

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting  
Tuesday March 15, 2011 7p.m.  
Kensington Gardens**

**In attendance:** Rory Sinclair, Angie Andreoli, Laura Bradbury, Sue Dexter, Carmen Gauthier, Eleanor Levine, Gail Misra, Stuart Schoenfeld, Wendy Smith, Eva Janecek-Rucker,

**Regrets:** Colin Furness, Richard Gilbert, Steve Klein, Katrina McHugh, Jane Perdue, Bettina von Lieres

**1. Chair's welcome**

Gus welcomed all present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved to adopt by Gail Misra, seconded by Sue Dexter  
Carried

**3. Approval of minutes:**

Gail Misra moved to adopt minutes of February 15 /11 and Angie Andreoli seconded.  
Carried

**4. Treasurer's report**

Carmen reported that membership is about the same as last year and the amount for dues is over \$850. GICs are over \$20,000. Bank balance – cash – is about \$6,800

**5. Committee Reports**

**a. Membership:**

See above

**b. Community Liaison**

Gus reported that the Farmer's Market will be open again this year even though there are fewer vendors at this point.

**c. Zoning:**

Sue reported on the issues with 245 College St. – a working group has formed and the developers are now interested in finding out what the tolerable height would be

Regarding 738 Bathurst St.: the planned building is down to 9 stories

Gus thanked Sue for her due diligence.

**d. Communications**

no report

**e. Website**

No report

**f. U of T Liaison**

Sue reported that the Uof T purchased property on the west side of Spadina north of Sussex. There are no plans for it yet.

#### **h. Heritage (Robert St)**

Carmen and Gus will put together a flyer with information on tips how to successfully fill out application forms for the government grant for renovation and restoration of heritage properties. The flyers will be distributed to houses of the Robert St. Heritage District.

### **6. Chair's Report**

Deferred

### **7. History**

Wendy sent minutes of the last meeting of the History group prior to the board meeting. She briefly summarized the discussions the group had and asked for suggestions for direction from the group. Suggestions were made to look at process and not content; how to draw people from the neighbourhood to participate; get the sons and daughters of the oldest residents to tell the story of their parents; pilot a process and evaluate.

### **8. Other Items**

#### **a. Bike lanes**

Gus reported on the Bike Unions barricaded bike lanes proposal and its pros and concerns. Councillor Vaughan and Harbord Street BIA rejected the proposal. Gus will forward more information by e-mail and asked members to express their opinions which will be passed on as HVRA response.

#### **b. Labyrinth patio**

Gail reported that she collected many signatures from her neighbourhood to oppose the appeal of the owner to get a licence that was denied previously.

#### **c. Pizza Giggi**

Gus reported that he was approached by Doug Mason who would like to write an article that would balance some of the press that Pizza Giggi got after the owner was released on bail. The members are willing to review the article and decide if it is suitable for publication in the newsletter.

#### **d. Residents only section on the web**

Gail brought a suggestion from a neighbour to create a section on the web that would be dedicated to reports of vandalism or crime in the neighbourhood for the purpose of collecting data and informing residents in sections with problems. There was a discussion about the risks and benefits and a suggestion to do a survey using the Survey Monkey.

#### **e. Graffiti in laneways**

Sue reported that there is an increase in activity in her neighbourhood. Suggestions were made to paint the graffiti over ASAP.

The meeting was adjourned by 8:50pm