

Harbord Village Residents' Association
Minutes of HVRA Board Meeting
August 16, 2005
Kensington Gardens

Board Present: Gus Sinclair, Gord Brown, Robert Stambula, Jane Auster, Margaret Beare, Sue Dexter, Richard Gilbert, Tim Grant, Michael Heydon, Susan Pfeiffer.

Regrets: Richard Longley, David Booz, Maria Perin.

1. **Chair's Welcome:** Meeting commenced 7:05 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** July 19, 2005 minutes approved as amended on a motion from Gord Brown and seconded by Margaret Beare; carried.
4. **Announcements:**
 - Chair announced that Sandra Deathe has replaced Kaye McCormack until the Fall AGM.
 - Tim Grant announced that the developer has requested that Sussex Mews be closed for 24 months for construction. **Action: Chair to follow-up with Councillor's Office.**

5. **Business Arising:**

Police consultation regarding their analysis of crime statistics. Deferred

Stephen's in the Field Church: Michael provided update of activities. A benefit concert is scheduled for the evening of September 18, 2005.

Robert Street Fire:

- Efforts still underway to save facades. 60 & 62 Robert in doubt due to brick damage; 54 to 58 Robert salvageable.
- **Action: Secretary to seek copy of fire investigation report.**
- Tim Grant reported that \$600 has been provided for one tenant displaced by the fire as authorized by the Board July 19-05 from Robert Street Fire Funds.
- Victims were surveyed as to educational issues: Insurance, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and fire barriers in attics. Key message: Fire safety starts two houses away from your home.
- The Chair/Board congratulated Tim Grant & Sue Dexter for all their efforts in supporting fire victims and representing HVRA.
- Sandra Deathe to contact the Insurance Bureau of Canada re: AGM presentation Oct 18th.

HVRA Name: Chair has alerted the Constitution Committee regarding the issue. All agreed that it was important to engage members in order to foster debate; the Board agreed not to take a position at this time.

6. Mid-term review: Deferred

7. Committees and Reports

- Committees:
 - Community Events – Fall Fair: All go for September 18th.
 - Planning, Development and Compliance
 - A deferral will be sought for the August 24, 2005 Committee of Adjustment meeting due to lack of notice.
 - Environment:
 - Noise complaints continue regarding the Brunswick House with claims that the speakers do not conform to the type promised. Comfort Zone and the Labyrinth House have also been subject of complaints.
 - General issue of licence renewal was raised. How are individual complaints monitored for licence renewals for businesses not respecting the noise bylaw?
 - Graffiti Removal: Michael Heydon reported 100% of residents agreed to having their garages painted on Croft Street; police support was important in achieving this. Help was provided by Stephen's Community House, St. Mary's School (through Police Division 14). Michael commended P.C. Mills (Graffiti and School Officer for 14 Div) for his enthusiastic support, know-how and problem solving. Michael also thanked Board members for their support and donations. **Moved by Gord Brown and seconded by Jane Auster that the Croft Graffiti Street be reimburse for outstanding costs and the balance of HRVA funds for this purpose be held for further Graffiti transformation/irradiation projects; carried.**
 - Communications: Jane asked for newsletter articles/photo by Labour Day.
 - Membership: Area reps received updated membership lists and are to follow-up with outstanding dues payers. Email will also be sent to unpaid members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.