

Harbord Village Residents' Association

Minutes of HVRA Board Meeting

September 20, 2005

Kensington Gardens

Board Present: Gus Sinclair, Gord Brown, Robert Stambula, Jane Auster, Margaret Beare, David Booz, Sandra DeAthe, Sue Dexter, Richard Gilbert, Tim Grant, Richard Longley, Maria Perin, Susan Pfeiffer.

Regrets: Michael Heydon

1. **Chair's Welcome:** Meeting commenced 7:08 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** July 19, 2005 minutes approved on a motion from Tim Grant and seconded by Sue Dexter; carried.
4. **State of the Neighbourhood: Discussion with Councillor Olivia Chow:**
Items discussed included:
 - Liquor Licence renewals without regard to business conduct and inadequate notice & opportunity for community consultation. Examples included Comfort Zone, and the Labyrinth Lounge. Councillor Chow indicated that improvements have been instituted regarding the policing of clubs and that licensing inspection/enforcement was the #1 complaint of Community Council. Councillor Chow indicated confidence that senior management changes at City Hall would bring speedy improvement into these matters.
 - Issuance of patio licences on College Street.
 - Level of service/responsiveness from the Councillor's Office.
 - Successes in the neighbourhood including College Street, Fall Fair, HCD, & Environmental efforts, e.g. Croft Street Mural and neighbourhood clean-ups.
 - Continued frustrations regarding the lack of any type of bylaw enforcement particularly noise violations
 - Concerns regarding the lack of performance measures for city services.

Meeting time was extended to 9:15 without objection

5. Committees and Reports

- Committees:
 - Community Events – Fall Fair Report was tabled. Deadlines for community awards nominations are October 7th for announcement at the October AGM. Susan DeAthe reported that she has succeeded in having the two experts from the Insurance Bureau of Canada present at our AGM.

- Planning, Development and Compliance
 - A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the Board's view on the ROM development proposal for the Planetarium Site. Richard Gilbert to circulate a motion opposing the proposal by email.
- Treasurer: Gord Brown distributed an updated financial report with net funds of \$7,792 available prior to Fall Fair results being added.
- Environment
 - October 15th – Jane Auster reported that Central Tech was planning a Community Clean-up day. The Board supported joint action with Central Tech but needs a co-ordinator to facilitate organization.
 - Tim Grant reported the City has agreed to plant 8 additional new trees in public spaces with HVRA. Tim had also been contacted regarding a consultation on the new Eucan bins.

Moved by Time Grant and Seconded by Richard Gilbert that HVRA recommends that the City of Toronto:

- (a) rejects the Eucan proposal, and**
- (b) raises taxes to compensate for the loss of Eucan ad revenue and to pay for 3,000 similar bins (without advertising) to be used in a manner respectful of the priority of pedestrians on sidewalks; carried**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.