

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday Nov 20, 2012 7 p.m.**  
**Kensington Gardens**

**In Attendance:** Tim Grant (chair), Sue Dexter, Steve Klein, Eleanor Levine, Christian Mueller, James Murdoch, Graham Rempe, Wendy Smith, Rory Sinclair, Neil Stephenson, Mark Treleaven, Eva Janecek

**Regrets:** Angie Andreoli, Carmen Gauthier, Gail Misra, Jane Perdue, Lindan Toole

1. **Chair's Welcome** extended to all and a special welcome to Mark for his first Board meeting.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**  
Moved by Graham, seconded by Steve; the Agenda was approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes** of AGM Oct 18, 2012  
Moved by Gus, seconded by Eleanor; approved with correction of spelling "Mirvish"
4. **Treasurer's Report**  
  
Deferred

**5. Committee Reports**

a) **Membership:**

Gail reported via e-mail that 26 renewals were received at the AGM, along with 5 new memberships for a total of 31. With the 59 renewals and 13 new members gained at the Fall Fair, this brings to 103 those who have actively renewed their memberships for next year. In addition, 23 people had already renewed before the Fall Fair, so we have a total of 126 paid up members for 2013.

b) **Community Liaison:**

Christian and Gus testified at the federal Electoral Boundaries Commission that the Commission recognized that Annex is very important as a community. Trinity/Spadina and Davenport ridings were the focus of concerns. Gus and Christian thought that the members of the Commission listened to the concerns and saw their validity. It is their hope that their concerns will be taken seriously when final decisions are made in the coming months.

Commonality of interests (or lack of) between residential and condo worlds were also discussed.

c) **Zoning:**

Tim reported that the owner of 203 Major St. is planning what appears to be an overly-large size addition. A meeting of nearby residents is being organized to discuss the owner's Committee of Adjustment application.

d) **Disruption Committee**

Tim reported that Richard and Jane went to a meeting at Queen's Park, but found that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission officials were not responsive to the needs of the community to have the noise and disturbances dealt with. Given this, having our MPP submit a private members' bill might be the better way to go. Involving the fire department may be another option.

e) **Communications:**

Mark reported that he sent his 1<sup>st</sup> press release re. upcoming clean-up in collaboration with Neil

f) **Website:**

Wendy reported that the web site is up-to-date.

g) **U of T Liaison:**

No report

h) **Heritage:**

No report

i) **History Project:**

Tim informed the members that HVRA was informed that the \$18,000 Trillium grant was approved and will be announced officially on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.

Richard asked to step down from leading the Project but agreed to continue being an advisor. Nicole Schulman has agreed to lead work on the project. Colin Furness and Richard have agreed to help her. This could be confirmed and clarified at the next meeting on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Eleanor extended invitation to the meeting to all interested.

James offered to write an article for the Annex Gleaner and it will include request for leads for more interviews .

j) **Clean-up**

- k) Neil reported that plans are going according to schedule for Nov. 24 fall clean-up. Some prizes were already collected, and all would be collected by 23<sup>rd</sup>. Central Tech students are creating signs and a new HV Clean-up Cup trophy. The event promises to be exceptional including a red carpet, theatre group performers using Ryerson-donated TV equipment, a jazz trio, great food, beer, wine and much more. Registration process to take place in lower lobby and after-party festivities upstairs in mezzanine with lunch at 12pm, prizes at 1pm and wrap-up by 2pm. Neil said he was working on getting Santa and Rudolph to make red carpet appearance, but this not confirmed.

l) **Graffiti**

Tim reported that 16 murals were underway in various laneways. In 2 blocks, most residents opted not to have murals, and work hard and successfully to remove graffiti from 20 of 23 properties.

m) **Laneways**

No report

m) **Flower Pots**

Wendy reported that her committee would like to freshen up the pots for winter but they are out of money. Tim will speak with BIA regarding this.

n) **Chair's Report**

*Bike Lanes on Harbord*

About 60 people attended our Nov.12<sup>th</sup> meeting at Kensington Gardens, including many young adults. Initial presentations were given by Neil Wright (Harbord BIA) Dan Egan (Transportation Services), Herb Van Den Dool and Nico Koenig (Ward 19/20 committees of Cycle Toronto). Some initial concerns were expressed about separated bike lines . By the end, two cyclists remained critical of them, a few people remained uncertain, but most people spoke in favour. Susan from the Harbord Bakery, the only business owner in attendance (i.e. other than Neil), was initially skeptical, but by the end, spoke in favour, reminding attendees that her bakery was the first business to install a bike rake in the area. In his closing remarks Adam Vaughan asked HVRA, HBIA and Cycle Toronto to work together to find the best solution.

*Interac Payment System*

I was embarrassed to receive Calvin's Nov.13<sup>th</sup> invoice for \$450 for 8.34 hours work on this project. I'm not sure we'll ever earn enough membership revenue via

Interac to recover these set-up costs. I should have asked Calvin to estimate the hours required to do the job before he started.

*Alexander Park Scholarship*

I will propose at our December board meeting that HVRA contribute \$100 and ask members to contribute up to \$1900 for an annual scholarship to one high school graduate from Alexander Park. Scadding Court Community Centre would provide tax receipts for donors, and handle the application and award process. (The tragic recent death of a SCCC youth worker from Alex Park in front of the Crown & Tiger on College caught my attention at the same time that I learned that other downtown communities have contributed to SCCC's scholarship program for low-income youth.)

*Approve Carmen's budget*

As Carmen mentioned at the AGM, our first ever budget should be voted on by the incoming Board. (Deferred till the next meeting.)

*Parks, Forestry & Recreation Service Review*

We've been invited by the City to review their recently developed 5 year plan of services and program offerings. (No one was interested in participating.)

*Our Nomination of Dinny Biggs*

In response to MPP Rosario Marchese' invitation to nominate a prominent community volunteer, we submitted the name of Dinny Biggs. At a November 29<sup>th</sup> event, she will receive her citation alongside volunteers from across Trinity-Spadina.

## **6. Other Items**

The Annex Residents' Association have asked neighbouring Residents Associations to endorse two resolutions that they will be soon be submitting to our Councillor and Council as a whole:

- 1) That speed limit be reduced to 30km/hr on our streets. ("Our" refers to those streets in and on the periphery of the Harbord Village.)
- 2) That bike lanes be added to Bloor Street.

Item # 1 was voted on and was agreed on "in principle" by most.

All except 3 members voted "yes" for #2 (Steve Klein, James Murdoch and Eva Janecek)

**Adjournment** at 8:05 p.m. to Gus' house at 133 Major Street for Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night.