

HVRA Board Minutes
November 20, 2007 7 p.m.
Kensington Gardens
MINUTES

Present: Gus Sinclair, Sandra DeAthe, Katrina McHugh, Leslie Thompson, Bachir Rabbat, Richard Gilbert, Sue Dexter, David Booz, Margaret Beare, Tim Grant, Colin Furness

Regrets: Samiha Sayed, Eva Janecek, Wendy Duff; Stuart Schoenfeld, Jane Perdue

1. **Chair's Welcome:** The meeting commenced at 7:07 p.m. with introductions around the table for the new Board members. Gus announced that new Board member Jane Adams has resigned due to a scheduling conflict. Margaret Beare will continue as a NE rep pro tem.
2. **Agenda:** The agenda was approved with changes – Additions: 5. New Business, Sue Dexter's motion about the Visioning Study; 6. Other Business: several items were added.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of September 18, 2007 were approved with one correction, moved by Tim Grant and seconded by David Booz. The AGM minutes will be approved by email.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Environment
 - i. Trees Tim
There will be a meeting of the Inventory Committee next week. Their recommendations will come to the Board for its December meeting.
 - ii. Solar David
David reported that he did a presentation at the Canadian Solar Industry conference on the Downtown West Solar Energy Project along with Ken Traynor of WISE. Everyone at the conference was facing the same issues, including financing and connectivity.
 - iii. Graffiti
Colin Furness worked with Michael Heydon on the Graffiti project, so will take this portfolio.

5. New Business

The Bloor Visioning motion by Sue Dexter was discussed at this point, and amended, with Sue's agreement, by Tim Grant to read as follows:

"Harbord Village Residents Association board supports the publicly endorsed Bloor Visioning recommendation that all new buildings between Avenue Road and Bathurst, must be Platinum LEED standards or their equivalent, outlined as one of the '20 big moves' (see city of Toronto website, bloor visioning).

As part of the Bloor Visioning process, we endorse the following sustainability initiatives which would include recommendations the city would have power to increase pedestrianization, easy accessibility of goods and services, greening, increased canopy cover, public realm improvements and other measures to reduce the heat island effect, to reduce neighbourhood carbon footprint, to promote walking, transit, and cycling over motor vehicle use;

We also support the retention and betterment of the Healthy City aspects of our neighbourhood, which include economic and social diversity, including social housing; increases in greenspace and recreational facilities with increases of population."

Sue reported that there is some disagreement on building heights, therefore the recommendation is to keep the present zoning. Everyone can agree to sustainability; the City is trying to get a sustainability by-law in place.

The public meeting is December 12th, and there was a suggestion that there be a mail drop in the neighbourhood to let residents know that the meeting is happening and is important to the design of the neighbourhood.

There was some discussion about the Board moving towards a position on acceptable heights, but not to feel pressured to make a decision before the 12th of December meeting. Gus will email the Board to see if a special Board meeting is necessary.

The motion was carried as amended.

b. Membership/Website Gus

We now have a clean membership list on the website, and people can correct their own information. We had lots of renewals at the membership meeting, and obtained 12 new members.

If there are any problems with the website, or reports to post, send to Richard Gilbert. We went considerably over the website development budget, because in the end we needed a lot of Jason's time. We had budgeted \$600, but his time cost \$1,700. Gus paid the extra \$1,100, and will ask the Spring Meeting for reimbursement.

Richard Gilbert moved, seconded by Margaret Beare, that \$500 be paid to Gus immediately. Carried.

- c. Community Liaison Gus
Adam Vaughan stopped the demolishing of 54 College St.

Section 37 – unanimous agreement on HCD monies.

The comment was made that Adam Vaughan is doing very well as our Councillor, he is making progress on a number of fronts and is well-regarded.

6. Other Business

Gus will take a poll via email about the date of the next meeting; there is interest in having it on December 11th instead of the 18th.

Treasurer Leslie Thompson said she plans to have a budget in order to anticipate where we might be spending money.

Committee of Adjustment:

38 Brunswick, renovation without a permit, was found in our favour.

173 Lippincott – Planning caught these plans which were outside the by-laws and sent a letter. Received new plans from builder.

580 Spadina – a decision is likely to be deferred. However, the builder has agreed to no 'house-behind-a-house.'

Next meeting either December 11th or 18th (TBD by email), same time, same place.

Adjourned 8:05 p.m.