

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday January 15, 2013 at 7 p.m.**  
**Kensington Gardens**  
**Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Gus Sinclair (chair), Gail Misra, Sue Dexter, Christian Mueller, James Murdoch, Wendy Smith, Neil Stephenson, Graham Rempe, Steve Klein, Mark Treleaven, Lindan Toole, Carmen Gauthier, Eleanor Levine, Eva Janecek

**Regrets:** Angie Andreoli, Tim Grant, Jane Perdue

**Guest:** Julie Lam of Glasgow Street

**1. Chair's Welcome** extended welcome to all members and to Paul Frederico, President of Toronto Historical Association (THA) and Bill Kindree, President of the Community History Project.

**2. Presentation by Paul Frederico and Bill Kindree**

Mr. Frederico, the founder and president of THA reviewed the history and the spectrum of activities and members of the organization. Their mandate is "to preserve yesterday for tomorrow".

Mr. Frederico explained the benefits of membership in THA, including group insurance. The cost of membership is \$30 or \$40 depending on the size of the group.

The board members explored the process of joining the organization.

Mr. Bill Kindree talked about the Toll Keepers Cottage, a museum at Davenport and Bathurst and he invited HVRA to join the Community History Project which owns and operates this museum.

At the end of Mr. Frederico's and Mr. Kindree's presentations Sue commented that HVRA's activities mesh very well with those of THA.

Steve moved that HVRA join THA @ \$40/year and the Community History Project @ \$20/year. Seconded by Sue. Carried

The membership will start April 1, 2013.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Sue Seconded by Gail - Approved

#### **4. Approval of the Minutes** of December 18, 2012 Meeting

Moved by Sue Seconded by Gail – approved with corrections (add Steve Klein; 5.g. add: “Wendy did not participate in any discussions on this matter.”)

#### **5. Discussion Items**

##### **a. Treasurer’s report**

Carmen reminded the members that she presented the first budget based on a fiscal calendar year. A comparison of financial statements for 2010-2012 was circulated. There was an un-answered question: “what is the level of deficit per year that is acceptable?”. There was a discussion regarding the approval process of expenditures and fund-raising with respect to the budget.

A motion was put forth by Sue: to strike a finance committee to draft a policy on funding projects. Mark seconded. Carried

Sue nominated Gus to be the convener and Carmen, Steve and Gail. All agreed.

##### **b. Alexandra Park Scholarship**

Suggestion was made that some money made by the Yard Sale be allocated to this project. Further discussion was deferred until a later date.

#### **6. Committee Reports**

- a) **Membership:** Gail reported that 156 members are paid for 2013; there are 25 new members and that the new computer system will allow for easy notification for renewals.
- b) **Community Liaison:** No report
- c) **Zoning:** No report
- d) **Communications:** All is well
- e) **Website:** Wendy received compliments on the website from outside the HV
- f) **U of T Liaison:** Sue reported that the student project regarding the Emerald Ash borer was very successful. It catalogued 119 trees, 19 of them are dying but many can be saved. In a meeting with the City’s dept. of forestry, facilitated by Councillor Vaughan a pilot project to protect ash from insects was announced. The area of the pilot will include Queen St to Dupont St and Avenue Rd to Grace St. Ash represent 10% of the tree canopy.

Sue also reported that 245 College St. has now been reduced to 24 stories and Councillor Vaughan is addressing the use of the building, trying to have U of T take charge of running the facility.

- g) **Heritage:** no report
- h) **History:** Christian reported that there is a need to find someone to replace Richard Gilbert who has stepped down as the project leader and signatory of the Trillium grant and the need to hire a webmaster to design an online exhibit of the oral history project, as budgeted in the Trillium grant. Richard's role was to be a liaison between the history committee, HVRA Board and the Trillium Foundation and he was the person overseeing that the project money is spent appropriately.

Sue nominated Christian to take on Richard's role. Gail Seconded. Carried

- i) **Cleanup:** Neil reported that 19 out of 20 prizewinners at the fall cleanup have been named and that documentation at the next cleanup will be improved. Neil is exploring new venues for the next cleanup. One option is Splendido. Neil also mentioned that Splendido would like to be more connected to the community. Winterlicious will be one opportunity for sampling their food at a very good price of \$45/pp.
- j) **Neighbourhood disruption:** no report
- k) **Laneways:** no report
- l) **Flowerpots:** no report
- m) **Graffiti:** Sue mentioned that Sussex Mews lane south of Harbord has stayed clean of graffiti and that the plan is to work community wide. It requires neighbour-to-neighbour cooperation and organization, painting, monitoring and incident reporting to the police.

There is now a need for financial support as Sue and others used personal money so far. There was a discussion about possibilities for getting free or cheap paint.

Neil mentioned that Harbord has now been cleaned up between Spadina & Bathurst. Sylvia Porretta, Stephen Simpson and Sue have been singled out as the drivers of this project and were thanked for their efforts.

Sue mentioned that Councillor Vaughan will be convening a meeting of stakeholders re graffiti on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Sue will provide further details. Gus agreed to chair this meeting if Tim is absent.

**Other business:**

It was recommended that HVRA chair (Gus) write a letter to Olivia Chow wishing her speedy and full recovery from her illness.

**Adjournment** at 9:10 p.m.