

Harbord Village Residents' Association
Board Meeting
Tuesday November 18, 2008 7pm
Kensington Gardens

In Attendance:

Rory (Gus) Sinclair, Colin Furness, Richard Gilbert, Leslie Thompson, Mairin Wilkinson, Jane Perdue, Sue Dexter, Stewart Schoenfeld, Laura Bradbury, Tim Grant, David Booz, Wendy Duff

Regrets: Stephanie Rea, Bachir Rabbat, Katrina McHugh, Margaret Beare

Approval of Minutes: moved by Tim Grant and seconded by Jane Perdue, carried

Treasurer's Report: Update on HVRA cashflow status was presented

Discussion from AGM caucuses:

Key concerns identified by members at the AGM included:

- Noise
- Graffiti
- Snow removal
- U of T Playing field

This information informs HVRA's plans and projects for the year. The Board secretary will summarize the rest and distribute to the board

Committee Reports:

Trees:

- Successful fall planting by the "Treeing our Village" Committee. Ninety trees, in total were planted this year (mainly in backyards) with the assistance of our TRPF grant.
- In the spring, HVRA residents will again be asked if they want backyard trees. Future activities may also include removal of dead trees and cement that have prevented the planting of trees. In addition larger public trees are under consideration for Central Tech, requires larger trees.
- Bloor visioning included a greening walk-about with Councillor Adam Vaughn. Suggestions are welcome for spaces that need trees e.g. Metro, Kinko,

Street Furniture:

- Board members were requested to submit suggestions by Thursday November 20th, as we had just learned of City funds that were available for the purchase and installation of street furniture e.g. benches.
- Richard Gilbert indicated that we are prepared to ask for street furniture for College Street and near Lord Landsdowne School. Harbord and Bloor might also be included as well as all the other streets. He will send board members the URL that shows what is available.

- Consider visual pollution as you make your suggestions as some furniture will have ads.
- If we do nothing we will get 2 litter bins and College Street benches.

U of T Liaison:

- University is eager to rehabilitate Robert Street field and rink properties. This time two residents will be on the committee right from the start. We need to put those names forward. Process: discussion with area reps,
- Committee Decisions would include: fences, access, facilities
- As Harbord Village is under "parked", this could be a good opportunity for the neighbourhood.

Pumpkin Festival

- The 2008 HVRA-HVBIA Pumpkin Festival was an unexpected success. Blocks of lit pumpkins attracted people from outside the neighbourhood.
- The silent auction was extremely successful.
- A post mortem held with BIA that included discussion about sponsorship.
- It was mentioned that the City has a fund for local festivals, and that this project may qualify in the future.

North Croft Street

- Meeting set up with Central Tech High School about students loitering, vandalism, intimidation, drugs on north Croft Street.
- The HVRA representatives received "Warm noises" from Principal and Vice-Principal.

Patio Protocol

- Community meeting with "Loire" restaurant and neighbours was organized and facilitated by the HVRA area representative. An amicable solution was negotiated. Patio will have a cedar screen surrounding it to limit noise.

Neighbourhood Mapping

- This project was undertaken by Ryerson Urban planning students and supported by Adam Vaughn and HVRA. The map is on Adam's site.
- Area reps are asked to check the map of their neighbourhood for errors and to notify Gus or Sue.

Ontario Municipal Board and Local Development

- Deferral of 180 Spadina
- 38 Brunswick, no permits, illegal addition, OMB written judgment pending
- We received notice that the Chapel on Major Street, now a vacant building owned by Kensington Gardens is planned to be redeveloped as a hospice for terminally ill patients. Generally the HVRA reaction is positive.
- Labyrinth Lounge: There is a question of whether the license is transferable. HVRA favours a process that includes a public meeting, where the party seeking the license pays for the flyers and

the venue. Neighbours are not positive about renewal of this license. All communicated to Councillor's office.

New Carbon Footprint Project:

- Congratulations to Sue Dexter, David Booz and Tim Grant who developed the ideas and submitted the grant application.
- Stage 1: Measure HVRA's carbon footprint
- Stage 2: Bulk buy solutions: i.e. energy audits to lower that footprint

Garbage:

- Blight of garbage pails. Add item to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 for the Chair's Levee.