

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Spring Meeting
Wednesday, May 17, 2017 - 7:00pm Kensington Gardens
Notes compiled by Gail Misra and Andrea Poptsis**

1. **Chair's Welcome - Gus Sinclair:** The Chair welcomed the community to the HVRA spring meeting, called the meeting to order and reviewed the proposed agenda. The Chair kicked off the meeting with an acknowledgement statement.
2. **Update & Q&A - Joe Cressy:** Councillor Cressy was invited to provide an update on happenings in the ward and in the neighbourhood. Highlights included:

For the ward:

- Raymond Ngu is moving on from the councillor's office; Sam Carter-Shamai will take over his files
- The councillor continues to lobby for more park space in the ward including the return of the parking lots at Bathurst & Spadina, 318 Queen's Quay to public space
- Plans are coming together for a YMCA on Richmond Street and 2 new schools and a community centre in City Place
- Scadding Court revitalization discussions are getting underway
- Heritage Conservation District status is being pursued for Kensington Market
- Interim control bylaw for King & Spadina area staving off demolition for one year while new heritage policies are brought in
- 401 Richmond tax assessment is being reviewed

For the neighbourhood:

- In ground planter project is going ahead in Harbord Village hopefully to be installed prior to the spring 2018 timeline
- Doctor's Parkette is almost complete
- Sally Bird Parkette will be getting new exercise equipment this summer
- Margaret Fairley park is almost complete
- The development on the site of Honest Ed's has been approved with kudos to all the RAs involved in helping to achieve that outcome
- Development at Spadina and Sussex is going to the OMB
- 666 Spadina development conversations continue
- College Street study is going to council for discussion
- Spadina Avenue study is underway for the section from Queen to Dupont; public consultations will commence in the fall
- Green Room / Tilt are in the midst of a legal dispute with the property owner; the City is providing housing allowances and support workers to aid in the transition for residents
- Major Street speed bumps are coming as are those on Croft. Speed limit will also be lowered on Croft to 30 km/hr.

3. Chair's Overview of the past 6 months - Gus Sinclair

- The Chair provided an update on the Board's activities for the past six months
- Celia Denov was recognized as a Community Builder

4. Area Caucus meetings - convened by Area Reps

- **[area reports to be provided to Andrea]**

5. **English Country Dance Demonstration - Karen Millyard:** A brief dance demonstration was conducted by Karen Millyard. A summer dance series, open to the public, will commence in Margaret Fairley park this summer - live music and dancing for all.

6. **HVRA Reports**

- a. **Interim Treasurer's Report - Carmen Gauthier:** The 2017 budget along with 2016 actuals were shared with the community.
 - b. **Website/ Communications Committee - Margaret Procter:** A Communications Committee has been struck and is managing the Communications function.
 - c. **Planning, University of Toronto - Sue Dexter**
 - d. **Gardeners' Plant Fair - Margaret Procter:** Taking place on June 4th on the south patio at Kensington Gardens. There is a mailing list for those that want more information on gardening in Harbord Village.
 - e. **Community Yard Sale - James Murdoch:** Scheduled for May 27th (postponed until June 3rd).
 - f. **Croft Street Greening - Barbara Donaldson:** Planting day scheduled for May 28th. There is a mailing list for those that want more information on Croft greening initiatives.
 - g. **Tree Project update - Chair:** The HVRA has secured a federal grant to be able to hire a student to complete the tree inventory that had been started in the past. Donations are being solicited from the community to top up the grant and extend the amount of time that a student can be hired.
7. **Mapping Toronto - Andrew Smith:** Andrew Smith delivered an interesting talk on the use of location based data to help to drive evidence based decisions. His work can be found at HealthyCityMaps.blogspot.com

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

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