

**Harbord Village Residents' Association Spring Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 – 7:00pm Kensington Gardens
Final Notes**

1. **Chair's Welcome – Gail Misra:** The Chair welcomed the community to the HVRA spring meeting, called the meeting to order and reviewed the proposed agenda. The Chair introduced Councillor Layton.
2. **Councillor's Report – Mike Layton:** The Councillor provided an update on activities in the ward:
 - Challenges associated with the increased size of the ward and the importance of the role that the HVRA and other RAs play in the new normal
 - History of successes in HV:
 - Mirvish Village, Knox corridor, green plan and bumpouts
 - Work continues on U of T's secondary plan, Robert St. field development, U of T's development of the front campus
 - Profound concern about recent cuts and changes by the provincial government (cuts to public health, daycare, special needs programs, Bill 108, return to OMB, etc.
 - Patio application for College & Brunswick:
 - Patio was initially denied because of issues with clearances but work is underway with the applicant to find an amenable solution
 - Councillor was in an active dialogue with the applicant and the HVRA when the media was brought in
 - Another meeting scheduled for May 16th; optimistic a solution will be found; application goes to Community Council next week
 - The Councillor took a number of questions from the floor
 - The Chair took names and emails from participants at the meeting wishing to be kept in the loop on the developments on this patio application

3. Area Caucus meetings – convened by Area Reps

North East

Many recurring issues

- Noisy cars and motorcycles on Bloor Street
- Sightlines for bicycles in the Bloor bike lane are awful turning from eastbound Bloor south onto Major Street
- City plan for permitting parking (with permit) on Sussex Mews south of Bloor – not wise
- One Way from Bloor into Sussex Mews, well used by students and pedestrians, is frequently not observed – can signage be improved?
- Ride sharing drivers making unsafe U-turns, blocking of bike lanes/ignoring crosswalk
- Increase traffic and illegal parking related to patrons of CAFÉ on Harbord – can we advocate for greater enforcement around this illegal establishment?
- Bylaw enforcement blitz across the neighbourhood?
- Speeding and wrong way drivers on Major and Robert
- Generally, signage is hard to read, needs updating throughout the neighbourhood
- Can permit parking be moved to the other side of Sussex east of Robert? Would create more parking

North West

- Very small caucus – only item of discussion was growing number of vacant properties in the area

South East

- Concern was raised about noise by-law enforcement – specifically regarding noise from clubs on College street (above Home Hardware and Rancho Relaxo) as late as 3:00 am on Fridays and Saturdays
- Noted deterioration of Sussex Mews Laneway – serious disrepair, potholes etc. Advised to call 311.
- Ongoing concerns about wrong way driving on one-way streets – specifically Robert between Harbord and Russell
- Status of the streetlight at Robert and Harbord – wondering when it will be installed; councillor's office will keep us posted.

South Central

- Patio license for 356 College as noted in the Councillor's discussion
- Illegal all day parking on Major;
- Blocking of lane ways by parked cars,
- Speeding cars and the idea of narrowing roads in order to control speed of traffic
- The effectiveness or otherwise of the Green Plan
- The potential for implementation of speed bumps on Brunswick – a small team of people has started to look into this

South West

- Fall Fair: momentum to keep the format the same, but to get more volunteers to share the workload. People interested in volunteering
- Increased crime in the area - car break-ins for instance – can TPS address?
 - Reminder to always report to police so they can collect data – report online, by phone, or visit the station
 - People suggested taking a photo of the crime, which may be useful, but still report with their data form. Contact harbordcrime@gmail.com for more information
 - If the police are made aware of every incident, we might get more street monitoring
- Some discussion from residents on Croft Greening – including addition of trees from “Tree for Me” program in some laneway planters and desire to take advantage of the City's Pollinator program

4. **Community Builder Awards - Gus Sinclair:** Community Builder Awards were presented to:

- Ann Eyeran
- Jeanette Boehmer
- Daniel Suss
- Tino Torreia – presented with \$4000 raised by the community in appreciation for his years of dedication to the Harbord Village

5. **Treasurer's Report – Lina Mortensen:** The Treasurer presented the 2018 HVRA financials which are in good shape. She reviewed that some modifications were made to the presentation of the financials (revised expense and fund categories) to allow for better comprehension. A motion was put forward by Marilyn Martin to request an additional \$500 in contingency funds be approved to cover unforeseen expenses. Tim Grant seconded the motion. One member, Marc Lizoan, was opposed. All other members were in favour. Motion carried.

6. **Newsletter:** A request went out for content for the newsletter. The community is asked to submit comments and ideas for articles to chair@harbordvillage.com.

7. **Fall Fair:** A list was circulated at the meeting to sign up volunteers for the Fall Fair. Volunteers are needed for the silent auction and day of event help.

8. **Trees Update – Leah Ritcey-Thorpe and Amy Howett:** Latest iteration of the tree inventory was completed in 2018, 10 years after the initial inventory. The HV is the first community in the city to re-inventory its trees using Neighbourwoods protocol. The loss of trees in the HV over that period was significant (20%). Initiatives are in place to try to replace the losses to the urban tree canopy. Trees for Me is an initiative providing trees and shrubs to residents of Toronto wanting to plant a tree of their property. Thanks to Margaret Proctor for her hard work to bring the Trees to Me initiative to Toronto. HV residents will be picking up their trees and shrubs at the Plant Fair on June 2nd.

James Murdoch put forward a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Gus Sinclair. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm.

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