in the future.

b) Ward Boundaries review:

Sue gave the members a summary of what has happened so far: The City hired a planning group to investigate the size, geography, population mix and other information about the Wards. The group completed the information gathering and held 12 public meetings. The group is going to analyze the

results of the public meetings and come up with 5 suggestions sometime in the summer.

c) HV Facebook page

Discussion regarding HV Facebook or other social media included for and against arguments. It was concluded that at this time we'll continue using Twitter and that we will explore "how do we reach out to people and how best to connect with them"

d) Board Liability insurance

It was agreed that the board members should be protected with liability insurance. Tim will circulate Leslie Thompson's review and the item will be put on next meeting's agenda.

## **5. Committee Reports**

a) Treasurer's report – Carmen reported that she is preparing a budget for 2015 which she will forward for approval at the next meeting. She also indicated that she is awaiting details of the spending plan for the Oral History Project. The board advised that we would wait until Nicole reported to Trillium before the project could be financially closed. Margaret asked about the \$1000 award HVRA got from Heritage in Oct. Carmen had not received the checks yet. Tim remembered getting an envelope and he will follow up.

b) Membership – Gail reported that 415 renewal notices were sent for 2015. She also reported that Marilyn, Carlo and Gail did meet and one of their suggestions was to increase the use of social media as mentioned in 4.c). They were asked to continue a discussion on how to manage the membership list. Margaret will send area list to the respective area reps.

c) Communication & Website –no report

d) Community liaison – no report

e) Zoning – no report

f) U of T liaison – Sue reported that U of T brought Don Smith of Diamond & Schmidt Architects and the planner who worked on 245 College to the Spadina-Sussex project. There will be a public meeting sometime in February.

g) Heritage – no report

h) Flowerpots – no report

i) History Project –no report

6. Chair's report – Tim had circulated his report earlier to the Board.

a) Last week, Tim submitted a list of our laneway-related projects to The Laneway Project. By the end of January, we'll know if we have made their short list to receive some Trillium Foundation funds to green some of our laneways.

b) On Tuesday, a few hours prior to our board meeting, Tim attended a Knox Church visioning meeting. The church is interested in a development on their Harbord Street parking lot to generate revenue to support their expanding social programs. A wide cross-section of the community participated in the 2 hour session.

Adjournment at 9:05pm