

Harbord Village Residents' Association

Minutes of HVRA Board Meeting

December 13, 2005

Kensington Gardens

Board Present: Gus Sinclair, Sandra DeAthe, Gord Brown, Tim Grant, Jane Auster, Susan Pfeiffer, Sue Dexter, Stuart Schoenfeld, David Booz, Richard Longley, Michael Heydon

Regrets: Margaret Beare, Richard Gilbert, Maria Perin

Guest: Cyril Greenland (until 7:25 p.m.)

1. **Chair's Welcome:** The meeting commenced at 7:10 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Item #7 was moved to follow the approval of the minutes and became item 3a; two items were added to the agenda under Other Business: update on 578 Spadina, and the issue of dogs in Margaret Fairley park. The agenda was approved with these changes.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of November 15, 2005 were approved with one correction – Stuart Schoenfeld was added to the list of board present, with apologies to Stuart. **Decisions Following the Minutes:** It was noted that the caucus items from the AGM had not been fully discussed at the November Board meeting; it was agreed to dedicate the January meeting to this discussion.

3a. Garbage on Brunswick – Cyril Greenland

Parking is allowed on the west side of Brunswick, therefore the east side of the street has never been properly cleaned and is odorous. If the parking is switched from side to side, 4-5 parking spots are lost. The process is to poll the residents on the issue of establishing alternate side parking, if 50% are in favour, the city will study the matter, and then implement the new parking procedures. **Action: Cyril is happy to do the poll of residents, and to also look at the idea of all of Brunswick being one-way south, and the implications for parking spots.**

There are also larger issues with garbage; residents put it out well ahead of scheduled pick-up, and garbage men do not label rejected items to indicate why it can't be taken.

Cyril left at 7:25 p.m.

4. Assignment of Committee Tasks:

The Chair announced that Maria Perin has agreed to assume the duties of the Membership position. Her responsibilities are to:

- Collect membership dues
- Receive and distribute membership data
- Ensure membership sign-up forms are at public meetings, and collect slips
- Keep membership lists
- Send out renewals

Action: Renewal notices will go out early in the new year via the Area Reps. Gus will let Maria know.

The rest of the committee assignments is complete.

Actions: Michael will undertake an array of tasks to communicate to the membership, e.g., via The Gleaner
Jane Auster will send a PDF of our last Newsletter to The Gleaner.

5. Neighbourhood Planning Study

Volunteers are needed for the south end to do the neighbourhood study, which involves walking around the neighbourhood and completing a form that gives rough data on the usage of the space – this raw data will be sent to the Planning Department. We don't currently have the data needed to decide about intensification in the area.

Action: The south end Area Reps will find the volunteers to do this study, to be completed by the end of February.

6. Re-landscaping of Brunswick and College Parkette Richard Longley

The city has retained a landscape architect to look at re-structuring the parkette. We are waiting to hear his proposal.

Action: Richard L. will contact Helen to see what kind of input, if any, we can present to the architect.

7. Moved to 3a.

8. Tree motions Tim Grant

As the tree motions were not previously captured in the minutes, they are repeated here for discussion and approval:

- That if funds are available, HVRA will pay \$642 to the City of Toronto in 2005 for a commemorative tree for Jorg Bentz
- That HVRA transfer \$600 from its general accounts to its tree fund,
- That HVRA match a donation proposed by Cyril Greenland, thus paying half of the \$642 cost of a commemorative tree for Jane Donald Greenland

A discussion followed, during which the following information was imparted; if HVRA pays \$642 for a tree, we can name it a memorial tree, the City guarantees the tree for 5 years, and they put up a plaque and maintain it for 2 years.

Motion by Gord Brown, seconded by Jane Auster:

- That as part of this year's budget, \$500 designated for the tree fund and \$100 from a donation already on the books for a total of \$600, be applied to a tree purchase to commemorate Jorg Bentz; the Board will fund raise for the balance required.
- Carried.

There was discussion about Cyril Greenland's tree proposal, with some concern expressed about establishing a precedent by covering half the cost of his tree; in addition, HVRA has already designated \$500 for trees this year.

Motion by Susan Pfeiffer, seconded by Tim Grant:

- That as Cyril has already donated \$100 for a new tree to commemorate Jane Donald Greenland, the HVRA tree fund provide \$100 (subject to fundraising and underwritten by Susan Pfeiffer) if Cyril will fundraise for the remaining funds required.
- Carried.

As a result of this discussion, the Board determined the following **policy**:

HVRA will assist with any process for obtaining commemorative trees, but people must do their own fundraising. We generally do not pay for commemorative trees.

9. Other Business:

578 Spadina Update Tim Grant

- Intense negotiations with the owner have continued, and a meeting is scheduled for December 14th, at 4 p.m., with a neighbourhood response required at 5:00 p.m. There have been significant changes from the owner's first proposal.

Dogs in Margaret Fairley Park Richard Longley

- This is a by-law enforcement issue, as dogs are not allowed in the park, but owners continue to ignore the by-law. **Action: Richard will draft a letter to the Councillor's office and will send it to the Board ASAP.**

Reminder to Board members to continue to send correspondence and queries to Councillor Chow's former office; someone will be appointed on an interim basis.

The next meeting will be on January 17, 2006, same time, same place and will continue the discussion of the AGM caucus items.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.