

## **Harbord Village Residents' Association**

Minutes of HVRA Board Meeting

January 18, 2005

Kensington Gardens

Board Present: Gus Sinclair, Gord Brown, Robert Stambula, David Booz, Sue Dexter, Richard Gilbert, Michael Heydon, Richard Longley, Maria Perin, Susan Pfeiffer, Jane Widerman Auster.

Regrets: Margaret Beare, Tim Grant, Kaye McCormack.

Others: None

1. **Chairs Welcome:** Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved as circulated.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion that the minutes of the December 21, 2004 be accepted as circulated. Moved by Richard Longley, Seconded by Michael Heydon, Carried.**

4. **Business Arising:**

- Secretary to follow-up on Chair's Cycling Safety letter to City officials.
- Julia McDowell identified as a resource person to assist Maria Perin's Committee regarding Committee of Adjustment matters.
- Community Recognition Committee: Tim Grant to led Gardening initiative and Robert Stambula to prepare material for spring newsletter.

5. **Announcements:** None

6. **Committees and Reports (Assignments):**

- Treasurer: Tabled Financial Report, Motion to accept moved by Gord Brown, seconded by Jane Widerman Auster, carried.
- Spring General Meeting: Spring meeting scheduled for May 17, 2005.
- Committees:
  - Fair Fall: Chair
  - Institutional Liaison
    - U of T: Sue Dexter reported that U of T will comply with the Committee of Adjustment's request, supported by the community, for a Heritage Easement for work related to 150 St. George Street.
    - Sue also reported redevelopment proposals (24 stories) for the Fruit-stand & adjacent property (Bloor north side, east of Spadina)
  - College Street: Gord Brown: Reported on:

- Feb 26, 2005 meeting hosted by Councillor Chow to consult with College Street business/residents regarding the pedestrian clearway and sidewalk programming proposal from the College Street Committee. Board was welcome to attend.
- Discussion were underway with 7 City of Toronto areas each responsible for different aspects of sidewalk use, i.e. TTC booths, phones, parking meters, bike parking, trash bins, newspaper boxes and patios. Surprisingly no one staff area champions pedestrian issues.
- The pedestrian clearway and sidewalk programming proposal scheduled to go before Toronto/East York Community Council on February 8, 2005.
- Gord is meeting with Christopher Hume (Toronto Star Urban Affairs Columnist) with Rita Brooks (Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee) and architects James Brown and Kim Storey of BSA Associates – key contributors to the design/streetscape of College Street revitalization

**Motion of support for the College Street Committee's 2.1 meter pedestrian clearway (storefront to tree pits) and sidewalk programming proposal for College Street. Moved by Sue Dexter, seconded by Jane Widerman Auster; carried unanimously.**

- Planning, Development and Compliance:
  - Heritage Conservation Districts (Lower Brunswick/Willcocks): Plan scheduled for approval at Community Council on February 8, 2005. The Plan is available on the City of Toronto Website.
  - Efforts are underway to create reference guide/inventory of heritage sources/products/designs/services for Toronto HDCs.
- Environment:
  - Chair to contact Councillor Chow regarding regularizing spring Environmental/Clean-up day
- Communications:
  - Newsletter: Deadline for spring newsletter material to Jane is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Website: Unveiling of updated website pending meeting with Chair & Secretary with Mark Treleaven.
- Traffic Committee (Streetscape, Speed Bumps, Pinch Points): Remains unassigned.

7. No Other Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.