

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 7pm, Kensington Gardens
Minutes

In attendance: Tim Grant, Gus Sinclair, Carmen Gauthier, Carlo Drudi, Bob Stambula, Christian Mueller, Margaret Procter, Steve Klein, Paula Gallo, Eva Janecek.

Regrets: Sue Dexter, Jane Perdue, James Murdoch, Carolee Orme, Gail Misra, Marilyn Martin, Caroline Macfarlane

1. Chairs welcome extended to all.

2. Approval of the agenda.

Moved by Gus, seconded by Steve. Approved.

3. Approval of the minutes

a/ of the April 2015 meeting moved by Carmen, seconded by Paula. Approved.

b/ of the Spring meeting May 29, 2015 moved by Steve, seconded by Carlo. Approved

4. Discussion items

a) Expenses.

i) Directors' liability insurance

Steve summarized pros and cons of the quotes obtained from Travelers Insc., The Guarantee Co.(HUB International), The Co-operators, Chubb Canada and Berkley Canada Insc.Co.

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Margaret to buy a three year coverage of \$2M from Guarantee Co. at \$565/year which includes a mandatory membership in Ontario non-profit network (\$100/year).

Steve will apply on HVRA's behalf. He will work with Carmen.

Carried.

Tim will contact the Toronto Historical Association to confirm that we are covered by their insurance for the Yard sale, the Pumpkin Festival and the Plant Fair.

ii) matching ARA's \$200 contribution to printing costs of postcards.

Gus moved, seconded by Bob to match the \$200 contribution providing HVRA logo will be included. Carried

iii) new net for Robert St. tennis court

Sue & Gus will bring it up at the UofT Liaison committee

b) enclosed space for dogs

Margaret Beare brought it to Tim's attention that there is a need for an enclosed space for dogs in our neighborhood. The need will likely increase when new condos are built. No action planned at this time.

c) Central Tech (CT) 100-year anniversary

will be celebrated during the Oct 15-17 weekend. A permanent legacy wall will be erected. Question was raised whether HVRA should buy a plaque for the wall at (\$1500) commemorating the residents' and the association's accomplishments. It

was agreed to in principle. Paula will get the particulars for the next board meeting for discussion.

There was a discussion to consider recognizing families who gave up their houses for the school.

d) **Canada Post boxes**

It is not clear whether our area will continue receiving home delivery or revert to the community boxes being introduced by Canada Post.

5. Committee Reports

a) Treasurer's report - Carmen reported that the yard sale proceeds were \$3015 and expenditures were \$582. As per last year, Stephen Lewis foundation will receive \$1500 and Scadding Court's Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship program will receive \$1000.

On behalf of the board, Tim thanked Marilyn and James for their great work in organizing and making the yard sale happen.

b) Membership – Gail reported via Tim that 85 members have no email. Letters will be sent inquiring if they now have email or still require communications via regular mail. Carmen added that membership has brought in \$1200.

c) Community liaison – no report

d) Zoning – Bob reported that the OMB mediation on Central Tech will reconvene on June 28th.

e) Communications – Tim thanked Carlo for doing a great job on the last Newsletter and Margaret on her excellent email blasts.

f) Website – Wendy Smith is not coming back to the board but she is willing to help out until a new webmaster is found. Margaret reported that the website requires an overhaul. Steve will send Gus information on whether there are businesses in the community that could look at our website and advise us on its reconstruction and how it can be better presented.

g) U of T liaison – no report

h) History – Christian mentioned that the history project is now completed and a report to Trillium has been submitted.

i) Heritage – Carmen reported that the application for demolition and re-building of 98 Robert St. was refused.

j) Flowerpots – no report

k) Gardeners – Margaret reported that donations of \$128 at the June 5 plant fair produced a surplus of \$69.75 after expenses (including an honorarium for a master gardener). About 150 plants were given away, and none were left at the end of the event.

l) Area reps report – Tim asked for volunteers to write a letter to help re-write the City's noise by-laws. Residents on Robert and Major Streets living behind Harvest Kitchen's back patio are complaining about the noise.

Matt Cohen Parkette will be the closest site for the Open Streets Project which is aimed at animating streets and closing them to traffic for a specific period. Artists and musicians are participating on 2 Sunday mornings: one in late August and one in mid-September.

m) Fall fair – planned for Sunday, September 13. So far 9 people volunteered to help but there is a need for more.

6. Chair's report.

Tim thanked Paula, Christian and his wife Mary for minding the HVRA booth at the Bloor Festival on June 14th.

7. New business.

Margaret Procter (SC rep) reported on a June 15 meeting of residents of Major Street from College to Ulster, called by HVRA to discuss a city proposal for reducing speeding and wrong-way traffic on that block. Raymond Ngu from the Councillor's office and Arshad Nazir from the Transportation Department also attended and provided visual materials.

This meeting was the culmination of months of complaints to the City from a group of concerned parents on the block. In spite of the results of a September 2014 traffic study showing that the number of vehicles and their average speed did not meet the official warrants for traffic-calming measures such as speed bumps, City staff proposed that 12 permit-only parking spaces be added to the west side of the street (i.e. (four cars in three separate clusters), from April 1 to November 30. After much discussion of various alternatives, the 11 residents in attendance unanimously approved the City proposal. They agreed that it would provide a visual barrier and some physical deterrent to speeding and wrong-way traffic. (They also favoured having a large treed pinch point installed at Major and Ulster but this request will be submitted separately.) Margaret will send a letter to the Councillor's office formally requesting that City staff's proposal be taken to the next meeting of Community Council in September, for implementation in April 2016. She will also send another round of email and flyers to residents on the block describing the proposal, and offering them the chance to send objections or questions to the Councillor's office before July 24.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm