

**Harbord Village Residents' Association
Annual General Meeting, 7pm Monday October 17, 2016
Kensington Gardens - 45 Brunswick Ave
Minutes**

1. Chair's welcome extended to all.

2. Area caucuses

North east – James Murdoch

Garbage dumping at FedEx office and in laneways

Break-ins

Lack of snow shoveling in front of rental homes

Regine Schmid acclaimed as area rep joining Carolee Orme

South east – Carlo Drudi

Garbage around businesses on College

Minor crime: tires slashed in Louie Laki lane just south of Harbord, bicycle stolen from porch on Robert, just south of Harbord

Carlo Drudi and Lena Mortensen, area reps

South central – Margaret Procter

Traffic safety concerns including bicycles going the wrong way

Lack of snow shoveling in front of rental homes

Repairs to sidewalks and steps are dealt with by complaints to 311

Anne Kerekes acclaimed as area rep joining Margaret Procter

North west – David Booz

There are concerns about the Bike lanes on Bloor

Happy to report that solar panels are being installed on Central Tech roof

Nicole Schulman acclaimed as area rep joining Christian Meuller

South west – Bob Stambula

Noise from College St bars continues to be an issue

Lack of snow shoveling in front of rental homes

Safety concerns at blind corners at Croft and Harbord

Safety concerns regarding traffic speed on Lippincott near school

Concern over consequences of traffic bumps on adjacent streets

Concern that there was not adequate notice of election of area reps

Bob Stambula and Jane Perdue area reps

3. Chair's report – Tim thanked Sue Dexter for the outstanding work on the recent newsletter. Wendy Trueman was thanked for her hard work on the fall fair and he felt the street was a great location. The Pumpkin Festival is coming up and there is a need for more volunteers.

Tim outlined the visioning process and the reasons for the changes to the board structure which has led to constitutional amendments. There was a need to figure out a way to engage the community, but not burn out those on the Board with the many tasks and responsibilities resulting from planning issues and all the other activities undertaken by the HVRA.

Mention was made of the tremendous loss to the board and the community with the death of Steve Klein. His passing has left a huge hole and we were all saddened by it. Tim thanked outgoing board members Paula Gallo, Marilyn Martin, James Murdoch and Eva Janacek.

Margaret Procter was thanked for her work with communications and the popular and effective eblasts. She was also recognized for the new website. Margaret mentioned Ann Eyerman and Merrill Swain who will be helping out with the eblast duties, and thanked Anne Kerekes for agreeing to serve as assistant webmaster.

Tim remarked that the phenomenal job to begin the Harbord Village greening initiative on Croft Lane was a great achievement which is a testament to when people are engaged, good things happen.

This was Tim's last meeting after 7 years and he said it was a pleasure to have so many people stepping up to help. At this point Rory Gus Sinclair presented Tim with a Community Builder Award in recognition of all his work as chair and his outstanding leadership skill, vision, seemingly endless energy, sensibility and sunny disposition.

4. Green plan guest presentation – Pete North, landscape architect and professor at U of T along with several students presented a study completed in Harbord Village on ways to 'green' the area. The study covers laneways, street pinch points and street canopy improvements. The students took stock of areas that could be greened with storm water diversion, the elimination of concrete and paving, the addition of vegetation, which was not only suitable for the climate and conditions but would also break down toxins in the atmosphere. They also presented innovative structures to increase vegetation growth. The draft report is complete and they now want to build on this and check back on whether any of the ideas could work.

Robert Mays from the City Transportation department added to the discussion with a presentation on ideas the city would be prepared to work with the community to implement the greening plan. He outlined ideas for new and innovative pinch points which would do away with above grade boxes and allow vegetation and trees to be planted into soil once the concrete and asphalt is eliminated from the site with storm

water runoff diverted from catch basins to these new planting areas. He encouraged homeowners adjacent to the proposed planters to take ownership of them and maintain them. He also covered other innovative ways the city could divert storm water runoff.

5. Financial report – Carmen Gauthier presented the financial statement which is very healthy due in part to the successful yard sale and fall fair and to membership renewals. Carmen will be stepping down in 2017 and she was thanked by the Board and members for her hard work.

6. Community Builder Award – Tim presented this award to the homeowners of 154 Major Street, John Scalpello and Sylvia Swiekatun for their tasteful renovation and careful restoration that respected street architecture. Pictures on the website.

7. HVRA visioning report and Constitutional changes - Rory Gus Sinclair and Margaret Beare, member of the constitutional committee presented the new structure of the board and the amendments to the terms of office. There was a discussion on the terms to be served by the chair and vice chair and in the end, the AGM voted to accept the amendments as presented.

8. Board Elections The new slate of officers was presented and acclaimed.

Chair – Rory Gus Sinclair

Vice Chair - Gail Misra

Past Chair – Tim Grant (ex-officio)

Treasurer - Carlo Drudi

The following positions have not been filled: Secretary, Membership Secretary, Communications Director.

U of T liaison - Sue Dexter was acclaimed.

Tim thanked the constitutional committee for their ongoing work.

9. Ward 20 report – Councillor Joe Cressy is now two years into his job and he thanked Raymond Ngu, who works in his office for his hard work in helping to keep him on top of Ward issues. He also thanked Tim Grant for his work as chair of the HVRA and praised the association for its civic engagement. Joe then outlined current issues and changes affecting the ward and Harbord Village. On development, the College street study is coming to a close late this month. The Spadina Avenue study is under way as is the Bloor Block plan and the U of T Secondary plan for the St. George campus. The Four Corners study is heading to community council. There will be a public meeting in late November regarding the development at 666 Spadina. The plan for the Sussex

Spadina university development has been filed and although it has addressed some of the issues, there is more to be done according to the councillor. Westbank has filed a revised application for the Honest Ed's site with ongoing input from interest groups.

Work at Margaret Fairley Park is almost complete and the Brunswick College parkette will be finished at the end of November. Its proposed new name will go to community council for approval. The Green plan is now underway. The Bloor bike lane is being studied with evaluation underway. Bloor BIA streetscape plan is on schedule for completion on 2018 which involves trees, bicycle parking and parkettes. The plan will be presented at an open house soon.

9:20 meeting adjourned