

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday June 18, 2013, 7pm
Kensington Gardens
Minutes

In attendance: Tim Grant, Angie Andreoli, Sue Dexter, Jane Perdue, Gus Sinclair, Neil Stephenson, Wendy Smith, Carmen Gauthier, Graham Rempe, Christian Mueller, Lindan Toole and Eva Janecek.

Regrets: Eleanor Levine, Gail Misra, James Murdoch, Steve Klein, Mark Treleaven

Guest: Rita Bilerman, Annex Residents' Association

1. Chair's Welcome extended to all

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Gus, seconded by Angie – approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the May meeting

Moved by Carmen and seconded by Neil - approved

4. Treasurer's report

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

5. Discussion items

a. Bloor Beautification Project

Rita Bilerman gave the Board an overview of the Bloor Beautification project. The goal is to beautify the streetscape along Bloor bordering the Annex and Harbord Village by cleaning the sidewalks of garbage, pigeon poop and gum using various methods including power-washing. This would be very expensive so Rita is exploring possibilities for grants or other financial support for the project. Rita mentioned that ARA is fully supportive and she is seeking HVRA support. Members pointed out that BIA's and residents' cooperation is essential. It was suggested that BIA can apply for funding from the City.

Gus moved and Neil seconded that HVRA support the project and explore avenues to make it happen.

b. HVRA Dragon Boat

Christian reported that there are 5 people already practicing but 15 more are needed. The HVRA boat is called "Rusty Dragons". The race will take place on July 1st with proceeds donated to the Kensington Hospice.

c. Harbord Street Bike Lane meeting and off-Harbord Street parking

On June 27th a proposal for bi-directional bike lanes on the north side of Harbord will be unveiled including the locations for bike racks. Discussion by the board members included risks and benefits, concerns about parking and deliveries etc.

Gus and Christian volunteered to walk along Harbord Street with Tim in preparation for discussion at the June 27th meeting.

d. Great Places in Canada – Nomination of HVRA?

Gus will look at the application and report back

e. Proposal for free HVRA 1 yr membership for students

Tim suggested that cards be printed and dropped at student houses, encouraging them to sign up for a free one-year, non-voting status membership as a way to learn about upcoming events. Non-voting student membership will also be open to students living outside of the HV area. This proposal was deferred until another meeting when Gail Misra could provide feedback.

6. Chair's report: (none)

7. Committee Reports

a) Community liaison: Gus reported that the Farmer's Market had the best opening with 10 vendors and this is even before the "official" opening.

b) Zoning: Sue reported that the Bathurst Street Study Group will conduct a bus tour and discussion with City planners. The area covered will be from King St. to Dupont St.

d) Communications: In Mark's absence Tim reported that a journalism student is willing to write about local businesses for the news letter.

e) Website: No report.

f) U of T liaison: Sue reported that the OMB meeting regarding the redevelopment of 245 College was adjourned until July 2nd. She added the recently announced plan for restoration of 1 Spadina Crescent is a "good news" story.

g) History: No report.

h) Clean-Ups: Neil reported that the spring clean-up expenses were \$1,900 which will be split with the ARA. He announced there will be new sponsors for the fall clean-up.

i) Graffiti: Sue reported that there have been a few new tags but they got cleaned-up quickly.

k) Membership: No report.

l) Flowerpots: Wendy reported boxes were planted and that they were on budget.

m) Neighborhood disruption: MPP Rosario Marchese is organizing a third meeting of the AGCO, City of Toronto officials and local residents' associations for June 26. Tim and Jane both planned to attend the meeting and would report back to HVRA on any outcomes.

n) Emerald ash borer: Carmen reported that she is trying to get a bulk deal on ash borer treatment injections for local trees.

o) Laneways: Gus reported that the naming of laneways project is in the home-stretch. Over the summer there will be 6 laneway opening/naming events; the first one is on June 26th.

Gus moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm