

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 7p.m., Kensington Gardens
Draft Minutes**

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

Regrets: Bob Stambula, Jane Perdue

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

Sam Carter-Shamai from Councillor Cressy's office
James Murdoch (Harbord Village community yard sale)
Beatrice Lego (Huron Sussex Residents Association)
Zoe Newman (Huron Sussex Residents Association)

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

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

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The Chair presented the minutes from the April meeting. Lena moved approval of the minutes. Christian seconded. Minutes approved.

The Chair presented the notes from the Spring meeting which will be distributed at the fall AGM. The Secretary noted that there was some missing content regarding area caucus reports. Area caucus reps who had yet to provide notes were going to provide them to the Secretary. Gail moved to approve the notes, subject to the noted additions being made. Carolee seconded. Notes approved.

4. **Agriponic Project (Huron Sussex guests: Zoe Newman and Beatrice Lego)**

Zoe Newman and Beatrice Lego from the Huron Sussex Residents Association shared an overview of the work that they are doing to establish an indoor food growing space using agriponics. They have applied for a Trillium grant and are sharing their vision to gain additional support for their project. The Board was asked to share any tips to Gus who would forward them along to Zoe and Beatrice.

5. **Yard Sale update and future plans (James Murdoch)**

James Murdoch shared an update on the annual yard sale, in its 5th year this year. The Board is open to exploring different options for conducting an annual community yard sale and agreed to have a rethink about next year's installation.

6. **Business Arising**

a. Flower Pot initiative update (Gus)

The Chair indicated that there is nothing to report on this item. It will be taken off future agendas and the Chair will report back when there is an update.

b. Waste Reduction Initiative

Nothing to report on the waste reduction initiative. New green bins will be arriving in the community in the coming months.

7. Other Items

a. Missing Douglas Campbell Lane sign (Christian)

Lena will report the missing sign to the City. It was recommended that 311@toronto.ca was the most effective reporting mechanism.

b. Policy for hiring of people for non-repeat positions (Nicole)

It was agreed that Andrea and Nicole would come back with a plan for the next Board meeting.

c. Proposal to invite new residents to join the HVRA when they move into the neighbourhood (Nicole)

It was agreed that Nicole would draft a letter that could be provided to new residents in the community. The Chair agreed to approach Katrina McHugh to ask her if she would consider providing the HVRA with a list (perhaps monthly) of closings happening in Harbord Village.

d. Location for 2017 Fall Fair (Christian)

The Chair offered to do a walkaround of Margaret Farley park to see if the park space is suitable for the Fall Fair which will take place on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Upon confirmation from the Chair, Christian will pursue any permits required to use the park for the fair.

e. Presence of Facebook (Nicole)

Nicole and Lena offered to put a proposal together to suggest how the HVRA could use Facebook as a social media channel to expand communication with its constituents.

f. Website report (Margaret)

Margaret reported back to the Board on the website migration which seems to be going well.

8. Committee Reports

a. Chair's report

The Chair reported that Rapido on Lippincott wants to increase its patio capacity.

The Chair will keep the Board posted on conversations that are happening with the organizers of the Litter and Glitter community clean up event. The Board was reminded that individuals may submit ideas into the HVRA via written proposal.

There have been issues reported with the vacant house at 97 Borden.

The community will once again be hosting Open Streets Toronto on August 20th and September 17th. Bloor Street will be closed to car traffic between Sherbourne and Christie and Yonge will be closed to car traffic from Bloor to Queen.

The Tour de Bloor, a program to reward loyalty among cyclists along Bloor, is going ahead.

A number of noise complaints have been made with regard to Charlie's Gallery.

The student hired to work on the tree inventory project is progressing nicely.

b. Treasurer

Carlo reported that this year's yard sale netted \$2,500 to be split evenly between Scadding Court and the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The Treasurer reported that he will have to set up a payroll account with CRA so that the summer student can be paid as per the terms of the Canada Summer Jobs program. Carlo also reported that memberships are down this year, as compared to previous years.

c. Planning & Development

Sue provided an update on the efforts of the Planning & Development committee. The results of the north and south walks around the University of Toronto campus will be posted on the website. Sue reported that a community meeting was held regarding 333 College Street.

Time ran out for reports from the area reps so the Chair encouraged any area reps with information to share to do so by email following the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:03pm.

Prepared by Andrea Poptsis, Secretary