Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2024, 7:00– 9:00 pm

by Zoom call

APPROVED MINUTES

Attendees: Sue Dexter, Anne Fleming, Rosalinda Furlan, Karen Laurence, Tania Lewis, Susan McDonald, Cathy Merkley, Mary-Frances Morrison, Lena Mortensen, Gus Sinclair, Jody Salomon, Robert Stambula, Moritz Steinbauer

Regrets: Kerry Clare, Jane Perdue, Nick Provart

Special Guest: Alana Jones, Founder and Executive Director of Borden Place Inc.

1. **Chair's welcome: 7:06**
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Gus moved that the agenda be approved as amended; Jody seconded. **The motion passed.**
3. **Approval of the March 19, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes:** Gus moved that the minutes be approved; Jody seconded. **The motion passed.**
4. **Special Presentation:** Alana Jones present a summary of the current situation at 60 Borden. She stressed that there is a serious financial shortfall as there is no funding for the home, only the rents, which do not come close to covering cost of staff, food, security, etc. The home will be holding a fundraiser May 19, from 2:00 – 5:00 at the Real Jerk on College, and hopes HVRA will come out and support it.
5. **Business Arising from past minutes:**

   5.1 Constitutional Amendment from Governance Committee – Gus updated the board on the work of the Governance Committee and moved that Article 6 of the Constitution be amended to Improve the process of Chair succession and board recruitment (see document appended). Rosalinda seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

   5.2 Speaker for the Spring GM: Anne told the board that the Spring GM will be May 21st and the confirmed speaker is Paul Maka, Project Manager, City Planning Division, Heritage Planning.

   5.3 Bur Oak fundraising figures and policy proposals: Susan updated the board on the Bur Oak funding situation. There is just of $2000 remaining, which will cover the cost of a second fertilization with little remaining, so there is no need to dispose of any excess monies. It was agreed that any fundraising effort in future should include a line or two covering the disposal of any possible overage.

5.4 Street Art Sussex Mews: Anne reported that artist Leone McComas will be painting on a house on Sussex, illustrating stories shared by HV resident Norm Cook through our oral history project.

5.5 62 Croft fundraising: Bob updated the board on the 62 Croft situation. The neighbours did well at the first day of hearings. There are two more days to go, which makes it a long hearing for this sort of appeal. Bob also reported that neighbours had surpassed their fundraising goal; the board directed Bob to pay all funds raised to the planner and to inform the fundraisers what was happening with the money raised.

6. New Business

6.1 Heritage Designation Initiative: Sue told the board about the city's plan to protect delisted heritage buildings after January 2025 by building a bank, now, of all materials necessary for a building's designation, so that heritage buildings can be designated almost immediately if they are threatened with demolition.

6.2 College Bike Lane review Anne reported on this review undertaken by the city with the participation of HVRA and PARA, looking at all the outstanding issues. It was very thorough. The moving of the Major St. streetcar stop was done to accommodate the Free Times Café patio, but the city understood our concerns and will keep an eye on the situation. Lessons from College Street will be applied to the bike lanes being installed on Harbord this year.

6.3 New zoning in neighbourhoods: Jody asked for clarification around the proposed zoning changes and their impact on neighbourhoods. Anne asked if the planning committee could write an explainer for the board because we could all use more background. As our next meeting is the GM in May, we may need to find another way to share and discuss. Sue said it is too soon to know for sure how things are going to play out.

7. Other Business

7.1 Spring Clean-up: FM told the board that the event had been very successful and thanked everyone who helped out. She suggested that it might be useful to have a second clean-up during the year, perhaps in late fall.

7.2 Spring Newsletter: Anne told the board that the newsletter was at the printer and would be delivered in the next few days. She mentioned the increase in membership fees was mentioned in the newsletter and it has been updated on the website.

7.3 Central Tech Quarterly Report: Gus reported on the latest Razor Management Committee meeting. The big news is that a pickleball court is being built to the side of the end zone. It should be finished in about 10 days. The court will be open to the public and there will be a website where the court can be booked.

7.4 FoSTRA Micromobility strategy. Anne asked that the board support FoSTRA's White Paper for a Micromobility strategy at the city level; however, given the meeting was already 15 minutes over, it was decided this issue would be canvassed via email. Anne said she would resend the paper and ask for an e-vote.

8. Adjournment: Jody moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rosalinda seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 9:18

Minutes prepared by Karen Laurence, Secretary, 2023 – 2024

APPENDICIES

Motion to present a Constitutional Amendment to the Spring General Meeting

Preamble

This proposed amendment attempts to solve two problems that are inter-related and necessarily involve a revision of the constitution: Succession and Help for the Chair. Also involved is Recruitment, ie: how to make leadership positions attractive enough that people will want to let their names stand.

Consideration is also given to providing maximum flexibility on possible Officer terms and roles that can be decided by the Board year-to-year possibly to match available candidates needs.

What brought this all about is the following:

The current constitutional requirements for a Vice Chair to succeed the Chair have not worked for a variety of reasons

-the Chair-in-Waiting idea is unattractive and recruitment has been impossible.

-the term of the Vice Chair is on the one hand imprecise and on the other, it can be fatally too long.

-The immediate problem is that this term that ends this November is constitutionally Anne's last and we have to provide a way for her to possibly stay for one more term and/or provide the Board with enough constitutional flexibility to be able to recruit Officers for the new term beginning at the AGM in October.

Article 6. Officers (Original)

(a) There shall be six (6) officers of the Association: a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Membership Secretary, and a Webmaster.

The Chair shall be elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting and serve at least one (1) 2-year term and can be elected to a maximum of one (1) additional 2-year term

The Vice-Chair shall be elected annually by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The Vice-Chair will stand in for the Chair in the event of absence. The Vice-Chair serving during the final year of the Chair's last term will succeed as Chair the following year.

The Immediate Past Chair is an ex-officio voting member of the Board whose term is concurrent with the term of the current Chair.

The remaining officers shall be elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting for one-year terms and all shall serve as members of the Board.

(b) The Chair's authority arises from the General Meeting in the first instance and from the Board between General meetings.

The Chair shall supervise the general management and operation of the Association.

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Association, unless unable to do so, in which case the Vice Chair shall preside pro tem in place of the Chair, and failing him/her by the Immediate Past Chair with the approval of the Board, pending the return of the current Chair if the absence is temporary. If the Chair's absence is more permanent, the Vice Chair shall assume the Chair until the next Annual General Meeting at which point the Vice Chair or another will be elected Chair.

Alternatively, should the Vice Chair and the Immediate Past Chair not be available, the Board may nominate and approve the appointment of another Member of the Board as Chair pro tem, also pending either the return of the current Chair or Vice Chair if the absences are temporary, or the election of a new Chair by the General Meeting.

(c) The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in various tasks or projects as requested on an ad hoc basis; in so doing, the Vice Chair will work closely with the Board Chair in gaining a greater understanding of the Board Chair's role which is the next Board position to be undertaken by the Vice Chair. In addition, the Vice Chair will assist in community member engagement.

(d) The Immediate Past Chair shall assist the Board and Board Chair in various tasks or projects as needed and on an ad hoc basis and actively participate in community member engagement activities.

Revised and presented to the Board by the Governance Committee:

(Anne Fleming, Tania Lewis, Moritz Steinbauer, Cathy Merkley and Gus Sinclair)

Major revisions in red

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The Chair [or Co-Chairs] shall be elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting and serve at least one (1) 2-year term and can be elected to one (1) additional 2-year term.

The board may recommend that the terms of the Chair or Co-Chairs be extended up to a maximum of 2 more years. In the case of the Co-Chairs, the terms can be extended or terminated together or separately.

Vice Chair-may be elected annually by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The Vice-Chair will stand in for the Chair or Co-Chairs in the event of absence. At the end of the term of the Chair (or either or both Co-chairs), the Vice-Chair may succeed as Chair or Co-Chair for the following term of 2 years and second term of 2 years.

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