

Harbord Village Residents Association
Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Minutes

By Zoom Call

Attendees: Sue Dexter, Anne Fleming, Rosalinda Furlan, Jordan Leith, Wolfgang Modeder, Lena Moretensen, Frances-Mary Morrison, Nick Provart, Jody Salomon, Gus Sinclair, Fiona Smith, Sue Smith

Absent: Susan McDonald, Cathy Merkley, Moritz Steinbauer, Douglas Walker

1. **Call to order:** 7:04
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Gus moved that the agenda be adopted; Lena seconded. **The motion passed.**
3. **Approval of the February 18, 2024 board meeting minutes.** Gus moved that the minutes be approved. Rosalinda seconded. **The motion passed.**
4. **Business Arising from past minutes**
 - a. **Committee chart:** The complete streets committee is in need of members. Anne encouraged everyone to think about signing up. No one will have to do it alone.
 - b. **FoSTRA update:** Councillor Saxe wanted to make a motion about renovictions. There was some debate over email about what to support. We are in favour of supporting tenants. FoSTRA wrote a letter of support for tenants. There is no further action needed. Moritz audited the housing committee meeting. Anne will forward his meeting notes. No further action is required. Meetings are recorded and can be viewed anytime.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Financial Report** – Lena presented the financial statements. She has experienced problems with PayPal and is continuing to sort out the account. Lena proceeded to go over the statements. Some clarification about the Net Zero fund – it is divided between net zero fund and the Bur-Oak fund. Also, the Heritage District fund is to be used for a heritage district and the hiring of a heritage architect. In terms of the budget we are hoping for an increase in fees and a good Fall Fair amount. Some expenditures are contingency so that is the difference between anticipated revenue versus expenditures.
Approval of the Financial Statements: Lena moved that the financial statements for 2024 and the proposed budget for 2025 be accepted. Sue seconded. **The motion passed.**
 - b. **Spring Clean Up** – FM reported that the Spring Clean Up will be Saturday April 26 from 9 – 12 am and based at Margaret Fairley Park. FM would like to involve the area reps more. She will send a poster and map to distribute. Anne noted that we should be taking down the old posters so we are responsible. One idea for the future is to get student volunteers

who can get their community hours. There was some discussion about areas that might be taken off the list. One is Bagpipe Lane because it is a commercial lane and too dirty. There is also an issue with human feces near the parking lot on Borden which is related to the lack of public toilets in the area. Anne will raise the issue with the councillor. **Action item.**

- c. **Board recruitment report** – Gus introduced Sue Smith who attended the meeting. She is a potential second rep for the South Central area. Gus is interviewing for the South West area rep.
 - d. **Spring GM date/speaker suggestions** – The general board meeting is turned into the General Meeting and there is a guest speaker. One suggestion is Federal Housing Minister Nathaniel Erskine-Smith. Other suggestions include the new head of City Planning, the head of 60 Borden St – Alana Jones and Julie LeJeune Executive Director of the Fort York Food Bank. We have a budget for an honorarium. Date is still to be determined, perhaps May 20, 21, 22.
 - e. **Laneways Project** - Sue circulated by email about laneway revitalization. The gardeners group may be interested. FM and Douglas thought the north end of Croft St. could be a location. FM and Wolfgang will follow up and liaise with Jane Purdue. This falls under the Greening Committee.
 - f. **202 Lippincott St.** – Sue updated the board on the issue.
 - g. **Dianne Saxe** – Resident Associations have quarterly meetings with the councillor. We emphasized traffic in the north west which is an issue raised by FM. Porch theft is a recent issue and should be reported to police. Other RA's issues include development issues, renovictions, liquor license and noise issues, traffic calming, and designating avenues along Christie.
 - h. **Spring 2025 Newsletter**- Anne Kerekes sent a list of items she anticipates for the newsletter and assigned topics. If there is anything board members want to include or promote, write it up. The deadline is the end of the week to confirm you're writing a section. Some suggestions for changing up the usual content are a guest columnist, writing about volunteers, youth, dog walkers, etc. to provide human insight into the neighbourhood. Mary at Fort York Food Bank to write 200 words.
6. **Other Business** – Lena asked if there had been a decision on discontinuing area reports. After discussion it was decided that the board secretary will request area updates when the agenda is sent out. There may not always be a report and reps can just say so.
7. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:22. Jody moved. Seconded by Lena. **The motion passed.**

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