

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 7:00– 9:00 pm

by Zoom call

APPROVED MINUTES

Attendees: Kerry Clare, Sue Dexter, Anne Fleming, Karen Laurence, Tania Lewis, Susan McDonald, Cathy Merkley, Christian Mueller, Jane Perdue, Nick Provart, Jody Salomon, Robert Stambula

Regrets: Elizabeth Chen, Frank Davis, Lena Mortensen, Gus Sinclair

Special Guest:

1. **Chair's welcome:** The meeting commenced at 7:06.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Susan moved the agenda be adopted; Sue seconded. **The motion was passed.**
3. **Approval of the July 18, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes:** Jody moved the draft minutes of the July 18, 2023 board meeting be approved; Christian seconded. **The motion was passed.**
4. **Business Arising from Past Minutes:**
 - 4.1 **CT track/dome:** Anne reported on her meeting with the head of Razor, saying some progress was made on the subject of communication. She recommended we get someone to join these meetings with her who is active on the CT field and has a neighbourhood voice, possibly the new NW area rep when that person is found. Christian reported that Razor promised \$3000 of support for the CT pool community swim and to date they have given only \$2000. We should push to get that additional \$1000. **Anne** said she would raise this point. **Action Item.** It was pointed out that the field and track and pool are used by people from all over city. Bob said this was all the more reason why the city should take up their responsibility in ensuring Razor respects the community use.
 - 4.2 **Bur Oak:** Susan reported that 2 of the 4 properties needed to improve water access had agreed to retrofits and the third was close. Once all four are on board fundraising will begin. Quotes from contractors have come in at about \$27,000 for all the work on private land. The fundraising webpage will be up soon.
 - 4.3 **Councillor Saxe liaison:** We don't know if Andre Roy has been replaced yet, but Anne reported that councillor Saxe had set up a meeting with a number of RAs for this Thursday. The RAs are working to put together an agenda; if anyone has suggestions of what should be on that agenda, please let Anne know.
 - 4.4 **Community Builder Award:** Anne said we had agreed to give community builder awards to the neighbours working to improve the situation at 60 Borden St and suggested we also recognize the people who run the Farmers' Market. This idea was supported by the board.

5. New Business:

5.1 Fall Fair: Anne reported that the Fall Fair was a success. Cathy did a great job with the permits and Karen took on the Silent Auction. Alex Kelleher took over the music in Gus' absence.

5.2 Fall Fair Accounting: Anne reported that the Fair netted about \$3500. The Silent Auction was very remunerative, but the barbeque rentals cost twice as much this year, so net revenue was lower than it might have been.

5.3 Pumpkinfest: Anne said that as Lena is working remotely, she cannot do Pumpkinfest, so we need someone to take this over for this year. Preferably this would be a board member, but not necessarily, so if anyone has a friend or neighbour who might help, please reach out.

5.4 AGM: Anne reported that emails have gone out to the counsellor and the MPP regarding dates, but we have not yet heard back, so the date is TBA. She asked the board if it should be in-person or Zoom. It was decided that we did not have the lead time to arrange an in-person space or hybrid Zoom, so it would be held on Zoom this fall with an eye to in-person in May. **Tania** will look into technology needed for a hybrid Zoom/in-person. **Action Item.** **Susan** will reach out to Kensington Gardens to see if they would be willing to give us a meeting space in the spring. **Action Item.** Anne asked for speaker ideas. Someone speaking about community activism around homelessness was suggested. **Jane** said she would research the subject and send Anne the information. **Action Item.**

5.5 Friends of Margaret Fairley Park: Anne raised the issue of broken/abandoned toys and uncollected garbage in the park and suggested spearheading a "Friends of Margaret Fairley Park" group to help maintain an acceptable standard of cleanliness. **Anne** will raise the issue of garbage pick-up in her meeting with Dianne Saxe on Thursday. **Action item.** **Kerry** will try to get a group of park users together to help find people who will become the FMFP group. **Action Item.** Tania suggested HVRA host a Fall Clean-up in addition to the annual Spring Clean-up. **Anne** said she would pursue this. **Action Item.**

5.6 Newsletter: Anne asked everyone to get their articles in. Tania asked if a line or two about the Margaret Fairley Park situation could be added. **Anne** said she would try to do that. **Action item.**

5.8 Board Openings/recruiting: Anne said Elizabeth would be stepping down as Membership Secretary. This is an elected position, so we will need someone to put forward at the AGM. In addition, Christian Mueller will be leaving the board, so a new NW rep is needed, and Frank Davis has left, so a NE area rep spot is also vacant. **Nick**

said he would speak to Michael Jara to see if he would step back into the role. **Action item.** **Anne** said the newsletter and the next e-blast should highlight the need for board members and community volunteers. **Action Item.**

5.9 St. Stephen's: Anne said she has been getting letters from residents about the tent city situation, and wondered if there could be a community meeting for anyone concerned about the situation. She asked if anyone was interested in organizing something like that. Jane said we would need people who could provide concrete assistance. **Anne** said she would explore the idea and report back. **Action item.**

6. Committee and Area Rep Reports: Acknowledgement of receipt only unless action or discussion is required.

6.1 Planning and Development Committee – Sue reported on s.37 money that should be used in the neighbourhood. (See report appended.) To this end, Sue moved that: **The councillor and city staff continue to direct any s.37 funds arising from the rezoning at 732-40 Spadina to heritage protection, and That they continue to hold any s. 37 funds arising from the rezoning at 666 Spadina for greening improvements in the vicinity under the Green Master Plan.**

Anne amended the motion to include: **If there are material changes to the previously designated use of the funds, that this change be brought forward for public consultation, then to the council for approval.**

Bob seconded the Motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** This motion will go as a letter from **Anne** to Councillor Dianne Saxe. **Action Item.**

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:59

AREA REPORTS – September 2023

NW

No Report

Christian Mueller, Kerry Clare

NE

Spadina-Sussex Residence (SSR): the hoists bringing material to the floors are quite loud – several meetings with the construction team haven't resulted in an appreciable improvement (most recently on August 31st), but a response today indicated that adjusting the angle of the pinion gears on the hoists might help?

The SSR townhouses along Sussex Mews have reached the first storey.

At 666 Spadina, the new rental building has almost topped out - I think the last floor is being poured this week...

The City has completed its survey for 2 options for a new park at the north end of 666 Spadina.

Renovations on a couple of Harbord St. locations are proceeding.

Esso gas station operating hours: apparently there is no licence on file with Toronto MLS to be operating a business, let alone one that stays open past 11 pm, against the TLAB decision. Bylaw officers are following up. I also contacted Esso Corporate about the errant behaviour.

Nicholas Provart, Frank Davis

SE

No Report

Cathy Merkley, Jody Salomon

SC

No report

Susan McDonald

SW

No report

Robert Stambula, Jane Perdue