

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 7.00 pm
Kensington Gardens, 25 Brunswick Ave, Toronto, ON M5S 2L9
Final Minutes

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

Regrets: Simon Coleman, Cathy Merkley

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

1. **Chair's Welcome:** Gail called the meeting to order and welcomed Nicole back after her convalescence.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Three additional items were added to the agenda: patio at Caplansky's (Bob), King Edward drop off zone (Bob) and Trees for Me (Margaret). Gus moved adoption of the agenda as amended, seconded by Merrill; agenda adopted.
3. **Approval of March Minutes:** Gus moved approval of the March minutes as amended; Nick seconded; minutes approved.
4. **Other Business items**

a. 2019 Budget (Lena)

Lena presented the revised 2019 budget. Most of the changes were related to formatting but a few items were added including website related costs and trees and gardeners' expenditures. Croft greening is still missing but Jane took on the task of following up with Barb Donaldson to get the missing budget item. Gus put forward a motion to ask the membership at the Spring meeting to approve a contingency of \$500 on top of the \$500 we can already spend without authorization from the membership. Nicole seconded the motion; Andrea opposed. The motion carried.

Lena and Gus will have an offline conversation about what financial information is to be presented to the membership at the Spring meeting. Gail acknowledged that the format of the budget is a great improvement and thanked Lena for her efforts to clean up the presentation.

b. Joint Residents' Association roundtable (Gail)

Gail reported that Jessica Bell, MPP, is convening a meeting of neighbourhood RAs on April 24th, co-chaired by Gail. Two or three representatives from each RA will attend the meeting to help our MPP understand our priorities. Gail asked board members to contact her if they are interested in attending the meeting.

c. Community Resilience Planning Committee update (Gail)

Gail reported that there was nothing really to update re: the Community Resilience Planning Committee as they are waiting for the student projects to be graded by Blake Poland. A community meeting has been scheduled for May 8th from 6.45 to 8.45pm at the Knox Church.

d. Spring Members meeting (Gail)

The Spring Members meeting will be held on May 15th at 45 Brunswick Avenue. It was discussed that a new venue might need to be found going forward as there are renovations planned that will impact the availability of the large multipurpose room at 45 Brunswick Avenue. The AGM will be held at 25 Brunswick. Speakers have been confirmed; Gus and Margaret will confirm that their speakers are attending and will confirm their arrival times. The agenda for the meeting will include: area caucuses focussing on ideas for the fall fair, community builder awards, an update from the councillor's office along with HVRA business including budget and financials. Sue suggested that we try to find someone to shoot a video of the presentation on the tree canopy so that it can be shared at a later date. Andrea informed the board that she will be late to the spring meeting and as such will need someone to take minutes for the first hour or so. Nicole volunteered to do so.

e. Transportation update (Carolee)

Carolee referenced the transportation report that had been previously circulated to the board. The Transportation Committee (Carolee, Merrill, Andrea and Gord Brown) undertook a detailed inventory of signage problems and pot holes in the HV. They were shocked to discover the extent of the issues with the signage and will follow up with the councillor to determine next steps. Bob noted that we should consider asking that there be "No Trucks" signs on every entry point to the HV.

f. Spring Newsletter (Gail)

Gail thanked everyone for their input into the Spring newsletter. She was happy to report that everything was on track. Gus reported that the printing was complete already, so the newsletter is ready for distribution in early May.

g. Membership Drive (Merrill and Christian)

Merrill asked the Membership reps to send out a message of introduction with a reminder to renew memberships. A new section will be added to the eblasts highlighting the work of HVRA spotlighting a different area caucus to reinforce the value of the work that the board undertakes. A slogan was discussed as were incentives for membership renewals as a form of customer appreciation. The current slogan "Good neighbours building a great neighbourhood" will stand; the membership committee will experiment with some prizes to incentivize renewals. Nick offered to work with Margaret to see if automatic renewals can be set up in the system. The auto renewal would be tried out on board members first to see if it works. It was decided that there would be no formal membership drive at the Neighbourhood Clean Up event taking place on April 27th.

h. Safe Injection Site Community Advisory Committee (Gus)

Gail reminded the board that the HVRA sent a letter to the province in support of the Safe Injections site at St. Stephen's. She asked if anyone would be willing to represent the HVRA on the Safe Injection Site Community Advisory committee; Gus volunteered.

i. Second Hand Sunday (Lena)

Lena advised the board that an event called Secondhand Sunday will take place across the city on Sunday, April 28th. Neighbours are encouraged to put items that they no longer want in front of their residences by 9am and remove any remaining items by 5pm. There will be another instalment of the event on September 29th. Nicole offered to post the event to the Friends of Harbord Village group.

j. 356 College, formerly known as Caplansky's Patio (Bob)

Bob reported that the patio licence from Caplansky's expired before the new owner applied for one. The applicant appealed the staff denial at the last Community Council meeting. It is going back this month to Community Council. The new owner wants to serve alcohol on the patio. The corner in question has been previously identified as part of the Green Plan. Alternatives are being explored with the new owner and the councillor.

k. King Edward Drop Off Zone (Bob)

Bob reported that he had a good meeting with the principal at King Edward and a member of the parent council Christina. The problem with illegal parking / stopping is mostly centered around the north entrance which is frequented by day care parents dropping off young children (such as infants and toddlers who need to be accompanied in and out of the school). Several options were discussed as to how to accommodate the need for drop off and pick up parking, including changing the hours of allowable parking on the east side of Lippincott (from 8.30am to 9.30am). Discussions are ongoing.

l. Trees for Me (Margaret)

Margaret reported that the Trees for Me initiative continues to go well. Some fliers and door hangers are being put up around the neighbourhood to further promote the initiative. Margaret also reported that the spreadsheet from the tree inventory will be put up on the website.

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

a. Area Reports:

- North East: The 2nd public meeting for the Robert St. park was held on April 2nd from 6-7 pm. Around 40 neighbours attended. Public input was being solicited until April 16th.

- North West: Two recently deceased members of the Tranzac Club's artistic community are being memorialized with free shows at the club: The extraordinary musician Justin Haynes (46) on April 19th from 2pm until 8pm and the legendary singer/songwriter Joe Hall (71) on May 17th.
- South East: A better traffic solution for 484 Spadina Construction was negotiated by Sue, Carolee and Bob. Watching recent construction work on corner of Sussex Mews & Poretta Lane as the inspector was contacted by a neighbour.

b. Planning and Development: Sue reported that the Bloor St. United development has been settled. The ARA is setting up a working group of community groups to look into affordable housing. Sue highlighted that Vision Zero has many special areas of interest in our community, around the three schools that we have in the neighbourhood along with around Kensington Gardens.

6. Adjournment

Gus moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Nicole. The meeting ended at 8.57 pm.

Prepared by Andrea Poptsis, Secretary