

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 7:00– 9:00 pm

by Zoom call

APPROVED MINUTES

Attendees: Sue Dexter, Anne Fleming, Rosalinda Furlan, Karen Laurence, Susan McDonald, Cathy Merkley, Mary-Frances Morrison, Jane Perdue, Nick Provart, Gus Sinclair, Jody Salomon, Robert Stambula

Regrets: Tania Lewis, Lena Mortensen, Moritz Steinbauer

Special Guest:

1. **Chair's welcome: 7:06**
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Susan moved the agenda be approved; Rosalinda seconded. **The motion passed.**
3. **Approval of the April 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:** Jody moved the April 25th Board Meeting minutes be approved; Nick seconded. **The motion passed.**
4. **Vetting of the May 21, 2024 General Meeting minutes** – Susan moved the May 21 General Meeting minutes be accepted by the board; Jody seconded. **The motion passed.**
5. **Business Arising from Past Minutes:**
 - 5.1 **Clarified policy on donated funds** (Rosalinda) moved that: When funds are requested from residents for specific projects, HVRA will make explicit – before accepting any donations – what will be done with any funds donated in excess of those needed for the project. Gus seconded. **The motion passed.**
 - 5.2 **62 Croft fundraising:** Bob reported to the board that this matter has not yet been fully resolved, but that he will complete his undertaking this week and will coordinate with Lena to ensure there is no confusion between initial goal and the funds actually raised, and that it gets done according to motion just passed. He also reported that TLAB closing (day 5) would be on June 24, and that the neighbours are still in the game. Sue compliment Bob on his handling of 62 croft which has been masterful.
 - 5.3 **College St. bike lanes and bioswales:** Anne updated the board on these ongoing issues. She has been in touch with a lot of people who are active in safety issues – Margaret Proctor, Merrill Swain and Goard Brown, in particular have been great in putting together list of unsafe things. Anne has collated everything and will put it all into a letter to the city and make sure it goes to every possible person connected with these matters. Our specific complaint is that signage and safety in bike lanes, and proper installation of the bioswales is under the jurisdiction of contractors for 2 years, and those contractors are not doing anything. Susan added that all the work of that particular contractor was really egregious – the quality of the work is appalling; they did a really bad, slap dash job on everything, and

she hopes there will be an overall condemnation of the work, not just the specific complaints.

6. New Business:

6.1 Report on RA meeting with Dianne Saxe: Anne reported that while this group was supposed meet quarterly, this was the first since last fall. It was attended by us, PARA, ARA and the nascent Seaton Village group. Anne came away with the impression that if there was low hanging fruit Saxe seemed willing to get on it right away. Jody suggested that in future the RAs should meet before hand and coordinate their approach.

6.2 Fall Fair 2024: Anne reported that she had had a fantastic meeting with Gus, Cathy and Karen and is very glad to have the team back. There are still a few holes to fill, so she is letting the board know that we are looking forward to their participation Sept 8. We are looking especially for a volunteer wrangler and someone to coordinate the community tables. Also, if anyone has any suggestions about how the Fair can be improved, please let her know. Jody mentioned that as our food comes from Fiesta Farms, we should promote that fact, because more people would buy if they knew that.

6.3 Board resignations and replacements: Gus reported that we have to replace people who are leaving: Kerry has resigned, and Bob will be leaving soon. Gus is also working on the chair/co-chair positions.

Sue said that we should thank Kerry for everything she has done for the board, both for the work she has done and the values she has brought. Gus moved that a note be sent to Kerry expressing appreciation for the huge efforts she made on behalf of the board and for the values she espoused. Sue seconded. **The motion passed.** Gus said he would write this note.

6.4 Summer board meeting date: Anne said she would send a Doodle poll to determine the date of the summer meeting.

7. Committee and Area Rep Reports: Acknowledgement of receipt only unless action or discussion is required.

7.1 P & D Sue reported that the latest Knox Church plan had 18 stories on Spadina and 8 on Harbord, well in excess of what the site can handle. The developers have been told the City might not support the present proposal. They are thinking things over. She also reported that the recently passed Bill 185 denies appeal rights to any property owner but the applicant.

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Minutes prepared by Karen Laurence, Secretary, 2023 – 2024