

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 20 2016 - 7pm Kensington Gardens
Minutes**

In attendance: Tim Grant, Jane Perdue, Marilyn Martin, Carlo Drudi, Bob Stambula, Sue Dexter, Rory Gus Sinclair, Paula Gallo, Carolee Orme, Margaret Procter, Carmen Gauthier, Gail Misra, James Murdoch

Regrets: Steve Klein

1. Chair's welcome Tim mentioned that this is the last scheduled Board meeting for some members who will not be returning. He thanked James, Marilyn and Paula for their contributions. He also noted it was his last scheduled meeting as Chair.

2. Approval of Agenda There were reports added at the last minute.
Gus moved and Carmen seconded.
Approved

3. Approval of August Minutes – some members did not receive the revised minutes so their approval was deferred until November

4. Discussion items

a. Dog parks and HVRA – Margaret Beare (owner of Harley) made a presentation regarding the lack of space to let dogs roam off leash. Her point is not an issue about dogs but the sense of loss of community. She mentioned dog areas contribute to community building along with the other HVRA events. She asked that HVRA keep the idea of an off leash dog area in mind when development issues and discussions take place. She presented a long list of dogs and their owners in the area. Carolee mentioned that the new Westbank development expects to be home to 500 dogs. The City bylaw on creating dog parks was circulated as a point of information for everyone. Gail Misra raised a question of where the off-leash area could be located. Sue mentioned that there are many factors involved with a dog park including extra traffic and noise. Margaret Procter noted that the city bylaw on dog parks mentions the importance of forming a Dog Owners' Association. Margaret was thanked for bringing the matter to the board.

b. Website action item - Margaret Procter - In order to solve some ongoing issues regarding administration and membership sign up and renewal on the new site; Margaret requested a further sum of up to \$500 be allocated.

Margaret moves and Gus seconded.

Passed.

Margaret was thanked once again for her fine work on this.

c. Online auction/Pumpkin Fest silent auction – Tim asked if it is worth the trouble of conducting an online silent auction again this year. After a discussion it was felt that we plan

to hold the silent auction at the Pumpkin festival instead but post pictures on the website of the items up for bid in advance of the festival. Tim is currently looking for space for HVRA's cider, membership and silent auction tables. The Harbord BIA will be recruiting U of T athletes to help pick up the pumpkins and set up tables and cleanup.

d. Pumpkin Festival roles – Tim is looking for volunteers to help with the organization of the Pumpkin Festival. The coordination tasks for the Festival include: the delivery of blue cards on Halloween, the collection of pumpkins on November 1st afternoon, the lighting of the candles, the provision of mulled cider and the silent auction. Apart from considering what role you might play, do think of non-board members who might step up. Marilyn will handle silent auction and Gail will handle membership.

e. Donations from film companies – Tim brought forward Christian's suggestion that we ask for donations from the various film production companies that work in our neighbourhood. The funds could be used for any number of worthy projects. It was mentioned that other associations do this. It was suggested that the new Board formulate a policy and put it to a vote at the appropriate time.

6. Committee Reports

a) Harbord planters – Marilyn reports that the hot weather and lack of watering has decimated the planters along Harbord Street. In order to keep the planters watered it was felt that certain businesses be identified and people designated carry out the work and also to maintain a list of email contacts so as to have good communication with these people. It was suggested that others may want to get involved. Jane says water barrels may be an answer to the problem. Sue thought the businesses should be looking after this.

b) Newsletter – Sue reports the final editing is being done. It was agreed that this was a stellar issue.

c) Constitutional changes – Gus – the amendments have been printed and will be delivered to residents this week. There was a discussion as to whether it was worth the expense and after a brief discussion, it was felt that we are obligated to inform membership of any changes to the constitution.

d) Complete Streets – Carolee attended a meeting in which the draft 185-page document of guidelines was released. The document will go to transportation and public works for study. At some point there may be a need for HVRA to weigh in.

e) College St study - Sue reported some good news in that the Planning department is considering HVRA's recommendation to retain the same zoning heights along College as part of the College Street study. Heritage Designation would be the next step for the buildings on the street.

f) Planning – Sue reports that a noise bylaw working group is being formed to re-do the bylaw. There is a need for someone to attend the meetings.

Sue will be making a deputation to council regarding the proposed changes to the city's ward boundaries. Due to the increased population in some areas of existing wards, there may be a need for the formation of new wards. There are many options being discussed.

g) Central Tech – Bob brought us up to date on where the project is at this juncture.

h) Fall Fair – Carmen presented preliminary figures from this year's Fall Fair and it appears it was a tremendous success. There were 109 donations to the silent auction which is a record. And although there were fewer attendees this year, the food, beverage, raffle tickets, and bake goods sale numbers were strong. There were cash donations, membership renewals and T-shirt sales as well for a gross total of \$9400. Expenses look to be in the neighbourhood of \$4200. Carmen will present a formal report at the AGM.

Tim felt that people liked being on the street as opposed to inside the park. He felt publicity could have been better with more detailed email alerts to be sent out on a timely basis prior to the Fair.

Tim encouraged everyone to submit their suggestions for next year at a post mortem meeting.

MOTION A hearty thanks to Fall Fair co-chairs, Wendy Trueman and Christian Mueller, for the outstanding job they did over many months to create such a successful Fall Fair.

Passed unanimously by the board.

- 7. Chair's notes** - Tim and the rest of the Board wished Steve Klein well in his ongoing recovery. Gus and the rest of the Board thanked Tim for all his hard work and dedication as chair as this was his last scheduled Board meeting (he will chair the AGM). Tim and the board thanked outgoing members, James, Marilyn and Paula for their work.

Adjournment 9:05