

Harbord Village Residents Association
Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Minutes

Meeting by Zoom call

Attendees: Sue Dexter, Anne Fleming, Jordan Leith, Susan McDonald, Cathy Merkley, Wolfgang Moeder, Frances-Mary Morrison, Lena Mortensen, Nick Provart, Gus Sinclair, Fiona Smith, Moritz Steinbauer

Absent: Rosalinda Furlan, Jody Salomon, Douglas Walker

1. **Call to order:** 7:03
2. **Approval of Agenda** Gus moved that the agenda be adopted as amended with ad hoc added at end; Lena seconded. **The motion passed.**
3. **Approval of the December 17, 2024 board meeting minutes.** Gus moved that the agenda be adopted; Susan seconded. **The motion passed.**
4. **Business Arising from past minutes**
 - a. **Committee Review Update.** Move this item to the next meeting. Anne will create a document and will include Gus and Moritz for their thoughts.
Action item.
 - b. **FoSTRA housing committee.** Anne attended the December meeting. At a later meeting they came up with three subcommittees. We are interested in following along which is all we can do. Detailed work has already been done and there is good depth of knowledge. For now we will monitor and if there are steps to take later they will let us know. Their AGM is on Thursday and they have a guest speaker. It is possible to sign up.
 - c. **CNOY update.** Tanya, a former member of HVRA, is organizing. Date is February 22. We will have one team this year and Anne, who is the liaison, encouraged all to sign up. You don't have to walk.
 - d. **Harbord marker.** It is still up. Gus is keeping up with the issue. It will be down by spring.
 - e. **Construction.** Anne sent a link to a visual of what the plan looks like. We have a name of the city person.
 - f. **In person meetings.** Jordan is working with Tim on community dinners. There will be a dinner at Harbord House and two lunches in February. It was noted that Her Father's Cider Bar closed and some restaurants are going into the bank building at Spadina and Harbord.

5. **New Business**

- a. **Resignation of South West Area Rep.** Merri has stepped down from being a rep but will still act as a volunteer. This just leaves Wolfgang as area rep. We are also short a rep for South Central. Gus is working on both positions.
- b. **Charter City.** Toronto Executive committee is looking at forming a special committee to study the validity of Toronto becoming a charter city. A vote will take place Jan 28. Tim Grant is asking for presentations in person or for us to submit something in writing. Sue may go and depute. Sue moved we make a submission. Susan seconded. **The motion passed.** Anne will draft something. **Action Item.**
- c. **Email tidy up.** Nick and Margaret noted that some email listings that needed clean up. Anne asked for and received a listing. The Parenting Committee doesn't exist so can be deleted. For Safe Streets we won't use the email but Anne and Moritz will be the contacts. Noted to follow up on membership committee.

6. **Other Business.** Area rep reports:

North West: FM reported a speeding car crashed into the median at Borden and Lennox. Borden St. traffic is a perennial issue. Some discussion on what can be done. Speed bumps might be an option or more planters. A letter of support from the Resident's Association is needed for the speed bumps.

North East: Nick and Jordan reported that the Bank at Spadina and Harbord is covered in graffiti. For clean up call 311.

U of T Liaison: Sue described the invasion of trucks on Wilcocks due to construction projects. As well as the invasion of a movie company. Many in the community have been working on a solution with good results. U of T is not building anything new. The date for moving into the U of T residence housing on lane is now August.

7. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 8:06. Gus moved. Seconded by Lena.
The motion passed.

Minutes prepared by Fiona Smith, Secretary

2025 HVRA Board Meeting Schedule

Unless otherwise required, board meetings and AGMs are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month, between 7:00-9:00 p.m. For the foreseeable future, these will be held via Zoom.

January 21

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20 (Spring General Meeting)

June 17

July 15

September 16

October 21 (AGM)

November 18

December 16