

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2016 - 6.30pm Kensington Gardens**  
**FINAL Minutes**

**In attendance:** Gail Misra, Gus Sinclair, Jane Perdue, Carolee Orme, Sue Dexter, Bob Stambula, Lena Mortensen, Regine Schmid, Andrea Poptsis, Carmen Gauthier, Anne Kerekes, Carlo Drudi, Christian Mueller, Nicole Schulman

**Regrets:** Margaret Procter, Tim Grant

1. **Chair's Welcome:** The Chair welcomed the Board to the meeting and extended greetings to the several new members in attendance. Introductions followed.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** These items were added to the agenda:

- Green TO
- Engineering students project update

Gail moved the additions to the agenda; Carmen seconded. Agenda passed.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The Chair presented the minutes from the August meeting. No errors or omissions were noted.

Sue moved to approve the minutes; Jane seconded. Minutes approved.

The Chair presented the minutes from the September meeting. No errors or omissions were noted.

Gail moved to approve the minutes; Carolee seconded. Minutes approved.

The Chair presented the minutes from the AGM and put forward a motion to receive the minutes.

Nicole suggested an amendment to the language regarding the Bike Lanes on Bloor to reflect that there are concerns relating to them. All were in favour of receiving the minutes as amended.

4. **New Board Orientation**

The Chair reviewed the obligations of new board members including a high-level review of the Board Expectations Agreement with particular attention on the recent constitutional amendments including the Conflict of Interest section.

Gail reminded the board must treat the membership information that is collected with the utmost care and to use the information only for HVRA business.

Various board position descriptions were reviewed. Carlo moved a motion to post the job descriptions on the website; Gail seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer:** Carmen provided an overview of the Treasurer position and an update on current activities. The position is transitioning from Carmen to Carlo. They will work together to pull together the FY2016 financials and Carlo will start the budget process for

FY2017 in the new year. Carlo mentioned that there will be a need to transition signing authorities with the changes to board composition.

Carmen updated the board that the Fall Fair collected a total of \$11,000 in revenues, \$6,600 from the silent auction, which was a tremendous achievement. Expenses were \$4,900 yielding a net profit of \$6,100. The Pumpkin Festival yielded an additional \$1,248 from the silent auction items left over from the Fall Fair. An additional \$755 was collected for memberships, t-shirts and heritage documents. The work of the volunteers was acknowledged as a major contributor to the success of the event.

Board members were reminded of the spending limits for the HVRA:

- The Treasurer can approve up to \$100 in spending
- The Board can approve up to \$500 in spending
- The Membership must approve any spend over \$500 prior to the commitment being made
- If HVRA receives outside funding for an initiative, it flows directly to the initiative

**Membership:** Gail provided an overview of the Membership position. The Membership position maintains the membership list and collects membership dues. There are 600 names on the membership list with about 200 members renewing each year. Gail reminded new Board members that they must be paid up members in good standing to serve on the Board.

**Planning and Development Committee:** Sue gave an overview of the Planning and Development Committee established to deal with the large volume of activity in the neighbourhood. Sue, Bob, Carolee, Gus and Gail sit on the Committee. There are a number of large developments in the community (e.g. Mirvish, Bloor and Spadina, Spadina at Sussex), two Heritage Conservation districts, with more planned, and the usual one off developments that occur in the neighbourhood, which are handled in conjunction with Area Representatives. The Committee works with other Residents Associations to address some of the more significant projects in the area and on issues such as boundary changes and challenging the role of the OMB in local development.

**Environment Committee:** Jane gave an overview of the Environment Committee which consists of Jane, Sue, Carolee and Gail. One of the major initiatives of the Committee was working on the Green Plan along with Croft greening and planting in laneways.

**Central Tech Management Committee:** Bob gave an overview of the Central Tech Management Committee.

Gus provided an overview of the Heritage Conservation Districts already established and being planned for Harbord Village. These districts seek to preserve the character of the neighbourhood.

## **5. Other Business:**

**Green 20:** Gus asked the Board to consider the City of Toronto's Green 20 initiative to request that the City pay for a community animator to provide some leadership and coordination regarding the greening efforts of communities. HVRA was asked to support a

deputation to support the hiring of an animator. Gail moved the motion; Jane seconded. Motion carried.

**U of T Engineering Studies:** Carlo provided an update on the U of T engineering study project. Two ideas were proposed: cycling infrastructure and noise abatement. The Board was receptive of these two ideas and Carlo agreed to continue to stickhandle.

Carlo suggested that a discussion about garbage bins be deferred to the next meeting.

**Miscellaneous:**

Sue asked the Board to think about ideas for content for the upcoming newsletter. A further discussion on this will be held at the next Board meeting.

Carolee reminded Board members that they are welcome to join the area reps at the Committee of Adjustment and OMB meetings.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm with an invitation to return to Tim's house for a volunteer appreciation celebration.

Prepared by Andrea Poptsis, Secretary