

Harbord Village Residents' Association

Minutes of HVRA Board Meeting

February 22, 2005

Kensington Gardens

Board Present: Gus Sinclair, Robert Stambula, Margaret Beare, David Booz, Sue Dexter, Richard Gilbert, Tim Grant, Michael Heydon, Richard Longley, Kaye McCormack, Maria Perin, Susan Pfeiffer, Jane Widerman Auster.

Regrets: Gord Brown

Others: Larry Sdoa, Brunswick House

1. **Chairs Welcome:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved as circulated.
7. **Brunswick House** was brought forward with Mr. Sdoa of the Brunswick House (owner /operator) in attendance. A general discussion regarding Mr. Sdoa's interest in establishing a patio for the Brunswick House followed.

Mr. Sdoa presented his credentials as the owner/operator of Montana and other establishments in the City as well as his concept for a renewed Brunswick House.

The Board provided suggestions and concerns to Mr. Sdoa. All agreed that the regular public consultation/meeting was critical for expressing and specific proposals for a patio and to test the support of residents.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion that the minutes of the January 18, 2005 be accepted as circulated. Moved by Jane Widerman Auster; Seconded by Michael Heydon; Carried.

4. **Business Arising:**
 - Secretary to follow-up on Chair's Cycling Safety letter to City officials.
 - Julia McDowell has agreed to assist in reviewing Committee of Adjustment assist Maria Perin's Committee.
 - 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:**
 - Treasurer: Draft Budget to be provided next meeting. 100 responses have been received to the membership renewal letters.
 - Spring General Meeting: (scheduled for May 17, 2005) Anti-graffiti issues a possible theme; other ideas were invited.

- Committees:
 - Institutional Liaison
 - U of T: Sue Dexter reports that the U of T has withdrawn its filing at the OMB to propose its exemption from the City Official Plan.
 - Sue noted a proposal for a 34 story Condo/Hotel on the old planetarium site on Queen's Park Circle.
 - High-rise redevelopment on Bloor x Bedford was proceeding.
 - College Street: Gord Brown: Reported on:
 - The HVRA supported pedestrian clearway for College Street has past its first step at Community Council. Direction has been made for City staff to draft a by-law and consult with College Street businesses.
 - The College Street team is exploring way to celebrate the official opening of the new College Street.
 - A placeholder budget (subject to the final City budget) has been secured for Croft Street. This is in addition to the funds held for the reconstruction of Croft Street.
 - Planning, Development and Compliance:
 - Heritage Conservation Districts (Lower Brunswick/Willcocks): Plan was tabled at Community Council on February 8, 2005 and is available on the City of Toronto Website. Final date for any objections is March 24, 2005.
 - Efforts are underway to create reference guide/inventory of heritage sources/products/designs/services for Toronto HDCs.
 - Environment:
 - Tim Grant to prepare letter for Chair to seek Councillor Chow help in getting the City's Forestry department to provide official material regarding root systems so as to address erroneous worries about roots damage.
 - Tim is approaching a candidate (forestry student) to repeat our tree survey/tree planning initiative.

Motion to limit the use of road salt to the vicinity of intersections. Moved by Tim Grant; Sseconded by Jane Widerman Auster; Carried.

- Communications:
 - Newsletter: Deadline for spring newsletter material to Jane is April 1st.

8. Other Business

Concern was expressed about the rash of violence at some local businesses. Police are to be consulted regarding their analysis of crime statistics, these events and possible responses.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.