

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 7p.m., Kensington Gardens
Draft Minutes

In attendance: Tim Grant, Jane Perdue, Christian Mueller, Carolee Orme, Sue Dexter, Wendy Smith, Carmen Gautier, James Murdoch, Gus Sinclair, Bob Stambula, Margaret Procter, Marilyn Martin, Eva Janecek

Regrets: Steve Klein, Carlo Drudi, Paula Gallo, Gail Misra,

1. Chair's welcome extended to all including guest, Mary Newman and the new Board member, Bob Stambula.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by James, seconded by Carolee. Approved

3. Approval of minutes

a/ from the September 16th meeting. Moved by Carolee to adopt with corrections, seconded by James. Carried.

b/ from the November 3rd AGM. Moved by Carmen to adopt with corrections, seconded by Carolee. Carried

4. Discussion items

a. Authorization Letters

i/ Tim will sign a letter authorizing Tim and Sue to appear at the OMB representing HVRA at the CT mediation.

ii/ Retainer letter: Gus moved that Beate Bowron be retained to represent HVRA at the OMB. Seconded by James. Carried. Jane abstained

b. Tim summarized a special meeting of the Board to discuss strategies to deal with the increasing demands on the Board as a whole and some members specifically. Eight members were able to attend to start the conversation. They went through Tim's list of activities and found items that should be off-loaded. Volunteers were found for 3 items.

Margaret agreed to collect items for e-mail blasts and to also coordinate the Student Essay Contest - "What I've done to improve my community".

Discussion continued with the full Board.

Other items that need to be done:

-Weed out names of residents on the member list who are no longer living in the area or who haven't paid dues. Wendy can separate those who do open the email blast which would be a starting point. Tim, Wendy and Gail will work together to update the data base.

- Area reps were given a list of residents listed in their area which can also serve as a source for updating the list, as well as assist the reps in recruiting new members.

- Wendy suggested that the secretary should be notified of events in advance so that those that require planning can be discussed well ahead of the event

- delivering flyers to buildings in the area that has been done by Tim in the past. James volunteered and so did Eva if available
 - Jane volunteered to compile complaints so that the list can be posted on the web
 - need a volunteer to contact speakers for the Spring meeting and AGM
 - Margaret agreed to go through the City list of Committee of Adjustments and inform the appropriate area reps who in turn can organize and distribute flyers to affected residents and organize a meeting if necessary.
 - it was pointed out that Sue and Wendy have worked very hard on the CT issues. All members expressed gratitude for their enormous contributions.
 - Sue has also been burdened with a heavy load on the development side; Bob, with his expertise in this area is a welcome addition to the Board
- It was agreed that we need to broaden the expertise base at the Board even further and have members shadowing others to develop skills that would allow for sharing of responsibilities
- Janice Denbo volunteered to attend monthly Community-Police meetings at 14th Division and report to the Board.

5. Chair's Report

Tim sent a letter of support for the proposed theatre production The Postman, which, if the producers obtain the funding they need, will be performed on porches up and down Brunswick Avenue and nearby streets in the summer.

Tim was asked about the upcoming Litter and Glitter event. He confirmed that it has been independent of HVRA since April, 2014 and that Neil Stephenson is not HVRA's clean-up director.

6. Committee Reports

All reports were deferred till the next meeting except:

Flowerpots

Marilyn reported that all 11 flowerpots on Harbord St, paid for by BIA planted by HVRA volunteers (Marilyn, Leslie Thompson and Nicole Schulman), are already decorated for the winter. They were able to do so for under \$150.

Adjournment 8:10pm

Members proceeded to Volunteers Appreciation Night at 133 Major Street, the home of Gus Sinclair and Mary Newberry. The current board members will be joined there both by former board members and many of the volunteers that have contributed greatly to HVRA's many activities over the past year.