

Harbord Village Residents Association
Tuesday, March 22, 2022 – 7:30
BY Zoom call

APPROVED MINUTES

Attendees: Gina Buonaguro, Elizabeth Chen, Kerry Clare, Simon Coleman, Sue Dexter, Karen Laurence, Susan McDonald, Cathy Merkley, Lena Mortensen, Christian Mueller, Jane Perdue, Nick Provart, Gus Sinclair, Robert Stambula.

Regrets: Frank Davis, Anne Fleming.

1. Chair's Welcome: Gus called the meeting to order at 7:36. He reported that Anne's plane had been delayed, so he would be chairing the meeting, and that some agenda items would have to be dropped

2. Approval of Agenda: Elizabeth moved; Kerry seconded. **Agenda adopted.**

3. College St. Update independent presentation: Gord Brown, Merrill Swain and Daniel Suss presented their proposal which modified the HVRA plan to make it more acceptable to the city. They outlined their vision (see notes appended) and stated that while there were many exciting elements in the city plan, it would be unfortunate if the encroachment on pedestrian and green space, and the moving of CafeTo to the street became permanent features. They made the point that few people in the neighbourhood understand how much College Street is going to change this summer and made the following recommendations (detailed notes appended) 1) that HVRA support the Community Proposal, and 2) that HVRA send out an eblast immediately informing HV residents of the city's plan and how they could convey their views to Layton or to the I & E Committee meeting March 29th.

Cathy suggested that we could forward the Public Consultation Unit email about the I & E meeting to residents so they would know about the consultation on the 29th and how to have their views heard there. Merrill replied that more needed to be said as there was very little information about the city plan in the email. She again recommended sending an eblast. Susan suggested a merging of the PCU email and Merrill's eblast.

Community members withdrew so their recommendations could be discussed.

The board agreed that the presentation was well-written and thoughtful, but that, as the board had already adopted Bob's plan, we could not now adopt a different one.

The board supported the suggestion that an eblast be sent to HVRA members about the proposed upgrade, along with information about the City Meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee with information about deputing at that meeting.

4. Approval of the February 15th Board Meeting minutes: Moved by Christian; seconded by Elizabeth. **Motion passed.**

5. Business Arising from past minutes

5.1 College Street Upgrade: Bob reported that the city had flatly refused the HVRA proposal, noting that the suggested lane reduction would require an environmental assessment that could not be done in the time frame. He suggested our best way forward was to accept this decision but take a motion to Layton that would guarantee community input on any modification to the plan in the next phase of the upgrade. Sue reiterated Bob's recommendation, adding that if we do not get the desired motion from Layton, then we would go back to the city and fight the plan. The board agreed to accept Bob and Sue's recommendation but also to send out an eblast, asap, combining Merrill's piece with the PCU email.

5.2 HVRA Compliance with Ontario Non-Profit Corporations Act: Gus reminded the board that with the change in the law, our Letters Patent would be retired, and we would have to reregister under the rules laid out in the new Act. We have just acquired a "company key" that will allow us to make changes and updates to our registration information.

5.3 CNOY: Karen reported that this fundraiser had been a huge success for the HVRA teams but most especially for FYFB which had raised over \$67,000 – more than twice its stated goal. Karen thanked Kerry and Anne for their hard work and inspiration and said she was looking forward to doing it again next year.

5.4 In-person Board Meetings: A straw poll was taken with a slight majority in favour of continuing with Zoom. The format will not change for the next month or two.

5.5 May General Meeting: Gus said he did not have enough details, so this would have to be covered by Anne by email.

6. New Business

6.1 Spring Clean-up: Kerry said she had no firm plans. It would probably happen in May and hopefully end up with a gathering in the park. Anyone interested in helping out, please get in touch with her.

6.2 Spring Newsletter: Gus reminded everyone that Anne Kerekes had sent out an email about the newsletter asking for topic and author assignments by this Saturday.

- 6.3 Harbord Studio Tour:** Gus reported that this was going to take place in May with the cooperation of the Harbord St. BIA. It will involve several galleries, including Central Tech, and there will also be a music component.
- 6.4 Weiner's Hardware Anniversary:** Gus said he did not have enough details, so this would also have to be covered by Anne.
- 6.5 42 Dewson:** Gus reported that an individual from the Dewson and Ossington area had asked the HVRA to write a letter of support for her opposition to the conversion of a former corner store into what may become a bar. Gus said he did not believe HVRA support would be much help, except in an overarching way. He said he would call her and report back.

7. Committee and Area Rep Reports – acknowledgements of receipt only unless action or discussion required.

- 7.1 Treasurer's Report:** Lena presented the December 2021 Statement of Financial Position and the 2022 Proposed Budget (appended). Regarding the financial position, she said that we did not lose very much money year over year: December 2020 ended with \$24, 399, December 2021 was \$24,056. Re: the budget she wanted to point out that she did not NOT anticipate having a Fall Fair this year. She also mentioned that the budget had been adjusted for new payments anticipated for insurance and web hosting; otherwise, she included the actual expenses for the last three years, so the projected budget numbers for this year more closely match the numbers of 2019. As there were no questions, Lena moved that the Statement of Financial Position and the Proposed Budget be accept; Kerry seconded. **Motion was passed**
- 7.2 Planning Committee on 19 Spadina:** Sue asked if there were any questions about the Planning Committee Report (attached). There were not.

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

APPENDICES

- 1. Independent Presentation on College St. Upgrade: Gord Brown**
- 2. Independent Presentation on College St. Upgrade: Merrill Swain**
- 3. Treasurer's Report: Financial Statements December 31, 2021**
- 4. Treasurer's Report: Proposed Budget 2022**
- 5. Planning Committee Report**
- 6. Mike Layton letter re: 19 Spadina**
- 7. Area Reps Reports**
- 8. Safe Streets Committee Report**

INDEPENDENT PRESENTATION ON COLLEGE STREET UPGRADE: GORD BROWN

This is a pop quiz, so please listen very carefully...

What do you get when you...

- get rid of the *pedestrian-focused Public Realm Office*...that was created in direct response HVRA's experience leading College Street Revitalization, and disbanded just 2-3 years ago
- let a new Cycling Manager with extensive cycling project experience take over *all Active Transportation*, including pedestrian and public realm projects
- impose a 4 month timeline to decide on a project *with major public realm impact*
- announce a Public Consultation with *NO mention that sidewalks will be trimmed back to fit the proposed bike lanes, or that CafeTO will now be in the middle of College Street*
- change the public consultation process from one that was previously very focused on involving stakeholders – to the process that we experienced with this project and the Contraflow Lanes, that is primarily informing us of a decision already made
- add a team of overworked City Staff who are determined (perhaps by necessity) to defend their project as it, and run out the clock on citizen involvement

And then...

- drop all of this in the lap of very well-intentioned volunteers such as yourselves, who are doing their best to promote a community vision

Any guesses? You get this project...

Hello, and thanks for the opportunity to be here tonight. I'm Gord Brown, here with Merrill Swain and Daniel Suss.

You probably recognize most of the names on our Report from deliberations on the CF Lane issues, and the College Street Connection.

But our interest in the Main Street just south of our homes is *much broader than that*. And we saw an opportunity to provide constructive input into the College Street Design Upgrades Project – which is why we're here today.

I understand that you may have just seen our Community Proposal very recently, so:

- I'll briefly run through the details, and provide a comparison to the HVRA Proposal -- that Bob developed, and that we supported in our initial Proposal to Layton.
- Daniel will then speak briefly to the business impacts and opportunities.
- And finally, Merrill will provide recommendations on where to go from here, with what we believe reflects important considerations for both HVRA and the HV community.

Our public realm vision is basically the same as what Bob has presented to you. In fact, we very recently supported just that in a detailed Proposal to our Councillor on March 10th.

But the viability of our proposal and HVRA's was changed on March 11th, when Emily informed team that the bottom line for Councillor and Staff was: NO delay in planned 2022 Construction; and, NO use of temporary materials. Both of which were in HVRA's proposal and our March 10th proposal.

As well, Emily stressed that the last opportunity to raise issues of concern from RAs or individuals, was a planned Stakeholder/Staff meeting the following week.

So, to keep the vision at least technically alive, we pivoted; revised our Proposal over the weekend to the one you received today; and Mike had it in his inbox at 11:25PM, on Sunday, March 13.

But our understanding is that neither the Councillor nor HVRA raised the Proposal at that week's meeting.

Before I hand over to Daniel, I'll address the question that Susan asked when she and Simon walked College Street with Daniel and I just this past Saturday. Which is -- how is this plan *different* from HVRA's?

The vision is the same, but the execution in our Community Proposal (CP) is changed to meet Layton's and Staff directives regarding schedule and material. Specifically:

- we accept *No Parking during Rush Hour* in the right hand travel lane, avoiding a multi-year schedule impact to conduct the EA that would be required for traffic removal.
- we propose *permanent construction* for the modifications for which HVRA had suggested portable curbstones, specifically: the curb between the bike lane/layby, and between the layby/traffic.
- we propose – and to be clear, this wasn't easy or unanimous -- that the layby and bike lane modifications that give us the additional public space, *would apply to only the north side of College Street.*

The reason for this last item? The very different nature of the north and south sides, with additional public realm being most beneficial on the sunny, commercialised north side of college.

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The hoped-for benefit of this? To give Staff a "win" by using their previous design, and to minimise schedule pressure of drawing changes, cost re-estimation, etc.

That's it for me, so I'll turn it over to Daniel to speak to the public realm and business benefits.

DANIEL: Benefits to Public Realm and for businesses. And hand off to Merrill...

INDEPENDENT PRESENTATION ON COLLEGE STREET UPGRADE: MERRILL SWAIN

Well, as you can see, it's concerning to us that only a few people outside of this group understand how much College Street is going to change this summer. **What was CaféTO will now be bike lanes.** Sidewalk space will be trimmed and some bump-outs will be removed. Even just the removal of a few bump-outs is concerning --- that's green space disappearing. And, as Daniel has explained, it's very worrying for businesses that will be directly impacted for years to come.

With this item going to the I & E Committee *literally one week from today*, we're in the unfortunate position of presenting what probably has limited likelihood of changing the project plan as much as we'd like. But as a recent Board member and Membership Secretary, as well as being on the current eBlast team, I see real possibilities for community-building in trying to do something in the short time we have available.

Specifically, we're suggesting:

1. That the HVRA Board formally supports the Community Proposal, which we believe has the greater chance of implementation (because it accommodates to some of Layton's wishes). By supporting the Community Proposal, you'll be supporting the achievement of the key public realm goals that HVRA has fought for.

2. With or without such support, we're strongly suggesting that HVRA issue an urgent eBlast outlining the status of the College St upgrade project and what it means for HV residents. The eblast would also provide instructions to readers on how to convey their concerns, or support, to Layton; and/or at the March 29th I & E Committee Meeting. By doing so, the Board would be taking an action consistent with its Mission Statement, that is: "enabling residents to exercise their rights."

I've taken the opportunity to prepare a draft eblast that with Anne and Margaret's review and modifications, could be sent out as early as tomorrow.

In parallel, our team would coordinate efforts to approach local businesses on College with the same information.

In closing: by taking this action, and with strong community and business response, we believe there is **still potential** to positively influence City plans at this very late date.

And HVRA will be acknowledged for doing everything possible at this very late stage, to make it happen.

Thanks for your attention.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2021

ASSETS

	December 31 <u>2021</u>	December 31 <u>2020</u>
Current		
Chequing Account	\$ 9,124	\$ 11,333
PayPal Account	3,706	2,006
Term deposits	11,226	11,060
	<u>\$ 24,056</u>	<u>\$ 24,399</u>

LIABILITIES

Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	_____	_____
Fund Balances		
General Fund	15,787	16,161
Heritage District Fund	6,505	6,505
Tree Inventory Fund	777	777
HVRA Gardeners	92	92
Croft Greening Fund	864	864
Netzero Fund	31	
	<u>24,056</u>	<u>24,399</u>
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**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Net Zero Fund</u>	<u>Heritage District Fund</u>	<u>Tree Inventory Fund</u>	<u>HVRA Gardeners Fund</u>	<u>Croft Greening Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue							
Project fund revenues	\$ -	\$15,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,450
Membership fees	4,995	-	-	-	-	-	4,995
Fall Fair	500	-	-	-	-	-	500
Donations	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
Interest income	166	-	-	-	-	-	166
Election forum revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uncategorized revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>5,911</u>	<u>15,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,361</u>
Expenditures							
Administration and general	1,227	-	-	-	-	-	1,227
Newsletter	3,211	-	-	-	-	-	3,211
Fall fair	44	-	-	-	-	-	44
Pumpkin Fest	82	-	-	-	-	-	82
Volunteer Appreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Web Hosting and Development	262	-	-	-	-	-	262
Web Contingency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P & D Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	959	-	-	-	-	-	959
Donations made	500	-	-	-	-	-	500
Election forum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Board Approved Projects & Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll (Netzero)	-	14,019	-	-	-	-	14,019
Other (Netzero)	-	1,400	-	-	-	-	1,400
Croft greening	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gardeners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>6,285</u>	<u>15,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,704</u>
Net revenue (expenses) for the period	(374)	31	-	-	-	-	(343)
Fund balances, beginning of the year	<u>16,161</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,505</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>864</u>	<u>24,399</u>
Fund balances, end of the period	<u>\$ 15,787</u>	<u>\$ 31</u>	<u>\$ 6,505</u>	<u>\$ 777</u>	<u>\$ 92</u>	<u>\$ 864</u>	<u>\$ 24,056</u>

Administration and general

Post Box Rental	
Bank charges	300
Accounting Fees (e.g. quickbooks)	802
Catering	-
Legal and professional fees	-
Stationery and printing	-
Dues and Subscriptions*	125
Miscellaneous (other delivery, flowers,)	-
	<u>1,227</u>

* FUN, FORSTRA, GNN, Kensington Market Hist. Assoc.

2020 HVRA Budget Plan

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MAIN ACCOUNT

Revenue	2022	Actual 2021	Actual 2020	Actual 2019
	Forecast	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals
Membership Dues	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,995	\$ 5,612	\$ 3,410
Fall Fair/Silent Auction	\$ 10,000	\$ 500		\$ 10,266
General Donations	\$ 300	\$ 250	\$ 350	\$ 250
Other Receivables (Interest income, miscellaneous)	\$ 170	\$ 166	\$ -	\$ 251
Totals	\$ 15,470	\$ 5,911	\$ 5,962	\$ 14,177
Expenditures	Planned	Actual 2021	Actual 2020	Actual 2019
Administration and General	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,227	\$ 1,119	\$ 1,508
Newsletter	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,211	\$ 3,318	\$ 2,955
Fall Fair/Silent Auction	\$ 4,500	\$ 44	\$ -	\$ 4,178
Pumpkin Fest	\$ 300	\$ 82	\$ 75	\$ 464
Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 534
Web Hosting and Development	\$ 650	\$ 262	\$ 346	\$ 417
Web Contingency	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 381	\$ 904
P & D Expenses	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 931
Insurance	\$ 935	\$ 959	\$ 603	\$ 603
Donations	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Other Board Approved Projects and Expenses	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 87	\$ 31
T shirts	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Other Payables	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ 13,885	\$ 6,285	\$ 6,429	\$ 13,025

Administration and General (includes)

Post Box Rental
Bank charges
Accounting Fees (e.g. quickbooks subscription)
Catering
Legal and professional fees
Stationery and printing
Dues, Subscriptions, and Memberships
Miscellaneous (flowers, Election Forum, etc)

PROJECTS

Fund Balances at Beginning of	2022
Heritage Districts Fund	\$ 6,505
Tree Inventory Fund	\$ 777
HVRA Gardeners Fund	\$ 92
Croft Greening Fund	\$ 864
NetZero Fund	\$ -
Totals	\$ 8,238

Funds No Longer Active

Flowerpots (remainder transferred to Tree Inventory in 2018)
Sussex/Spadina Meetings (remainder transferred to Tree Inventory in 2018)
Margaret Fairley Park
OMB Funds (remainder transferred to PND in 2019)

Expenditure Categories no longer active:

Yard Sale
Lewis Foundation
Scadding Court

Planning report 2021.

March 17, 2021.

Privatizing U of T:

U of T is promoting its site 1 development prospects to potential developers. It is to be a private/public partnership with a significant retail component. There are 600 units of housing envisioned. The University's early massings envision three towers: two along the Bloor flank, and one slightly to the south on Spadina.

ARA, HSRO and HVRA have had a couple of preliminary meetings. There are no architectural drawings as of now. Our issues list includes massing greenspace, heritage, sustainability, geothermal potential, traffic flow, public realm impacts. Attached, brochure, Huron Sussex/ARA/HVRA letter on the discussions is still under review.

<https://cbreemail.com/collect/click.aspx?u=V3Q1dWt6RE1PNG5OM0I1ZldFTkZjZW9pN1dRWFRwdHJ0ZHRmMU8vTGhIRW8xRDFzUXZkaFgrYmdSRVdJZWJVSA==&rh=ff018518048bfbdbfe9a37f1134182d89f0a342c>

2. Planning's public meeting on the northeast corner of Spadina and Bloor is scheduled 7-9 March 28 by Webex. You can find details on the City Application Information site under 328 Bloor St. W. The site extends from the corner to the western boundary of a previously approved development at Madison—from the Scotiabank at Spadina to approximately the low-rise forms to the west of the Restaurant Association building.

The rezoning application is for a 37 storey (114.92 m.) mixed use building. Podium 8 storeys, tower 29 storeys. Retail at grade. 366 units in the tower, 221 1 BR, 107 2 BR, 38 3BR. Density 14.09 FSI. Parking for 61 cars and 447 bikes. Widened sidewalks, undefined space along Spadina, and 91 sq. m. privately-owned publicly accessible space along Bloor St. Walkthrough to Paul Martel park with a woonerf in the access road to the north.

The application can be accessed under 328 Bloor St. W. at the Toronto Application Information Centre.

<file:///Users/susandexter/Downloads/PLN%20-%20Architectural%20Plans%20-%20NOV%208%20%202021.pdf>

Four Corners Initiative:

The intensification at the corner of Bloor and Spadina will be massive. Included are

Northwest corner, 334 Bloor St. West, 35 storeys (revised application expected); 394 new units.

Northeast corner, 328 Bloor St. W. 37 storeys, 366 residential units.

Southeast corner: 3 University of Toronto towers adjacent to UTS, seeking developers, 600 units plus retail plus academic,

19 Spadina Road (parking lot behind the Madison), presently in the hands of the province. Councillor seeking to get ownership transferred. Hoping the site might provide

an opportunity for undefined Indigenous use or programming.

Planning is to conduct a four corners study to deal with the impacts of these particular buildings, plus an approved development at 316 Bloor St. W. on the northwest corner of Madison and Bloor (29 storeys, 341 units). These include transportation (servicing, visitor, resident), traffic flow including pedestrians, cyclists, links to TTC, district energy, public realm, heritage, among others.

Here is the motion passed by council, Nov. 21, 2021.

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Addressing Development Pressure at Bloor Street West and Spadina Avenue

Community Council Recommendations

The Toronto and East York Community Council recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to undertake, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and the community, to coordinate the application review process for the existing and future applications at the corner of Spadina Avenue and Bloor Street West, that include public realm, urban design, transportation impacts, sustainability and potential for district energy, city servicing and heritage, and undertake any studies Planning staff deem necessary and policy reviews Planning staff deem necessary, as a result of this coordinated approach.
2. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to initiate Indigenous-led engagement to inform the redevelopments at the Spadina Avenue and Bloor Street West intersection.

Origin

(November 24, 2021) Letter from Councillor Mike Layton, Ward 11, University - Rosedale

Summary

The four corners at Bloor Street West and Spadina intersection is facing significant transformation in the near future due to large-scale anticipated growth. Both northern corners of the intersection currently have applications submitted to the City to permit high-rise towers and the southeast corner has been identified as a development site for the University of Toronto. This high level of planned growth warrants a comprehensive lens to inform the redevelopment of this major downtown intersection.

Thousands of new residents will potentially be housed at this single intersection. While there are planning studies and frameworks, development guidelines, and policy documents such as the Official Plan and TOCore, the breadth of development that is now anticipated for this area exceeds what was initially expected. While there are height restrictions and building envelope guidelines, coordination of the development proposals and understanding of the cumulative impact of development (human density) to infrastructure is an important piece that needs to be considered.

The Bloor-Spadina intersection also holds significance for Indigenous communities. The name Spadina itself originates from Ojibway "Ishpadinaa", "a place on a hill". Immediately to the north of Bloor on Spadina, there are two important Indigenous cultural and housing organizations, Wigwamen Terrace, a seniors housing residence managed by Wigwamen Inc, Ontario's largest Aboriginal urban housing provider as well as Native Canadian Centre of Toronto. Through engagement with Toronto-based Indigenous organizations, the importance of the south east corner in terms of its significance as a gathering space for indigenous people in the city, including those who have recently arrived to Toronto, was highlighted.

During the Working Group meetings for the Development Application of 334-350 Bloor, the importance of meaningful Indigenous engagement to inform the redevelopment of the Bloor and Spadina intersection came up as an important element, that both residents, the Applicant, and City Staff felt should be properly pursued in all applications in this area.

Background Information

(November 24, 2021) Letter from Councillor Mike Layton, Ward 11, University - Rosedale - Addressing Development Pressure at Bloor Street West and Spadina (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/te/bqrd/backgroundfile-173790.pdf>)

Motions

*1 - Motion to Add New Business at Committee moved by Councillor Josh Matlow **(Carried)***

*2 - Motion to Adopt Item moved by Councillor Mike Layton **(Carried)***

19 Spadina:

The councillor is keen to get the province to divest itself of the property now used as a parking lot, behind the Madison Pub. He has received RA support for its use as some form of Indigenous housing. In the meantime, the process has continued absent the Annex and HVRA. The four Ras jointly sent a letter to the councillor to frame an upcoming meeting.



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March 18, 2021

Dear Mike,

We write on behalf of the ARA together with HSRO and HVRA supporting the initiative for much needed housing for Indigenous people at 19 Spadina Road. Our organizations co-signed communication from the City to Honourable Kinga Surma at the Ministry of Infrastructure earlier this month.

We are anxious to begin collaborative discussions as soon as possible with your office to fully understand key points and priorities of the project. We urge you to establish these collaborative sessions and begin the engagement process with the Indigenous community together with our residents associations. This is a wonderful opportunity to create a meaningful initiative that will be of benefit to all. To this end, the meeting planned for March 24th should be an 'update meeting' where information the City has is shared rather than an 'advocacy meeting'. This distinction is important as aspirations and objectives must be known ahead of advocating for the project.

We have some high level information from discussions between your office and the HSRO, but now it is time to include the ARA and HVRA. We note that the ARA was both surprised and disappointed to find that it was not included in those early conversations even though at the same time there was an urgent request to sign on to the City's communication to the Province.

Several points for discussion follow:

- First and foremost we would very much like to hear directly from the Indigenous organizations involved about their plans and ways that we can provide support.
- We assume that Indigenous leadership will participate in the early planning, design project procurement and ongoing governance and management of the project once it is complete.
- Architectural design rooted in Indigenous principles integrating all projects planned for the Bloor Spadina intersection will be essential. This project should not be planned independently of the four corners effort and Gathering now being discussed. That process should overlap and extend to this site.

- Details linked to potential agreements or directions already in place are essential to know. We understand that the Daniels Corporation will be involved somehow, perhaps relocating a previous commitment from another site to 19 Spadina. What other site? Their role, partnership or other arrangement should be clearly stated. Other mixed use program elements or condos contemplated to be included as part of the funding formula for the project must be stated up front. Clarity about these aspects is important.
- We also believe that involvement of a developer is premature at this early stage. The project aspirations, parameters such as funding and site evaluation should be in place before discussions with a potential developer whoever that may be. Let's know the details before trade-offs begin.
- Assurances must be obtained confirming that the site now earmarked for Indigenous housing will not be changed to some other use, such as mixed use redevelopment including high density condominiums. However, we are comfortable with the development at 19 Spadina being a space for many uses related to the primary initiative, such as supportive programs for Indigenous youth.
- Funding for the project is, as we understand, from Section 37 funds. We anticipate that other sources of funding--for capital and importantly upon completion, for ongoing funding for operations and necessary programs--must be identified and secured, and we would like to hear more on that subject from your office and/or from the Indigenous organizations involved.

This list is not exhaustive. Many important issues will arise during this process and necessarily lead to discussion. The ARA, HVRA and HSRO look forward to working with Indigenous leadership, the City and the Province on this important project.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Sisam and Henry Wiercinski
Co-Chairs Planning + Development Committee, Annex Residents Association

Sue Dexter and Rory Gus Sinclair
Planning and Development, Harbord Village Residents' Association

Danae Engle and Zoë Newman
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Huron-Sussex Residents' Organization

AREA REPORTS

NE REPORT

The University of Toronto re-posted "No Dogs" signs on the entrances to the Robert St. field and Campus Police have begun training dog owners to not go on the field with their dogs (through regular patrols; the number of owners and dogs on the field is way down). U of T has also posted a link to a website put together by the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education for community members to see when the field is available for non-U of T use, as per the terms of the OMB-mediated settlement, which the HVRA was party to.

Signage prohibiting construction vehicles west of Sussex Mews has been installed.

Two cranes are now up in the NE, one for the Spadina-Sussex residence and another at 666 Spadina. The north sidewalk on Sussex Ave. between Sussex Mews and Spadina will be closed for a couple of years.

<https://vporep.utoronto.ca/welcome-to-the-community-page-for-the-spadina-sussex-student-residence-project/>

<https://vporep.utoronto.ca/welcome-to-community-page-for-robert-street-field-project/>

Nick and Frank

NE Addendum

UTS construction project mostly done and kids will resume school there on April 4.

Gina

Safe Streets Committee Report: March 2022
Prepared by Kerry Clare

E-Bike/E-Scooter Delivery on Bloor Street

A letter was sent to the Bloor/Annex BIA regarding delivery vehicles on the sidewalk on Bloor Street and pedestrian safety. Reply received from Brian Burchell (who cc'd the Annex Residents Association) who noted the difficulty of dealing with this issue as delivery people are independent agents and therefore neither delivery companies nor restaurants have responsibility over what they do. Part of his response as follows:

After receiving your email, I reached out to TPS 14 Division and they have agreed to focus enforcement on this specific problem along Bloor Street sidewalks beginning this spring. These e-bike delivery drivers operate with such small profit margins that a ticket in excess of \$100 may just cause them to act more responsibly in the future.
Once the police have conducted their operations they have agreed to report back. I will keep you and the ARA informed.

Safety at Sussex and Robert Streets

There have been close calls at this intersection, and we're grateful to have had movement on improving the street paint. The city had promised stop lines, and now they're promising zebra stripes.