

Minutes of Meeting of HVRA Board
March 16, 2021

Present: Anne Fleming, Sue Dexter, Jane Purdue, Cathy Merkley, Susan McDonald, Robert Stambula, Nick Provart, Christian Mueller, Gina Buonaguro, Carolee Orme, Gus Sinclair, Shafeeq Armstrong, Robert Stambula, Lacy Lauks, Simon Coleman, Lena Mortensen, Regina Schmid

Regrets: Suzanne Dubeau

1: Chair called to order 7:10

2: Approve agenda: moved: Simon seconded: Lena. Passed

3: Approve Minutes: moved: Gus seconded: Cathy. Passed

4: Business Arising:

-Robert Brown to appear re: 225 Brunswick & 57 Major later in the meeting.

-Sue reports on what to expect from Robert Brown

 Might ask for a deferral re: Heritage designation

 He will be working with neighbours in opposing over-build at 57 Major.

5: Communications Report: Anne Fleming

-Newsletter is underway – need submissions by end of week.

-Eblast Board profiles – can we update them? – maybe some humour.

 Maybe update of Board activity in Eblast?

6: Robert Brown, advocate for the opponents of the project at 225 Brunswick being heard at C of A on March 31 and for the residents' opposing variances at TLAB
After Mr. Brown departed from the Zoom meeting, there was a discussion on various parts of his presentation.

7: Sue read draft of letter to be sent to C of A re; 225 Brunswick
to be copied to Robert Brown and Jeff Copas, proponent

Moved: Gus

Second: Carolee

Passed

8: Communications (return to)

Gina suggest we have “Updates from the Chair” in Eblast

Regina suggests community updates -such as opening of new park

9: Vote on insert for Newsletter re: membership

One-side half-page in colour is proposed up to \$1500

Moved: Gus

Second: Cathy

Passed

10: Spring Meeting Tuesday May 18

Colin Furness is Community Builder & Speaker “Pandemic and Community”

John Yip for Kensington Health Community Builder

Andre Roy Community Builder

11: Area Reports have been submitted

Anne proposed a toast to Gus on his 75th Birthday

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Christian

Second: Nick

Passed

March 16, 2021 Area Rep Reports

North East report (Nick/Carolee)

Here's what's happening in the northeast - Carolee, Sue and I just got off Construction Management Committee call with the developers of 666 Spadina and that's the main update for this month...

666 Spadina, new building at south end: concrete cutting to redo and reinforce slab will take about 2 more months. Spraying of water will be done to mitigate dust once weather permits (not now, there's risk of ice forming). There will be trucks in Sussex Mews during this time, otherwise trucks will access the site from north entrance (off of Sussex). Shoring, excavation will take until to the fall of 2021 or early next year, construction above grade the following two years, Move in by summer-fall 2024. Envelope done by 2023. Landscaping improvements done by summer 2024.

The underground parking garage structure at the north end of 666 Spadina has been demolished and the hole that was created has been filled. Park grading will be done by April, handover to City will start to occur then. Legal conveyance will probably take 3-5 months. Middle to end of summer: base park improvements by current property owner. Parks can then implement above-grade improvements. Pipe connections to City utilities (water/drains) for park will be done in next 3 weeks (Sussex will need to be closed temporarily). Councillor's office will work with Parks on coming up with a new design. Should it be called Dexter Park?!?

Outside work on balconies will be done by May (painting has already started).

A half of the construction hoarding for the 666 new build will have to have art work on it!

The squeaky fan at Piano Piano seems to have been fixed since last Tuesday.

North West report (Christian)

With the exception of 225 Brunswick, things generally remain quiet in the NW. While not quite spring, there are a number of construction/renovation jobs going on at the moment and more people, including kids and families, appear to be enjoying the recent warm weather in and around Central Tech. It is nice to see them and to hear their laughter!

South East report (Cathy/Gina)

The southeastern part of Harbord Village remained pretty quiet over the last month due to the Covid-19 stay-at-home orders and the cold weather, though there are a few signs of spring, including a few residents receiving their much-anticipated vaccines and an uptick of graffiti on Kosower Lane.

The Waverly, a medium-rise apartment complex, is putting the finishing touches on their construction project by gently densifying the corner of Spadina and College with 166 units in a variety of sizes coming up for rental this spring.

South West report (Jane/Bob)

The SW was surprised one morning last week [at 7:00 am](#) when a city crew arrived to chisel fence posts out of the frozen ground around the King Edward daycare. Inquiries ended with an email from the daycare director explaining that it was urgent work - the fence did not meet ministry requirements (perhaps it had

sunk a bit) and their licence renewal was provisional pending a remedy. It appears that a prison-like frost fence is in the works. We were added to their stakeholders list.

The King Edward PS Yard Revitalization Project meets [on March 17th](#). SW reps will attend and will also try to soften the impact of the daycare fence - perhaps art panels.

South Central report (Susan/Simon)

On Wednesday March 10 we had a meeting with Jessica Verhey, Manager of Communications at Kensington Gardens. We wanted to introduce ourselves as the SC Reps for the HVRA, find out more about the flow of information from KG to the community and discuss the on-going hospice expansion project and the associated big landscaping project taking place on Brunswick.

It was a very helpful meeting. Jessica told us about their communications strategy. They have an extensive website which they update regularly, they send out a quarterly newsletter and also send out emails for time sensitive issues. They are keen to share information about the services available. She told us about their Second Mile Club which provides support services to seniors living in the community. She said KG would like to see more people from the HV community use these services.

We talked about the hospice expansion and the landscaping. She said that the website would be updated shortly with new renderings of the new landscaping. We explained that a few members of the HV community had concerns about the landscaping project. They have questions on whether it has already been approved by the city and whether there had been any local input. She agreed to try to arrange a meeting to allow community members to ask questions and learn more about the project.