

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 15, 2014, 7p.m., Kensington Gardens  
Minutes

**In attendance:** Tim Grant, Sue Dexter, Gus Sinclair, Wendy Smith, Carmen Gauthier, Steve Klein, Jane Perdue, Gail Misra, Carolee Orme, Margaret Procter, Eva Janecek.

Regrets: Marilyn Martin, Christian Mueller, James Murdoch.

1. **Chair's welcome** extended to all.

2. **Approval of agenda**

Moved by Gail, seconded by Carmen. Approved.

3. **Approval of the Minutes** from April 15 & Spring meeting May 20, and June 17, 2014

Gus moved that all 3 sets of minutes be accepted; seconded by Gail. Approved

4. **Discussion items**

i. Gail gave background on Tim Gleason and Sean Dewart of Dewart Gleason and their reasons and willingness to represent HVRA in the Divisional Court case if the Board agrees.

Gus moved that Dewart Gleason be retained on pro bono basis to represent HVRA at Divisional Court in matters of Central Tech.

Seconded by Steve. All in favour, Jane abstained

A committee consisting of Sue (contact for Dewart Gleason), Wendy, Gus and Tim was set up to provide Dewart Gleason information as required.

ii.. Tim asked if HVRA is willing to host an online bulletin board or restricted listservs that would enable neighbours to communicate about very local issues.

After a discussion it was agreed that Gus will inquire from Calvin how to create a listserv. If it is technically-feasible and there is no cost to providing such a service to residents, we will go ahead. If so, Steve volunteered to create a protocol on how to set it up by the residents and how to use it appropriately.

The Board went in camera from 7:30 to 7:35

iii. Tim reported that he tried to get information on the contamination of the Central Tech field and grounds from the TDSB without success. It was agreed that this information is important to local residents for safety reasons. The City's Health Department and Councillor Ramkhalawansingh's office will be contacted for assistance in obtaining the info from the TDSB.

iv. Tim asked if we want to co-host mayoral and councillor/school trustee debate this fall. The unanimous answer to mayoral debate was: No and to the councillor/school trustee debate was: Yes.

v. Tim announced with sadness that Ian Mackenzie resigned from the Board. Now it is imperative to get another, if not two, SE area representatives as soon as possible. Tim, Sue and Carmen will discuss possible candidates and invite them to the August Board meeting.

## 5. Reports

### a. Treasurer

Carmen reported that the Yard Sale was a huge success and generated enough money to send \$1,600 to the Stephen Lewis Foundation and \$1,000 to the Diversity Scholarship Program at Scadding Court Community Centre.

### b. Membership

Gail reported that 212 out of over 600 residents are paid members. She mentioned that there are “members” who have access to HVRA information but have not paid membership. Restricting access was felt to be inappropriate given the current need to communicate important information. Calvin will be asked to look into how residents are registering as new members without the need to make the required membership payment.

### c. Yard Sale

The day was a great success. On behalf of the Board, Tim thanked Marilyn, James, Carolee, Gail and Christian for their efforts in making the event such a success.

### d. Community Liaison

Gus mentioned that all laneways are now unveiled.

### e. Website and Communications

Wendy reported that she got information regarding the management of the Newsletter from Richard Gilbert and that she is planning to use his template. She asked the Board for directions re timelines for the Fall issue. She suggested focusing the Fall issue on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Central Tech, but it was felt that this would be inappropriate given the current conflict over the field. It was suggested we might make this the focus of our Spring 2015 newsletter.

Wendy mentioned that if need be, communication alerts can be put on the web very quickly.

### f. U of T Liaison

Sue reported on the public meeting the U of T called to update the community on the progress of the Sussex and Spadina project. In spite of Sue's summary from the residents' meeting on this subject earlier this month\*, Daniels presented the same proposal: a building of 22 storeys, including two floors commercial and ground floor retail, housing 550 students, 30% suite style and 70% dorm. They plan to have 60% first year students and 40% from higher years.

During the meeting the community was polarized from 'no project' to 'compromises' such as those mentioned below\*.

The Board is going to look for finding a way to get the community to speak with a unified voice and to find the most beneficial way to amend the Sussex Spadina project.

\*Attendees felt the proposed residence was too high with insufficient diversity (students from higher years, families) in the student population. The community wanted to cancel the

two floors of commercial, both for want of a real purpose and because it would likely revert to the University for its uses. Also, the cancellation of the commercial could lower the building. There was a strong objection to housing along Sussex. Instead, residents suggested the Robert Street field to be retained as a park/or for other uses but they were not in favour of a dog park or community garden. Potential uses remain to be determined.

g. History  
No report

h. Flowerpots  
Margaret reported that money was received, pots were planted and they look good.

i. Heritage  
No report

j. Zoning  
Jane reported that there was a successful meeting between King's Landing barber shop and the residents. Initially there was a concern about the liquor license. The 7pm closure and the fact that the owners will have to apply for each pop-up event that would go beyond 7pm was an acceptable compromise. Jane was cautiously optimistic.

k. Fall Fair  
Tim reported that he and Carolee found enough volunteers that the Fall Fair will take place again this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

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