

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday July 16, 2013, 7pm
Kensington Gardens
Minutes

In attendance: Tim Grant, , Sue Dexter, Eleanor Levine, Jane Perdue, Neil Stephenson, Wendy Smith, Carmen Gauthier, Gail Misra, Graham Rempe, James Murdoch, Lindan Toole and Eva Janecek.

Regrets: Angie Andreoli, Steve Klein, Christian Mueller, Gus Sinclair, Mark Treleaven

1. Chair's Welcome extended to all

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Graham, seconded by James – approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the June meeting

Moved by Sue and seconded by Neil - approved with corrections –Beautification Bloor St. item

4. Treasurer's report

Carmen reported that everything continues to be in good shape. Spending is as projected except History project is under-spending to-date.

5. Discussion items

a. Harbord Street BIA's concerns about bike lanes

Tim reported that the June 27th meeting was well attended and that the most likely proposal is to have bi-directional bike lanes, with a small barrier between cars and the bike lanes, on the N side of Harbord St. Concern was expressed about safety, especially at Borden & Major St with respect to traffic turning north.

HVRA has made a separate proposal for increased bike parking, specifically to have 5 bike racks installed, one each on side streets immediately adjacent to Harbord. It was suggested that HVRA and the HBIA co-sponsor a design competition for the bike racks.

Councilor Vaughan will likely come to the HVRA's August Board meeting to discuss the bike-lanes proposal.

b. Should HVRA invest in t-shirts and caps to sell at HVRA events?

After a short discussion everyone was enthusiastic about the idea, especially that of mimicking ARA t-shirt design of a street map on the front. However, no one volunteered to take on the work. In the future a contest may be called for another design if there is a person who would lead this project.

c. Free memberships for students

Tim reported that in order to differentiate between regular and student memberships Calvin would have to make changes to the HVRA database at a cost of about \$250 - \$350.

After a discussion about benefits vs. cost it was decided to spend \$50 on cards which will be distributed at student houses (as per previous meeting) rather than spend \$250.

6. Chair's report: (none)

7. Committee Reports

a) Community liaison:

No report

b) Zoning:

No report.

d) Communications:

Mark sent a request for members to forward items for the News Letter by end of August. Wendy suggested an article on laneway unveilings. Gus will be asked to write about it. An e-mail blast asking people to share pictures, impressions and experiences from the festivities could enhance the article.

e) Website:

Wendy reported that the website has been updated including the Laneways unveilings schedule, and clean-ups. She mentioned that Leslie Thompson is willing to write an item about Dragon Boats.

f) U of T Liaison:

Sue reported that the U of T Law School renovations and rebuilding will proceed through committee of adjustment after the University agreed to cede land on the southwest part of the building to University Open Spaces (Philosopher's Walk). This arrangement will ease concerns about the encroachment of the section of the building on the northeast over Philosopher's Walk.

OMB meeting regarding 245 College was adjourned till Nov. 18, 2013.

g) History:

The group will meet at the end of July.

h) Clean-Ups:

Neil reported that a new event – HV Trash Flash – is planned for July 27th. It is a quick, ½ hr clean up that will be done several times during the year in addition to the main clean-up events.

The Fall clean-up dates are confirmed for Nov 23rd at Bloor Cinema and Nov 24th at Tranzac Club as a rain-day.

i) Graffiti:

No report

k) Membership:

Gail reported that there are 601 people on the list and 213 paid up members.

l) Flowerpots:

Wendy commented on the fact that some of the cement planters at pinch points are very nice while others need attention. Suggestions for improvement included asking for donations of perennials and asking residents living in the proximity of the boxes to water the plants as needed.

m) Neighborhood disruption

Jane reported that the June 26th meeting convened by MPP Rosario Marchese with the AGCO, City of Toronto officials, the police and local residents' associations was well attended. However it seemed evident to the local associations, that little progress or change has occurred since the previous meeting. Rosario expressed disappointment as well but agreed to host another session to keep the dialogue going. Tim agreed to write up a motion for the August Board meeting regarding noise-pollution enforcement.

n)Heritage:

Tim reported that he received 28 letters supporting the Heritage application which he then submitted to the City. Once the City gets back to the Board a committee will be needed to work with the Heritage Preservation Department. Both Board members and non-members can be on the committee. Wendy volunteered to help.

Tim mentioned that Major St. data is almost completed

o) Laneways

Several members attended unveilings and all agreed that they were great events. Schedule for remaining unveilings is on the website.

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

