

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 7.00 pm
Kensington Gardens, 25 Brunswick Ave, Toronto, ON M5S 2L9
Final Minutes

In Attendance: Sue Dexter, Cathy Merkley, Gail Misra, Lena Mortensen, Christian Mueller, Carolee Orme, Jane Perdue, Andrea Poptsis, Margaret Procter, Regine Schmid, Nicole Schulman, Gus Sinclair, Robert Stambula, Merrill Swain

Regrets: Anne Kerekes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

1. **Chair's Welcome.** Gail called the meeting to order, welcomed the members present and noted that we had quorum.
2. **Adoption of Agenda.** Gail added 5 g) Community Yard Sale – Planet Palmerston idea. Christian moved adoption of the Agenda as amended, seconded by Regine; agenda adopted.
3. **Approval of April Minutes.** The motion re: the accountant follow up was missing a seconder at the April meeting; Carolee offered to second the motion. The minutes will be updated accordingly. Gus moved approval of the April minutes as amended, Jane abstained; minutes approved.
4. **Business Arising**
 - a. **Treasurer report back (accountant follow up on HVRA financials / system and reporting standards) (Gus)**

The Treasurer reported that he has been working with the accountant to reconcile financial activity in order to present financial statements that are more in line with the format used by not for profit organizations. Gus handed out the revised statements to the Board. The accountant quoted a cost of \$500 for the work she had done to date. Gus moved that we pay the \$500 quoted by the accountant to date and that if she asks for additional funding to complete the work that we consider that at a future date. Nicole seconded; motion carried.

The Chair thanked the Treasurer on behalf of the Board for all his hard work on the financials.

5. **Other Business**

a. **Potential settlement of the Sussex Spadina matter (Sue)**

Due to the confidential nature of the discussions surrounding the Sussex Spadina mediation, Gus put forward a motion to take the discussion about the potential settlement in camera; seconded by Regine. Meeting went in camera at 7.18pm.

Gus put forward a motion to end the in camera portion of the meeting at 8.09pm; seconded by Regine.

b. June 12th Traffic Count Debrief (Merrill/Carolee)

Gail noted that the June 12th road safety audit that was initiated by the Transportation Committee was timely given the news of late regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety. This will likely become an election issue. Two versions of a letter to Toronto City Council were presented – one penned by Carolee with a slightly different version penned by Merrill - with a view towards getting a letter out quickly so that it could be addressed at Council the week of June 25th. It was suggested that we send Carolee's version with the limitations of the study removed and some needed future steps added. Gus put forward a motion to send the letter as amended; seconded by Margaret. Sue suggested that the letter should be put up on the website and circulated into the public discourse.

Merrill offered to prepare a full report on the findings of the traffic count and promised to report back to the Board at a future meeting.

c. Spring Meeting Debrief (all)

It was noted that due to an oversight the Acknowledgement Statement was not read out at the Spring meeting. The Secretary made a note to be sure that it is included on the agenda of the AGM as well as future meetings attended by the membership. We tried something different at the Spring meeting with a deep dive into the wrong way driver issue and this ended up leaving less time for caucus discussions about general matters. We will try to manage the agenda for future meetings to ensure there is sufficient time to balance the area caucus discussions against the presentations given (Board, Councillor, special guest, etc.). It was suggested that we might want to encourage Area Caucus meetings in the summer (between the Spring meeting and the AGM) and in the winter (between the AGM and the Spring meeting). This item should be discussed for follow up at the July meeting.

Gail noted that we forgot to accept the minutes from the Spring meeting. Gus moved to accept the minutes; seconded by Merrill.

d. Tree inventory (Sue/Gus)

Gus updated that this year's process for receiving the funds from Service Canada has been much more efficient. We have already received an initial deposit of \$5 from Service Canada (to test the direct deposit feature) and Gus expects the rest of the funds to be forthcoming.

e. Search for a new SC Area Rep to replace Ann Eyerman (Gail)

Coincident with her resignation from the Board, Ann Eyerman sought to find a replacement for her vacant South Central area rep position. She approached Simon Colman who agreed to take on the position in the interim. Although Ann acted conscientiously and in good faith, it was noted that this was not the fair and transparent process that should be followed when a Board position is vacated. Gus moved that Simon be appointed as the interim area rep for the South Central

caucus; Nicole suggested an amendment to make sure that we commit to the procedure set out by the Nominations Committee when a position is vacated in the future; seconded by Nicole as amended.

f. Community Resiliency presentation next steps (Gail)

There was general interest at the Board in seeing in we can get a community resilience group going in the HV. It was decided that Gail should invite Blake Poland to a future meeting to ask him to give a 15 minute presentation to share with the Board what his group did in rolling out a similar initiative in Oakville. Gail suggested that the project would need a champion but that first we should figure out what it might entail.

g. Community Yard Sale – Planet Palmerston idea (Gail)

A discussion was had about the Planet Palmerston effort to organize a day of yard sales in the Palmerston community. The Board felt that there are other things that neighbourhoods have done in the past to ensure success of a day of sales throughout a community, such as producing a map showing where the sales are taking place, providing space (e.g. parking lot at Central Tech) to have a sale for those that don't have yards, and getting community businesses involved. Gail suggested that we ask at the AGM if there are people interested in taking on the role of organizing a day of sales in HV in the spring.

6. Receipt of Reports:

Gail thanked board members for sending their reports in advance. The following reports were received:

a. Area Reports:

- North East: Design charette for the park adjoining 666 Spadina is on July 9; dogs are no longer welcome on the Robert Street tennis courts after complaints to U of T.
- North West: The Boutique Hotel renovation continues; damage to trees from the wind storm and renovations;
- South East: Robert Street Speed Hump request; storm damage to trees and electrical wires on Robert Street; condos are now being proposed for the site of the Waverly Hotel after the property was sold.
- South Central: Participation in Traffic monitoring exercise; potential safety issues - woman attacked on Harbord street last month.
- South West: Problems reported with residents of 139 Lippincott (noise, garbage); Wrapido has closed and is being renovated; Subway will become a sushi restaurant; new restaurant planned on College (by the architects of Bar Ravel).

- b. Website:** Margaret Procter – Security challenges continue. Website is now being indexed by: Google, Bingbot, Facebook, and Apple. The website continues to be updated as new content becomes available.

- c. **Communications:** Margaret Procter – next meeting planned for July 5 to prepare a Privacy and Security statement.
- d. **Membership:** Merrill Swain – Committee met June 5 to continue discussing ways to drive membership. The main goal in recruiting new members is to enhance diversity (of voices as expressed by, for example, different ages and ethnicities). A number of strategies are being considered to achieve this. A SC rep will need to be recruited to replace Ann Eyerman on the Committee.
- e. **Transportation:** See report above on June 12th Traffic Study.
- f. **Parenting Consultation:** Speedhumps; concerns re: traffic study methodology.
- g. **Gardeners:** Margaret Procter – The fifth annual plant fair held on June 3 was a resounding success. Thanks to this year's organizers: Ann Eyerman, Marilyn Martin, Rose Rodrigues, Maxine Thomas, Leslie Thompson, and Nicole Schulman.
- h. **Planning and Development:** Sue provided an update on the efforts of the Planning & Development committee
 - Laneway Suite Official Plan Amendment passed Council June 24 session (<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.TE33.3>,
 - Sussex / Spadina - confidential in mediation
 - Knox Church - 630 Spadina has submitted a rezoning proposal to the City which includes two massing concepts. An infill building that will be affordable to buy units is proposed to the south of the Church and various ideas are being floated for the north side of the site, including retaining the walls of the historic house, but moving it west to create a parkette on the corner of Spadina, or demolishing the historic corner house and erecting a new building to the west.
 - Bloor Street United Church, 300 Bloor St. W. - reports working group progress on amendments to the proposal. The height is reduced, the building moved south, Pigeon House is retained. The interim planning report comes to council July 24 and will suggest it go to a public meeting July 24. The meeting would take place in early 2019.
 - For Knox and Bloor St. United go to the City Application Centre, click on City Planning, insert the address, press search followed by documentation and you will see the files the City has.
- i. **Toronto Historical Society AGM Report:** Not much to report other than HVRA to continue supporting through dues and benefit from its connections.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

8. Adjournment

Christian moved to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Merrill. The meeting ended at 9.01 pm.

9. Subsequent Business

After the June meeting, the Board passed two motions by email.

On June 24, 2018, Gus put forward a motion that the Board send a note of thanks and flowers to the accountant for her work in helping HVRA to get its books in order. The motion was seconded by Simon Coleman, who was the first to reply in the affirmative. There were 10 email votes in favour of the motion by close of voting on Tuesday June 26, 2018 and no votes against or abstentions. The motion carried.

Also on June 24, 2018, another motion was put forward by Gus that the HVRA donate \$500 to the Borden Farmers' Market to support its programming. The motion was seconded by Sue who was the first to respond to the email in the affirmative. There were 10 email votes in favour of the motion by close of voting on Tuesday June 26, 2018 and no votes against or abstentions. The motion carried.

Prepared by Andrea Poptsis, Secretary