

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday November 16, 2010 7p.m.**  
**Kensington Gardens**

**In attendance:** Tim Grant, Angie Andreoli, Colin Furness, Carmen Gauthier, Richard Gilbert, Steve Klein, Eleanor Levine, Katrina McHugh, Stuart Schoenfeld, Rory Sinclair, Wendy Smith, Eva Janecek-Rucker, Bettina von Lieres

**Regrets:** Sue Dexter, Jane Perdue, Laura Bradbury, Gail Misra

**1. Chair's welcome**

Tim welcomed all present, especially the new members. All members said a few words about themselves and their involvement in our community.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved to adopt by Steve Klein, seconded by Stuart Schoenfeld  
Approved unanimously. Items for discussion were added

**3. Approval of minutes:**

Richard Gilbert moved to adopt minutes of Sept. 21/10 and Gus Sinclair seconded.  
Carried  
Eleanor Levine moved to accept the minutes of AGM Oct 19, 2010, seconded by Steve Klein  
Minutes will be presented at AGM 2011

**4. Treasurer's report**

Leslie Thompson is generously helping Carmen with the transfer of the documents.  
Carmen will provide a financial report at the next meeting.

**5. Committee Reports**

**a. Environment:**

**i. Trees:**

-Dinny is stepping down as chair and the Treeing the Village committee is holding what is likely a final meeting on Thursday.

-Google tree database needs corrections.

Moved by Richard Gilbert and seconded by Gus Sinclair that:

The Chair, in consultation with the Treasurer and the chair of the Treeing the Village committee be authorized to disburse up to \$500 for the purpose of updating the tree database for the interactive map at the HVRA web site.

Adopted

**b. Membership:**

No report

**c. Community Liaison**

Tim reported that Councillor Vaughan asked him to attend a preliminary meeting with the UofT re 1 Spadina Cr.

**d. Zoning:**

Deferred

**e. Communications**

Deferred

**f. Website**

Deferred

**g. U of T Liaison**

Deferred

**h. Heritage (Robert St)**

Carmen reported that fundraising for the new Heritage project yielded \$2,315 to-date. This represents 33 donors; 9 pledges are outstanding

**6. Chair's Report**

Deferred

**7. Other Items**

Tim presented a request for the honorarium of \$100 or AGM speaker Dave Meslin. Gus moved to grant it and Wendy seconded; unanimously agreed

**b. HV History project**

Deferred, but Wendy pointed out that this project could be a comfort to those whose names wasn't used to name a lane, as the nominees could be commemorated as part of the history project. (There are 47 lanes to be named and it is anticipated that more than 47 names will be submitted.)

**c. Community Builder Award for Cyril Greenland**

will be presented at Gus' house following this meeting along with Olivia Chow's letter of "Thanks" for Cyril's contribution to the community

**d. Handling crime news & a public meeting on crime**

Tim mentioned that there are different reactions of the residents to e-mails re crime in the neighborhood. The discussion at the meeting included the need for education about safety (Tim handed out a pamphlet called "Home Security, Protect Your Home" by Toronto Police), reminding residents to report suspicious events and be vigilant but not panicky unduly worried.

**e. Fort York Letter**

Wendy moved a motion that HVRA write a letter to the Ontario Premier and the Ontario Ministers of Finance, Infrastructure and Tourism & Culture, communicating our strong support for the City of Toronto's request for a provincial contribution of \$5-million towards the construction of the new Visitor Centre at Fort York National Historic Site. It was seconded by Gus and approved unanimously.

**f. Lane clean-ups**

An informal cleanup took place during one of Gus' recent lane way walk-about. There was a discussion whether a Spring & Fall clean-ups should be revived or whether residents should be reminded of their obligations to keep their part of the laneway clean. It was agreed that both are needed and that volunteers from schools should be sought.

g. Public meeting with UofT re Robert St. rink, parkette etc.

Tim summarized the meeting held at JCC on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. There were about 40 residents and 3 representatives from UofT and Rebecca Hewitt from Councillor Vaughan's office. History of ownership and agreements regarding the use of the Robert St rink, field, parkette, tennis courts and a volleyball court at Sussex were presented. Currently the rink is unusable and Uof T has no plans to fix it. They are looking at all sports facilities and a report on the current and projected use is due in Jan 2012.

At the present time, Uof T owns the whole property and there are no agreements with the City for the public use of any part of it as there was in the past. The U of T representatives encouraged HVRA to submit proposals for changes that would make the area more usable. After the Uof T representatives left, the remaining participants discussed some ideas about how to secure some use of these spaces. Gus Sinclair, Wendy Rotenberg and Rene Roy volunteered to co-chair a committee to find out what our community wants and then present it to UofT.

Meeting was adjourned at about 8:00pm and many members relocated to 133 Major Street for Volunteer Appreciation Night