

**MINUTES**  
**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday June 17, 2008 7p.m.**  
**Kensington Gardens**

**In attendance:** Rory Sinclair, Stuart Schoenfeld, Samiha Sayed, Tim Grant, Colin Furness, Sue Dexter, Wendy Duff, Richard Gilbert, Leslie Thompson

**Regrets:** Eva Janecek-Rucker, Bachir Rabbat, Jane Perdue, Katrina McHugh, David Booz

1. Chair's Welcome:
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes: moved by Tim Grant, seconded by Sue Dexter
4. Committee Reports

**Trees:**

- May 31 tree planting included 14 11 trees in public spaces, and 33 backyard trees. These were trees that used to grow here. Recipients seemed very happy.
- A U. of T. Forestry Graduate student is completing the tree inventory, and encouraging residents to sign up for backyard tree plant in the fall.
- The Village Arborist project is about to start the tender process.
- Adopt-a-street tree program –Richard Longley has 7 volunteers and his brochure is prepared.

**Finance:** A positive cash flow statement was presented and accepted.

**Community Dance**

- First HVRA community dance June 7 2008 was attended by 52 people, 35 from outside the neighbourhood.
- If the dance is held again, other community groups will be invited.
- A motion was made to alter an earlier board decision and to fund up to \$415 of the project. Moved by Richard Gilbert, Seconded by Stuart Schoenfeld

**Graffiti:**

- HVRA will write a letter to tagged people explain to bylaw and suggest remedies for graffiti.

**Membership:**

- Updated list available for committees

**Communications:**

- In future, Committees will have access to web-mail from site. Filtering will be possible

### **Community Liaison**

- Gus Sinclair chaired a community meeting with Adam Vaughn about resident problems with anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Bloor and Brunswick - patio bars. It was attended by 50 HVRA and Annex residents as well as the Bloor BIA
- Increasing Police presence at closing time seems to make a difference says 14<sup>th</sup> Division
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- Note: New number for noise complaints
- Ottawa has a noise bylaw- \$300. per citation. Idea of similar bylaw raised with Councilor's office. It may require rewriting noise by-laws.
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- Other late night patio noises. Speak with owners first.

### **College Street**

- Councilor Adam Vaughn arranged meeting with AGCO. They resolved to proceed next year with curbside patios.

### **Zoning:**

- Committee of adjustment is implementing a pre-hearing process to resolve more issues.
- HVRA lost a recent decision on density.

### **U of T**

- Recent meeting- architects gave presentations about new U of T projects

### **Farmers Market-**

- Each Wednesday in Borden St. Green P Parking Lot
- Farmers and shoppers seemed satisfied

### **Fire Safety**

- Brochure is in the works. It will contain information unavailable elsewhere- For example, how to stop fire from spreading with structural changes.

### **Heritage**

- Robert Street heritage project will proceed with a preview meeting to the City in July and a public meeting in the fall
- Section 37 monies now applicable to heritage districts-

### **Green Project:**

- Can we reduce our community carbon footprint?
- It was proposed that HVRA propose a green project to the City
  - Measure HV carbon footprint for as baseline;
  - Develop a retrofitting project.
- The project must be measurable.
- Other residents' associations may be interested too.
- Graduate student to run project.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm**