

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

In Attendance: Tim Grant, Angie Andreoli, Carmen Gauthier, Gail Misra, Sue Dexter, Steve Klein, Eleanor Levine, Christian Mueller, James Murdoch, Jane Perdue, Graham Rempe, Stuart Schoenfeld, Rory Sinclair, Neil Stephenson, Eva Janecek

Regrets: Richard Gilbert, Wendy Smith,

1. **Chair's Welcome** to all, especially the new members Christian Mueller, James Murdoch, Graham Rempe and Neil Stephenson. All members briefly introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
Moved by Gus, Seconded by Gail, the Agenda was approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes** of September 20th, 2011
Moved by Gail, Seconded by Gus, Approved.

Minutes of AGM Oct 18th, 2011

Draft reviewed for accuracy; Moved by Angie, Seconded by Graham

4. Treasurer's report

Carmen reported that she is updating the books to reflect the change of the year end to December 31st. The HVRA is in good financial position: ~\$7,000 in cash and \$15,000 in GICs. Membership got a boost at the AGM and the Pumpkin Festival. Gus suggested that we need to be thinking of new worthwhile community project to put some of the money back into the community.

5. Toronto charging for naming rights

Members expressed their opinions on the basic principle of naming rights and concerns about expanding commercialization and its effect on integrity of public spaces in response to a letter to HVRA requesting support, opposing the proposal by City staff to sell the naming rights of public spaces.

Motion: HVRA should write a letter in support of Toronto Public Space Initiative's opposition to the proposed naming rights. It was moved by Gus and seconded by Eva. All agreed; 2 abstained

6. Info Pillar billboard on sidewalks

The discussion revolved about similar problems – process was not transparent and concerns were expressed about congestion of already busy pedestrian sidewalks.

Motion: HVRA should send a letter to our Councillor and the Mayor opposing the introduction of Info Pillar sidewalk billboards that violate the City's own sidewalk guidelines. Moved by Steve, Seconded by Gail. All in favour; 2 abstained (Jane & Graham)

7. Community cleanup in early December

Neil organized a number of very successful community clean-ups on Lippincott since 2008. He is planning a second one this year in early December. This one is in cooperation with Central Tech. under the flagship of the Principal, Sheryl Freeman. Neil was also able to get Pizza Nova to provide free pizza for participants. Neil will also approach other food merchants to provide free food. The board fully supports Neil's efforts and the plan for next year is to have the second clean-up earlier in the season, perhaps at the closing of the Market.

8. Library Cuts

Motion: that HVRA send a letter to our Councillor and the Mayor opposing the proposed cuts to the library budget. Moved by Angie, seconded by Steve; approved unanimously, with 2 abstentions.

9. Committee Reports

a) Membership:

Gail reported that most of the updates to the membership list are completed.

b) Community Liaison:

Lane naming is going to be on City Council's agenda in a very near future.

c) Zoning:

Sue reported that there plans to develop a number of sites that in the Spadina – College area, namely The Silver Dollar, the Buddhist Temple and the former Tip Top Taylor buildings. The new buildings are planned to be 15 storeys plus.

A public meeting is scheduled for December 5th at Lillian Smith Library at 7:15 pm. Knighstone Capital-University of Toronto proposal to build a 24-storey residence at 245-247 College St will also be discussed.

Sue also reported that "Avenue Study" of College St. between University Ave. and Spadina will be done by the hospitals on University Ave.

d) **Communications:**

No report

e) **Website:**

Tim reported that other residents associations in the area are very impressed with HVRA web site and all the activities HVRA is involved. Wendy was praised for her efforts in looking after the website.

f) **U of T Liaison:**

No report

g) **Heritage:**

No report

h) **History Project:**

Eleanor reported that even though the Trillium Foundation didn't support the History Project, the committee is going to proceed with it on a smaller scale. The plan is to interview people who lived in the neighbourhood. A list of interviewees and volunteers to conduct the interviews is needed.

10. Chair's Report:

The Pumpkin Festival was a GREAT success. Many people came out to see about 720 pumpkins. \$2,200 was raised to keep the local pool open.

This year's AGM was the largest; in the future a larger room will be required

11. December Meeting

The date for the next meeting is December 13th.

Adjournment at 8 p.m. to Gus' house at 133 Major Street for Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night.