

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 7:00– 9:00 pm

by Zoom call

APPROVED MINUTES

Attendees: Sue Dexter, Anne Fleming, Rosalinda Furlan, Karen Laurence, Susan McDonald, Cathy Merkley, Wolfgang Moeder, Lena Mortensen, Jane Perdue, Gus Sinclair, Jody Salomon, Robert Stambula, Moritz Steinbauer

Regrets: Tania Lewis, Mary-Frances Morrison, Nick Provart

Special Guest:

1. **Chair's welcome: 7:03**
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Gus moved that the agenda be adopted as amended; Susan seconded. **The motion passed.**
3. **Approval of the June 18, 2024, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:** Gus moved that the minutes be approved; Jody seconded. **The motion passed.**
4. **Business Arising from Past Minutes:**
 - 4.1 **Upcoming RA meeting with Councillor Saxe:** Anne told the board there was a quarterly meeting coming up with Saxe and HVRA and 4 other nearby RAs (Annex, Palmerston Area, Seaton Village, and Christie Pits) and she would like to know what issues the board would like to see raised with the councillor. Anne is planning to reach out to the other RAs prior to the meeting, so that we have a united front. Jody suggested an important topic would be the increased use of mopeds which go at very high speeds in the bike lanes. Anne agreed that ebikes and scooters in bike lanes and on sidewalks is at the top of everyone's issue list. Bob said for change to come about, pedestrians who have scooter/bike/ebike encounters need to report them to the police because if these events aren't being counted, the problem will not be recognized. Bob also wondered what had become of the plan to have raised pedestrian crossings at some of the College intersections, as that should improve pedestrian safety. Anne will look into this. Moritz mentioned that he has a report on the MicroMobility issue that will come up later in the meeting.
 - 4.2 **Fall Fair:** Anne reported that things are moving ahead. Cathy has the permits in place; Karen and Tania are on the silent auction; Rosalind has taken over volunteers; and Gus is on music and equipment. We still need someone to be the food responsible.
 - 4.3 **Treasurer's Report:** Lena gave quick update because when presenting financial statements from last year we were talking about membership shortfall, and she committed to update the board on that periodically. This time last year we had received \$1640 in membership revenue; this year we are \$500 ahead, so we are on better track to meet our membership income goals. Lena also mentioned that she has not received receipts for spring clean-up for

reimbursement, so if anyone has any outstanding, please get them to her. And finally, we did not pay an honorarium for spring meeting speaker. Was it not offered, or was it refused? Sue said it was not offered because it would have been refused as the speaker was a city employee. Lena reminded the board that we now have a budget line for that, so we should offer it when acceptable. Otherwise, she said, we are on track, all good.

Anne offered recognition of Nick and Margaret who worked very hard to make sure our fee change was recorded across every aspect of the website.

- 4.4 62 Croft:** Bob reported that based on the board decision around residual funding, he has emailed the individuals involved, to thank and inform them that we had exceeded our goals, and that the excess was going to the planner. This was justified by how much the hearing work expanded. We are still waiting on a decision on this appeal. Bob is not sure when we will get the results. Next month would be the optimistic expectation.

5. New Business

- 5.1 Farewell to Bob, welcome Wolfgang:** Bob said good-bye to the board, Anne thanked him for all his hard work. Sue and Jane also acknowledged everything Bob had done over the years. Gus introduced Wolfgang, a terrific addition to the board. This will be Bob's final meeting, so Wolfgang will have to be appointed pro tem until the AGM. Gus so moved; Sue seconded. **The motion passed.**

- 5.2 D & O Insurance renewal:** Anne told the board our renewal will be in August. Our agents have been in touch and are working on it. Hopefully there will not be a big fee increase from last year.

- 5.3 Noise Pollution Letter:** Anne reported that Ingrid Buday of No More Noise Toronto was making a presentation to Public Health to make noise a recognized health issue, and she asked RAs to sign on in support. The time frame was very tight, so Anne signed without consulting board. She will email the letter to us.

- 5.4 Doctors' Parkette Clean up:** Susan brought up the issue of what do we do about our parkettes, Doctors' Parkette especially. There are two major issues, the garbage everywhere and the fact that the gardens are not maintained and are very unkempt. It is complicated because we, the board, are not responsible for keeping up the park, in fact, by city union agreement, should not be maintaining it, but the issue keeps coming back and residents expect us to do something. It is possible that we can get solid waste bins that have been painted through the Street Art Program and so would be less unattractive. Should that be pursued? Sue suggested that the parkette was possibly Kensington Health property, and they should be approached about its maintenance. It was agreed that the board should not taking on any kind of cleaning of either Doctors' Parkette or Margaret Fairley, but that we should contact the KH board, and also add this issue to the list for the councillor. Anne said she would do those things.

6. Committee and Area Rep Reports:

- 6.1 P & D** Sue reported that she and Susan have been engaged with the ROM on trying to save an oak tree (just north of the entrance on the Queen's Park Crescent) that has been there since before ROM was built.

She also updated the board on the Star article about city flood maps. She wrote the city, but they do not have flood maps of our area. Flooding is an becoming a planning issue. All the large buildings going in are going into this same sewage system, so there are concerns about increased demands and the capacity of the existing system to handle that increase of solid waste and rainwater. When Anne meets with the councillor, she should ask about what the storm water situation is in HV, when the sewers are going to be replaced, whether there has ever been an inspection of the downspout disconnects. We could also put in the newsletter that the city has a program for backflow preventers installation rebates.

Sue's final point was that FoSTRA got going on our democracy issue and the loss of public consultation as a result of all the P & D changes being made at the provincial level, and they got a meeting with Gord Perks. There was a good discussion of how involve residents in the city in planning, but there are issues around how time consuming it is for the city to hold public consultations, so we will continue to work with them around that.

7. Other Business

- 7.1 FoSTRA micromobility:** Moritz updated the board on the FoSTRA white paper on micromobility. He had responded to FoSTRA about the board's concerns with their white paper, and they asked him to join the group. The paper was refined, but when the city reviewed it, they decided to do nothing – not adopting the provincial pilot program, or FoSTRA's recommendations, or their own pilot program, so everything will continue as it is, completely unregulated. Gus – commended Moritz for his contribution to the white paper.

- 8. Adjournment:** Gus moved the meeting be adjourned; Karen seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 8:30.**