

HARBORD VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
October 19, 2010 7 p.m.
Kensington Gardens
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The meeting was called to order at about 7:10 pm by Chair Tim Grant, who welcomed all to the meeting. Approximately 70 residents were in attendance.

Area Caucuses: The meeting broke into Area caucuses for discussion of local issues. The following was reported back to the entire group:

North-East

Bob Barnett

1. Brunswick House and laneway behind it: dirty, noisy at night, murder, rape
2. Vandalism and break-ins – cars and houses
3. Robert St. parkette, field & rink: dirty, glass in the sand/soil

North-West

David Booz

1. Community safety
2. Laneways: graffiti, pot-holes, litter, lighting
3. Trees: lack of safety with old trees – get city to maintain trees better

South Central

Wendy Smith

1. Kaplansky: still a problem with garbage
2. Design contest in the works for the Brunswick parkette at College
3. Absence of bike lanes on Harbord between Burden & Spadina
4. Suggestion to propose to Kensington Garden that we establish a community garden where the large lawn is now between Brunswick St. and Major St.

South West

Jane Perdue

1. Litter, garbage, cleanliness
2. Pot holes in laneways
3. Streetscape around Central Tech: 12ft high penitentiary style chain link fence around playing field; asphalt apron on E side of school filled with garbage bins; school parking could be underground; loading and garbage bins be more in keeping with the neighborhood look

South East

Sarah Hastie

1. Traffic & parking issues: vehicles going the wrong way; excess traffic in Sussex Mews & other laneways; pedestrian mall – Willcocks between Huron & St. George
2. 108 Robert St. house – derelict; HCD for Major St.
3. Need for bicycle lock-ups on the streets so that people wouldn't use private fences
4. Open Lord Lansdowne schoolyard on weekends and nights for the community to use

HVRA Business

1. Committee Reports

Treeing the City

Dinny Biggs

Dinny reported that as part of the project, 163 trees were planted that 7 trees are still left. Dinny thanked the volunteers on the project for their great contributions. Educational neighborhood walk took place in the summer. Tree planting project in memory of Barbara Godard was announced in the latest newsletter – contributions are welcome.

Laneways

Gus Sinclair

A walk-through in all the laneways is planned to involve the residents in the lane-naming project. There are 49 un-named laneways in the area

Heritage Conservation

Sue Dexter

149 houses on Robert Street have the designation now; plan is to extend the heritage conservation project to Major St. Donations to the project are welcome.

University of Toronto

Sue Dexter

Philosopher's Walk vegetation is no longer affected by air-conditioning system from ROM as the problem was finally corrected.

Community Builder Awards

Tim Grant and Gus Sinclair

Neil Stevenson and Dale Duncan were selected for their outstanding contribution to this community. Neil for his organization of clean-ups and Dale for her assistance from Councillor Vaughan's office. Cyril Greenland was also thanked for the many decades of service he and his wife Jane have made to Harbord Village.

Pumpkin Festival

Tim Grant

On Nov 1st from 3:30 people can bring their carved pumpkins that will be displayed along Harbord St. They will be lit and maintained by volunteers. Ms Emma's will again be the site of the Silent auction, display of art by local artists and musicians; hot apple cider and refreshments will be served. Volunteers are needed for solicitation of donations from business; distribution of cards for pumpkin donations; 4:30 set up of tables on Harbord St; keeping the candles lit

Treasurer's Report

Leslie Thompson

Leslie reported that HVRA's finances are in good shape. Membership revenues increased since the last year. Spending is project oriented. A copy of the report was made available to members.
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Curt Oliver moved to adopt the Treasures' report. Seconded by Sue Dexter. Carried

2. New Board Elections

Constitution & Nominations Committee consisted of *Susan Pfeiffer, Celia Denov, Margaret Smith, Margaret Beare, Samiha Sayed & Susan Pfeiffer*. Tim thanked them for their efforts. Celia Denov took the chair

Slate of officers presented for 2010-2011 term

Chair:	Tim Grant
Secretary:	Eva Janecek
Treasurer:	Carmen Gauthier
Membership Secretary:	Katrina McHugh
Communications Director:	Richard Gilbert
Past President	Rory 'Gus' Sinclair

Since there were no nominations from the floor for the above positions, the new Officers of the Board were elected by acclamation. Cyril Greenland moved that the Board be accepted seconded by Robert Bell

Area representatives:

NE Stuart Schoenfeld & Laura Bradbury
NW Steve Klein & Gail Misra
SW Jane Perdue & Colin Furness
SC Eleanor Levine & Wendy Smith
SE Bettina von Lieres & Angie Andreoli

3. Creation of Specialist Board Position for University of Toronto

Tim re-assumed the direction of the meeting

It was the will of the meeting that Position of Uof T Liason be extended for another year

Curt Oliver nominated Sue Dexter for Uof T liason position. Sue accepted.
It was moved by David Booz and seconded by Eva Janecek-Rucker. Carried

Tim thanked Margaret Beare for continuing her role as Police Liason

4. Motion to approve \$ for spending on Fall Fair & newsletters.

Tim moved that:

Whereas HVRA's constitution requires a membership vote to approve any expenditure greater than \$500, and whereas HVRA's Board spends in excess of this amount for the Fall Fair and the printing of each Fall & Spring newsletters, be it resolved that such expenditures be authorized and this authorization continues till rescinded.

Motion was amended to read:

Whereas HVRA's constitution requires a membership vote to approve any expenditure greater than \$500, and whereas HVRA's Board spends in excess of this amount for the Fall Fair and the printing of each Fall & Spring newsletters, be it resolved that such expenditures be authorized up to \$ 4.500 for the Fall Fair and \$1500 for the newsletters and this authorization continues till rescinded.

Moved by Steven Klein and seconded by Sue Dexter. Carried

5. Councilor Vaughan – State of the Union and Q and A

The two foci of discussion were the renovation of downtown parkettes and the upcoming election for the Mayor

6. Reforming municipal politics Dave Meslin

After a short summary of his background and involvement in activities related to elections, Dave discussed the barriers to peoples' willingness to vote.

He distributed copies of Eye Weekly and directed the audience to his article on "Time for a Democratic Revolution?" and a copy of a table of experiences gathered from cities across the world (see www.BetterBallots.ca . He concluded his excellent presentation with a suggested solution- instant runoff voting - that he is pursuing with the municipal government.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm