

# **Harbord Village Residents' Association**

Minutes of HVRA Board Meeting

November 15, 2005

Kensington Gardens

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

**Guest:** Bob Stambula

**Regrets:** Michael Heydon, Margaret Beare

1. **Chair's Welcome:** The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of September 20, 2005 were approved as presented, moved by Jane Auster and seconded by Tim Grant.
4. **Introduction of Stuart Schoenfeld:** Stuart Schoenfeld was introduced to the Board, and approved unanimously as our new member from the NE, moved by Tim Grant and seconded by Sue Dexter.
5. **Review of Caucus concerns:**
  - *Noise:* NE, SE, NW have this common concern – we haven't been successful in addressing this issue.
  - *Street lighting:* Keep this on the list for this year. There is a preference for attractive standards, although the lighting is poorer, which conflicts with the cry for better lighting for safety.
6. **Assignment of Committee Tasks:**

*Membership Committee:*

  - We do not have anyone on the Board who is responsible for membership, in particular for developing a membership strategy to increase membership.
  - The web site is being built, and the membership list will be kept here on the secure web site, with controlled access for Board members.

- Should a membership person keep the membership list updated, or should the Secretary?
- **Action:** Gus will start an email discussion the week of November 21<sup>st</sup>, to make proposals concerning membership. In the interim, Gus and Gord will maintain the list.
- *Environment:* On-going
  - Tree person: Tim Grant
  - Graffiti people: Michael Heydon, Jane Auster, and David Booz.
- *College Street:* On-going: Gord Brown; there are many lessons learned that are useful for the rest of the city.
- *Heritage Conservation Districts (HCD):* On-going
- *Official Plan:* On-going: Sue Dexter, Gus Sinclair
- *Committee of Adjustment:* On-going: Maria Perin, David Booz.
- *Newsletter:* On-going: Jane Auster, Richard Gilbert

A suggestion was made that Board members hold “portfolios”, or be the guide for a particular issue, for example the noise issue. Someone with a portfolio would assess compliance, look at the process to track outcomes. **Action:** Sandra DeAthe will follow the noise issue in the NE and suggest at the January meeting how a portfolio might be managed.

7. **Neighbourhood Planning Study** – deferred until next meeting.

## 8. **Other Business**

### *HCD Proposal*

- Catherine Naismith submitted a proposal to proceed with the Robert Street study, cost \$8,200
- We will receive some funding from Olivia Chow (Section 37 monies), and we have about \$2,000 left over from the original HCD at Wilcox & Brunswick. We will need to do fundraising; the residents will also contribute. We can’t commit to the study without approval for funding in place. We can commit according to the level of funding we have, and then make phased payments to Cathy as the study progresses.
- A motion was put to the Board that:
  - C. Naismith be retained up to the amount already existing in the HCD fund
  - Fund-raising continue over the course of the HCD study
  - And, any further commitments be subject to other guarantees of funding.

Moved by Sandra DeAthe, seconded by Tim Grant, motion carried.

*U of T motion*

- Sue Dexter moved that the Board write a letter to the President and Council of U of T to express appreciation for their enlightened leadership in preserving the campus, specifically Philosopher's Walk. **Action: Sue will write the letter to U of T.** Seconded by Tim Grant, motion carried.

*Parkette beside Kensington Health Centre*

- Richard Longley will be arranging a meeting with the KHC to discuss the parkette, as the interest goes beyond replacing the trees.

The next meeting will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup>, same time, same place, to continue the committee assignments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.