

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - 7:00pm Kensington Gardens
FINAL Minutes

In attendance: Gail Misra, Gus Sinclair, Carolee Orme, Sue Dexter, Bob Stambula, Lena Mortensen, Regine Schmid, Andrea Poptsis, Anne Kerekes, Christian Mueller, Nicole Schulman, Margaret Procter, Tim Grant, Carlo Drudi

Regrets: Jane Perdue, Carmen Gauthier,

Chair's Welcome: The Chair welcomed the Board and guests Jennette Boehmer and Merrill Swain to the meeting and called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Agenda: This item was added to the agenda:

- Tree initiative

Agenda passed.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Chair presented the minutes from the December meeting. A suggestion was made that the sentence "Prepared by Andrea Poptsis, Secretary" be added to the bottom of the minutes.

Lena asked that the minutes be updated to reflect Carmen's area report is for the South East area, as opposed to the South Central as stated in the draft. Margaret suggested a minor change to Tim's thank you to her in fulfilling the duties associate with her role.

Tim moved to approve the minutes; Margaret seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Guest presentation: "Board Elections" - Jennette Boehmer and Merrill Swain

Jennette and Merrill attended the meeting to present some recommendations on how to engage more people in the HVRA through the nominations process to be run by the Nominations and Constitution Committee (NCC). The Board engaged in a discussion around the recommendations, the role of the NCC, the structure of the AGM and the constitutional implications of the recommended changes. The Chair agreed that the Board would review the recommendations and revise to make sure they reflect what is written in HVRA's constitution. The Chair thanked Jennette and Merrill for their work on this matter.

4. Approval of U of T liaison job description

As a result of an administrative oversight, the U of T liaison job description had not been previously approved by the Board. Gail moved to approve the job description; Margaret seconded. Job description for the U of T liaison approved.

5. Publication of Board minutes on website

A discussion was held regarding the practice of publishing minutes on the website. The Chair agreed that he would read over the minutes prior to having them published on the HVRA website. The Chair noted that HVRA has 6 bankers boxes of archives minutes that provide a record of HVRA business over the years.

6. HVRA document storage / archiving

A discussion was held regarding the storage of electronic files. Margaret suggested that the website could be used to archive some files. It already archives Minutes back to 2006 and Newsletters back to 2003, along with some public letters sent by HVRA. Other cloud based options were discussed, including Dropbox and Google Drive. Carlo suggested something could be quickly set up on Dropbox and he offered to get the Board started on Dropbox. Margaret agreed to report back on longer term electronic data storage options.

7. Committee Reports

a. Planning & Development

Sue and Carolee provided an update on the Spadina and Sussex development meeting which was well attended by residents. Heritage Services has recommended designating the bookstore which potentially changes the plans for the proposed development.

The Bloor Block study, U of T secondary plans, Honest Ed's development and 666 Spadina development plans were also discussed.

b. Treasury

Carlo advised that he would be emailing the 2017 budget to the Board by email before the next Board meeting. Carlo suggested cleaning up the chart of accounts to disburse any remaining funds that are being held for particular initiatives and eliminating accounts that are no longer needed.

The Board agreed to entertain a discussion around holding the essay contest at the February meeting.

Since newsletters are one of the larger expenses of the HVRA, a discussion was held about how 2017 budgets for the spring and fall newsletter would be determined to ensure costs do not exceed the budget.

The Board agreed to review the Finance subcommittee minutes and to distribute the funding model document to ensure that when a Board member has a request for funding the proper process is followed. If there is to be a deviation from the budget, the process to be followed is to come to the Board to make a funding request.

c. Trees

Tim reported back to the Board on the tree inventory project. He offered to take on submitting an application for the Canada Summer Job program to hire a student to undertake the project (the Board was assured that submitting a proposal does not commit the organization to anything at this point). Tim moved to submit the application; Carlo seconded. Proposal to submit application approved.

8. Area Reports

South East: Break ins and wander-ins continue to be a problem in this area.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

Prepared by Andrea Poptsis, Secretary