

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 7p.m., Kensington Gardens
Minutes**

In attendance: Gail Misra, Gus Sinclair, Bob Stambula, Sue Dexter, Carmen Gauthier, Andrea Poptsis, Christian Mueller, Nicole Schulman, Margaret Procter, Carolee Orme, Regine Schmid, Jane Perdue

Regrets: Carlo Drudi, Anne Kerekes, Lena Mortensen

1. **Chair's Welcome:** The Chair welcomed the Board and called the meeting to order. The Chair welcomed the two guests that were in attendance:

Shawn Dillon from the City of Toronto
Davin Dunn from the City of Toronto

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Carolee moved adoption of the Agenda; Jane seconded. Agenda adopted.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The Chair presented the minutes from the June meeting. Gail moved approval of the minutes. Christian seconded. Minutes approved.

4. **Bike Lane Report (City of Toronto – Shawn Dillon & David Dunn)**

Shawn Dillon and David Dunn from the City of Toronto provided a project update (hard copy of the report will be shared) on the bike lanes on Bloor pilot. The project update and related findings are due to be presented to PWIC in October and City Council in November.

5. **Business Arising**

- a. **Policy for hiring of people for non-repeat positions (Nicole / Andrea)**

Andrea and Nicole presented suggestions on an approach that could be taken when contemplating hiring people to do non-repeat work for the HVRA. A discussion ensued. Andrea will draft a policy and circulate to the Board for consideration.

- b. **Update on invites to new residents moving into the neighbourhood (Nicole / Gus)**

A discussion was had about the letter that will be used to welcome new residents to the neighbourhood and some suggestions were made. Nicole moved to accept the letter as amended with the changes discussed. Gail seconded. Letter approved.

- c. **Margaret Fairley walkaround outcome (re: Fall Fair) (Gus)**

Gus reported that he conducted a walk around of the park and concluded that there was ample space to hold the fall fair within the boundaries of the park.

d. Presence on Facebook (Nicole)

Nicole presented some background on the merits related to having a Harbord Village centric closed Facebook group to encourage community building. The Board generally agreed that the presence of a Harbord Village group on Facebook was a good thing but the Communications Committee recommended that the Board not undertake to spearhead a Facebook initiative. If someone in the community wants to start a Harbord Village community group, the HVRA may want to further consider using it as a channel to communicate content (e.g. newsletter, eblasts, event invitations, etc.).

6. Other Business

a. Tree Inventory update (Gus)

Gus provided an update on the work of Christian Rempe and Nicole Pinto on the tree inventory project. The duo have worked about 6 weeks, expending the federal funding. With the remaining money in the tree fund plus additional donations that have been collected, the duo can continue to work an additional 5 weeks, allowing them to complete the work. An issue was identified with the ability of the Lions' Club to issue tax receipts to HVRA donors. To do this, the donation must be made to the Lions' Club, not to the HVRA. Gus will follow up with the Lions' Club to confirm. Donations that have already been made to the HVRA will have to be refunded and the donors will have to be asked to redirect their donation to the Lions' Club should they want tax receipts.

b. Central Tech "Skate Park"

Fences have been erected around the area on the north east side of the Central Tech yard that was being used as a skate park along with brackets that have been affixed to the benches to deter skateboarders. These measures seem to have improved the issue with the noise of skateboarders but have not entirely eliminated the problem. Additional conversations on the matter continue.

c. Green Bins

Jane discussed her experience with 311 at the City of Toronto with regard to wanting to find alternatives to the new, larger green bin which doesn't work for many residents in Harbord Village. The issue will require further discussion as there doesn't appear to be a workable solution.

7. Committee Reports

a. Chair's report

The Chair had nothing to report.

b. Treasurer

No report was presented as the Treasurer was absent.

c. Membership

Gail reported that the membership reminders that went out to lapsed members were very effective in increasing the number of paid memberships.

d. Planning & Development

Sue provided an update on the efforts of the Planning & Development committee. Due to the confidentiality of material in the report, details in the report cannot be made public at the time of writing.

e. Communications Committee / Website

Margaret previously circulated the Communications Committee report by email prior to the meeting. The Board had no questions on the report. It is worth highlighting that in the report, Margaret reiterates her intention to vacate the Webmaster role after the Fall 2017 AGM.

f. Area Reports

Area reps provided reports in writing prior to the meeting. Highlights as follows:

South West

- Extensive input provided into City of Toronto's patio consultations
- Green bin rollout concerns

North East

- Fire at 312 Robert St. on 26 June which was quickly contained

South Central

- Margaret Fairley Park completion (at long last)
- Doctor's Parkette ongoing issues - repairs, skateboarders, graffiti
- Speed bumps on Major Street are coming – construction starting July 31

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm.

Prepared by Andrea Poptsis, Secretary