

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 - 7:00 pm Kensington Gardens 45 Brunswick Ave.
Minutes

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

Regrets: Andrea Poptsis, Christian Mueller, Carmen Gauthier

1. **Chair's Welcome:** The Chair welcomed the Board and called the meeting to order.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Additions were made to the Agenda re King Edward drop off zone, yard sale, 112 Harbord Street, and

Committee of Adjustment decisions.

Tim moved adoption of the amended Agenda; Lena seconded. Agenda adopted.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The Chair presented the minutes from the March 2017 meeting. Lena moved approval of the minutes. Carolee seconded. Minutes approved.

4. **Business Arising**

a. **HSBIA Flower Pots Initiative follow up (Gus)**

Gus had followed up with the HSBIA to determine what they want us to do with the funds set aside for the flower pot initiative. Nothing new to report this month as Neil, from the HSBIA, will get back to Gus about the use of the money.

b. **Tree Project (funding) (Tim)** No update

c. **Accounting and CRA compliance (Gus)**

Gus completed the forms for one year and submitted them to the CRA. He has not heard back yet. We will do a year at a time going backwards if asked, and Carlo will know what to do next time.

d. **Communications Committee make up (Margaret)**

Margaret reported that five people have agreed to serve as members of the new Communications Committee: Gail Misra (Vice-Chair), Margaret Procter (Webmaster), Anne Kerekes (Assistant Webmaster and Newsletter Editor), Ann Eyerman (Eblast Editor), and Regine Schmid (NE area rep and an experienced communicator). The first meeting will take place on April 26.

e. **Acknowledgement statement**

Margaret and Gus have been working on an Acknowledgement statement to First Nations to be read at the beginning of General Meetings of the Membership of the Harbord Village Residents' Association:

It is important that we acknowledge that the area we call Harbord Village has been a site of human activity for many thousands of years. This land is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat First Nation, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Before European settlement, the

area was included in the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We respect that agreement and honour the history of past care for the land where we now stand.

Tim moved, seconded by Regine, approved, that HVRA will read this acknowledgement statement at the beginning of any public membership meeting. [Note: After the Board meeting two clarifications were made, and this text reflects those changes, to remove the number of thousands of years, and the Petun nation.]

f. Posting of Financial Statements update (Carlo)

The 2016 financial statement is ready to be posted, and Carlo will send it to Margaret to post on the website.

5. Other items

a. Spring Newsletter (Anne)

Anne has received content from almost everyone, and there will be 12 pages for the newsletter. There are some things still outstanding: Planning and Development - that will come after City Council meeting (April 26 to 28) because there are two items that have to go there first before the P & D report can be finalized; Pictures were needed for the Events page (Tim to send some to Anne); Have a page for the Refugee update, looking for a picture for that (Lena to check on that). The layout person needs the content to work on between April 27 to 29, 2017, and he knows to leave a page for P & D. Next steps: material to go to Ian; Gus and Sue will review the proofs (May 1 to 3); proofs to be sent to printer - Patrick; and then Gus will organize the delivery.

b. Spring Meeting

Gus reported that Anthony Smith will be the speaker. The flyer that Tim is sending out will refer to Smith's bio, and to the Spring meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday May 19th night, as will all general meetings in the future because the room is always booked on Tuesdays. A digital projector will be needed.

c. JCC Third Party sign bylaw amendment (Bob)

Bob and Steve Klein had met with Joe Cressy and the JCC last year regarding the large sign it wanted to erect on the roof of its building. The HVRA indicated it was opposed to the proposed sign. The JCC is now seeking a bylaw amendment in order to gain permission for all its excesses to the limitations of the Sign By-Law. A public meeting, hosted by the City, will be held on April 20th. The proposed signage is 10 times the size allowed; not far enough from the intersection; not far enough away from another third-party sign, etc. JCC wants it to generate revenue for them. The Board took a position last year opposing it, and the Board continues to oppose it.

d. Website report (Margaret)

The report was sent out to the Board in advance of the meeting. Margaret needs to get info regarding upcoming events so that she can keep the website up to date, and would like to receive flyers or publicity material as well so that such documents can be stored in the Board Only page of the website for future organizers' easy access.

The Yard Sale location is still not confirmed as no one has been able to talk to Hutoshi. Nicole suggested that, in order to create a real community-wide event, the eblast about the Yard Sale should mention that people should also plan to hold their own yard sales on the same date.

ASO continues to provide unreliable service for the website, with sudden episodes of downtime, unreasonable blocking of access, and poor-quality support. Margaret is compiling information and quotes for other web hosting providers, and will ask the Communications Committee to comment on them so that a recommendation may be made to the board within the next month.

Margaret has enrolled in a short workshop offered on April 29 by the Toronto Historical Association to demonstrate a new phone app available for use by local associations that are members of the THA. (HVRA was a member until recently.) The app is described as an effective way to advertise local events such as walking tours, and to bring attention to local features such as our StoryPosts.

e. Crafty Coyote (Gus and Gail)

Gail reported that a Borden Street community meeting was held at Crafty Coyote as the establishment wanted to try to meet neighbour concerns regarding a patio application that had been made last year and rejected in the community poll. Following a full presentation and discussion, the attendees agreed to permit Crafty Coyote to apply through the Councillor's office to the TEYCC for a patio permit, with a full set of conditions regarding hours of operation, ingress and egress, etc. While Crafty Coyote wanted longer weekend hours, the compromise reached was that it would get the usual weekend hours (to 11 pm) and try it out for two months. At the end of July, another community meeting would be held and if the neighbours agreed, the hours could be extended to 12 midnight on weekends. The attendees were advised that there is a one year trial period as part of the conditions, and that if they have issues, they need to register their complaints with the City, and the establishment.

Sue expressed concern about setting a precedent by offering the compromise on the extension of one hour on weekends.

6. Committee Reports

a. Chair's Report

Sue, Carolee, Bob and Gus met with two people who want to build in laneways, and who are preparing a report for the City about why that should be encouraged. They think laneway suites are a good thing; serviced through the existing buildings; not on severed property behind homes. HVRA is not supportive of this type of housing in this neighbourhood. In the Huron Sussex neighbourhood, the University is proposing to put in 50 houses in laneways, with 5 meters of separation between units.

b. Drop off Zone at King Edward School

Bob had sent Councillor Cressy's office results of his survey on the street re the proposed drop off zone for King Edward school: some people said it was alright; some said they wanted to negotiate parking rules; Bob flagged that there should be a concern re fire engines. Other schools in the area - Huron has one; Lord Lansdowne does not have a drop off zone. Query what the problem is at this school.

c. 112 Harbord Street

Carolee reported on the proposed development at Harbord and Robert - a four storey building, four units, four severances, no green space, using City property for parking. The proposal had been turned down at C of A; appealed to the OMB; the

first hearing date was postponed, and now they have a June 5th hearing date at the OMB. An account has been set up to fund the litigation and neighbours will be approached.

d. First Narayever

Nicole asked if the proponents have submitted plans yet for the OMB appeal. Gus asked Narayever, and has not received anything. It was explained that the proponent can change their plans right up to the last moment before the OMB. They do not have to stick to plans they may have submitted to the C of A.

e. Planning and Development Committee

A report had been sent in advance of the meeting. Sue reported that for \$150 paid to the City one can get all of the C of A decisions for the last 10 years for an area within 500 meters of a particular spot. These decisions are difficult to get any other way, so this route would make it easier for P & D to have access to the data when conducting its work.

Moved by Tim, seconded by Regine, that the HVRA pay \$150 to purchase the C of A decisions for the last ten years for a point within 500 meters of a spot in the HVRA. The Board tabled the question of what to do with the info once we have it. Approved.

Sue reported that there are developments at the Honest Ed's site and that 316 Bloor Street W is currently in mediation, and therefore cannot be discussed.

7. Area Reports

North East Report:

Regine had sent out a report in advance of the meeting. The two items of interest were the JCC sign issue, and that Andrea has reported car vandalism in the area to PC Reid.

North West Report:

Nicole sent out her report re 296 Brunswick, and the pending litigation by Tilt against the previous owners, because they purportedly should have had the first right of refusal on the sale of a building.

South East Report:

Gus reported on the Flock patio, which wants to put greenery on the patio, and the City won't let them put things on the outside of the fence. They want to meet with Gus.

South Central Report:

Margaret had sent out her report in advance of the meeting. The Doctors' Parkette is nearly finished, and is being heavily used; graffiti has been reported to the City, and a request for garbage containers has been made. Margaret Fairley Park is also being well used, although the water feature is still under construction. Tenders have gone out for the installation of speed bumps on the first block of Major Street; work is expected to be done in June. The concrete planter at the SW corner of Major and Ulster was damaged, and has been reported to the City, but the two planters at that intersection are not slated for replacement until Fall 2017 at the earliest. Margaret noted that a neighbour has offered her son and his friends, and Andrea offered her son, for some distribution of things for the HVRA - this should be borne in mind when we could use some volunteer help.

South West:

Jane sent out a report in advance of the meeting. Bob and Jane facilitated a meeting for residents and a new restaurant operator regarding a patio transfer application. Bob reported that south of the Beer store on Bathurst, new complex is going in and the Scotiabank is

moving there from College and Bathurst. The Doctors' Parkette is not accessible, so the Councillor's office has been advised. There was talk of speed bumps on Croft Street, so the City will be following up on that. The Croft Lane Greening group will meet to do laneway cleaning, and then will do planting in mid-May in the planters that survived the winter well; they will be seeking volunteers.

8. New Business

Tim Grant advised the Board that he will be seeking the nomination for the Green Party, and that if he is nominated, he will step down from the Board.

Moved by Carolee, seconded by Sue, that the meeting be adjourned at 9 pm.

Minutes prepared by Gail Misra, Vice Chair