

Harbord Village Residents' Association Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2018 – 6.30pm Kensington Gardens

Final Minutes

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7.10pm.

The Chair read an acknowledgement statement acknowledging that the meeting was taking place on Indigenous lands.

James Murdoch moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Carolee.

1. Area Caucuses and Election of Area Reps

Members gathered in area caucuses and discussed area issues and concerns. Area Reps were elected for each caucus.

Caucus Reports

North East – Carolee Orme

Area Reps: Carolee Orme (acclaimed) and Nicholas Provart (elected)

- Concerns about construction on Robert Street (renovation) – repeated infractions by same offenders; calls to 311 lead to nothing
- Discussion around the safety issues related to early road closures for Bloor Street events (closures from Friday to Tuesday for events happening on Sunday)
- Continuing issues with wrong way drivers, particularly along Sussex Ave
- Bloor Street excessive motorcycle noise is a growing concern
- Lack of enforcement of existing bylaws
- Potential to mark location of fire hydrants with bright paint (as is currently done in front of fire stations)

North West – Christian Mueller

Area Reps: Nicole Schulman (acclaimed) and Christian Mueller (acclaimed)

- Not a strong turnout for the caucus – consistent with previous meetings

South East – Lena Mortensen

Area Reps: Cathy Merkley (acclaimed) and Lena Mortensen (acclaimed)

- Traffic concerns, lack of resident parking, speed of vehicle traffic, cars using laneways as thoroughfares
- Cars going the wrong way on one-way streets
- Speed humps on Robert Street
 - Motion put forward to thank the volunteers and Joe Cressy for the work that was done in the HV to get the humps installed. Put forward by Cathy Merkley; moved by Carmen Gauthier
 - Cathy will draft a letter

South Central - Simon Coleman

Area Reps: Simon Coleman (acclaimed) and Margaret Procter (elected)

- Parking concerns on Major Street, and suggestion to see if Kensington Gardens will offer 1 hour of free parking to visitors; consider change to evening street parking hours
- Trash in Doctor's Parkette
- Vandalism of cars – encourage people to call police to report

South West – Jane Perdue

Area Reps: Jane Perdue (acclaimed) and Bob Stambula (acclaimed)

- Traffic on Lippincott, Borden, Ulster
- Parking issues
- Speed bumps have been installed for 3 blocks
- Traffic study done by volunteers in HVRA highlights the need for the city to do a further study
- Drug trafficking is an issue in the neighbourhood – the Board should send a letter to police to highlight the issue

2. Greetings from Member of Parliament Chrystia Freeland

David Burkholder from Minister Freeland's office brought greetings from the Minister.

3. Chair's Report

The Chair reported that Margaret Procter was leaving the position of Webmaster but that she intended to allow her name to stand for Area Rep for South Central. Anne Kerekes was resigning from the Board but she would continue to edit the newsletter and run the Silent Auction at the Fall Fair.

Margaret's spectacular contribution to the website was acknowledged as was Anne's work as editor of the newsletter and on the silent auction at the Fall Fair.

4. Gardeners' Report

Jeannette Boehmer reported that 4 in ground street planters will be installed this year (estimated November 7) at the corners of Borden/Lennox, Major/Sussex, Major/Ulster and Borden/Ulster. The remaining 4 are due to be installed next year.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented HVRA's financial report for 2017 and the 2018 Budget Plan. Gus moved that the financial statements for 2017 be accepted; Merrill seconded. Motion carried.

Gus provided an update on the work done this summer to complete the ten year review of the Tree inventory. He noted the work of Leah Ritcey Thorpe, who worked approximately 4 weeks more than she was paid for. Since there was money left in the Tree inventory fund, Gus moved to give Leah a bonus of \$1,000, rather than the bonus of \$500 that had already been approved by the board; seconded by Christian. Motion carried.

6. Planning and Development Committee Report

Sue Dexter gave an update on a working group that is exploring how the city could function with 25 wards. She put forward a motion asking that any major changes to create new bodies or change public governance should go to full public consultation; seconded by Nicole Schulman. Motion carried.

7. Transportation Report

Carolee Orme presented highlights from the traffic study report and suggested that an appropriate next step would be further study by the city. Enforcement of existing laws and bylaws is an issue. New street designs, better signage and better education of the public could help to ease some of the traffic issues in the Harbord Village.

A traffic light is being erected to replace the crosswalk at the intersection of Harbord and Robert Sts. As part of TO Core, a pilot project is expected in the Harbord Village. We will do our best to influence the pilot so that we can make the neighbourhood safer and more welcoming for pedestrians and provide safe passage for cyclists. The Harbord Village sees active transportation as the priority, with cars as secondary modes of transit.

8. Community Builder Awards

In recognition of their outstanding contributions to the community, Community Builder awards were presented to:

- Gord Brown
- Sandy Smith
- Coleen Whyte
- Judith Robertson
- Erik Schneiderhan & M.P Stevens

9. Dragon Boat Presentation

Tim McFarland on behalf of the Rusty Dragons presented an overview of the HVRA dragon boat team and encouraged people to get involved in this excellent community building activity. He emphasized that people of all abilities can participate.

10. Presentation of Slate of Officers by Convenor of Constitutional & Nominations Committee

Colin Furness presented the slate of officers for 2018-2019 term:

Chair:	Gail Misra (on 2 nd year of two-year term)
Secretary:	Andrea Poptsis
Treasurer:	Lena Mortensen
Membership Secretary:	Merrill Swain
Webmaster:	Regine Schmid
Past Chair:	Rory 'Gus' Sinclair ex officio

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was acclaimed.

11. Confirmation of U of T Liaison Position

The appointment for this position, which involves attending U of T meetings and liaising with the institution, is for one year. Sue Dexter has been acting in this capacity for the Board. Christian Mueller put the motion forward that Sue be nominated. Carmen Gauthier seconded. Motion carried.

12. Slate for the Constitution and Nominations Committee

The slate for the 2018 – 2019 Constitution and Nominations Committee consisting of Celia Denov (Convenor), Samiha Sayed, Margaret Smith, James Murdoch and Colin Furness was presented to the membership. The Chair of HVRA Gail Misra presented the slate to the membership and then moved the slate be accepted. Celia Denov seconded. Motion carried.

13. Presentation on Bees of Harbord Village by Lydia Wong

Lydia Wong gave an excellent presentation based on her study of the bees in the Harbord Village.

The Chair asked if anyone in the community was interested in taking on the Community Police Liaison position which involves attending a meeting monthly. Any interested parties should contact the Chair.

9:00 pm Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Andrea Poptsis, Secretary.