

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday Sept 20, 2011 7 p.m.
Kensington Gardens

In Attendance: Rory Sinclair, Angie Andreoli, Laura Bradbury, Carmen Gauthier, Gail Misra, Richard Gilbert, Sue Dexter, Wendy Smith, Bettina Van Lieres, Jane Perdue, Stuart Schoenfeld

Regrets: Eleanor Levine, Steve Klein, Eva Janecek, Katrina McHugh, Colin Furness.

1. Chair's Welcome to all

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Gail, Seconded by Carmen, the Agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of August 16th, 2011

Moved by Bettina, Seconded by Carmen, Approved.

4. Treasurer's report

No report

5. Guest Presentation

Jonathan Da Silva, Associate Director Communications of HotDOCS informed the Board about the plans for the Bloor Cinema:

1/ renovations are under way and the theatre is to open in late fall

2/ films to be featured are primarily documentaries but features are also being considered

Presentation was well received by the Board. Stuart suggested that HVRA could consider sponsoring one night.

6. Committee Reports

a) **Membership:**

Calvin is revamping the membership website

b) **Community Liaison:**

All Candidates' Forum was well managed, Gus was an excellent moderator but it was noted that the meetings was not too well attended.

c) **Zoning:**

83 Willcocks Ave: the owner instead of repairing a roof, he demolished the summer kitchen; stop-work order was obtained and hearing is on Oct 19th.

52 Robert St: illegal rooming house; the City tried to inspect it but weren't allowed in. Richard suggested dealing with the Fire Department rather than the City.

Bill board advertising Taekwondo ???

582 Campus Loop: tenants made a fire in a garbage bin on a deck recently as well as in June.

Richard moved that HVRA consider approaching the City to remove the exception from having a licence to run a rooming house from Campus Co-op.

d) **Communications:**

The Newsletter is on the way. The next one should include an article on fires in the neighbourhoods, focusing on unsafe practices and how to avoid them.

e) **Website:**

Wendy requested that whoever finds out about community events should let her know so that she can update the website.

f) **U of T Liaison:**

Sue reported that the developer of 245 College Street building is bringing new plans.

g) **Heritage:**

No report

h) **History Project:**

Richard reported that Nov.1st is the next deadline for Trillium applications. There was a discussion whether to re-submit a modified History project application or whether to wait till the next round.

Richard moved to re-submit the application in November. Seconded by Gail

It was noted that the intention is to have a History project regardless of Trillium funding.

Cyril suggested getting 3-4 "oldies" in the neighbourhood and get them talking while a camera/recorder is running

7. Chair's Report:

-Fall Fair: Gus distributed a Financial summary for the Fall Fair. The actual profit this year was over \$1,500; the expenses for security were much lower this year than previous years. However, more importantly, the Fair was well attended; there was lots of laughter and good music.

Gus thanked Laura for an excellent job. He also thanked all the volunteers.

Comments about lack of vegetarian food were well taken but the reason for not having it this year was lack of interest in vegetarian food the year before.

-Official opening of Hospice: in one word: "great"

-Discussion on naming rights: deferred

-Rancho Relaxo: complaints from residents that RR is playing very loud music. Suggestion to pass the complaints to MLS; they can issue tickets

-Laneway naming: the jury has met and almost all lanes are named

8. Other business:

Tree inventory:

It was noted that someone is needed to make the corrections on the coordinates of some of the trees and addresses.

It will be discussed at a future meeting.

Home insurance: Wendy reported that she was denied insurance based on Heritage designation. Other members had a different experience and suggestions to check with other insurance agencies

Adjournment, at 9 p.m.