



**The ANNEX RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**Monthly Board Meeting, Thursday, May 8, 2008, 7:30 PM**

**Lounge, Annex Retirement Residence, 123 Spadina Road**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Kent Beattie, Gwen Egan, Louis Florence, Micky Fraterman, Mimi Fullerton, Natasha Gromoff-Kramer, David Harrison (Chair), Ko van Klaveren, Michael Low, George Luste, Sandra Shaul

**Regrets:** Andrew Baines, Nellie Bannayan, Nena Hardie, Michael Moore, Christian Chan, Frank Cunningham

**Absent:** Patrick Kennedy

**Guest:** Eileen McConnell

1. **Motion** by Mimi Fullerton/ Louis Florence to approve the Agenda.  
CARRIED

2. **Motion** by Louis Florence/Ko van Klaveren to approve the April minutes as amended.  
CARRIED

**3. Committee Reports**

**Financial Report:** Louis Florence reported that there were no significant changes in the financial position. Signing officers need to be changed as Paul Martel and Elizabeth Whelan, the previous signing officers are no longer on the board. It was mentioned that according to the constitution there should be four names. Micky Fraterman will check the by-laws.

**Heritage:** Sandra Shaul submitted report which meshes with P&Z on various issues. She reported that we almost lost a heritage home at 407 Brunswick because of lack of notice of the application. A demolition request was denied for this property as it required severance. The developer might go to the OMB.

Sandra reported further that the Section 37 funding will be released and the Heritage studies of more streets can start. A consultant needs to be hired to help with the planning and designation of the streets. A RFP needs to be set up based on former RFPs.

**Parks & Trees:** There was a discussion about the coordination of the work that needs to be done on the parks. The Executive will further discuss parameters for the Parks & Tree committee and Michael Low will speak to Paul Martel to draw up terms for Parks & Trees coordination.

Michael further reported that Ecology Park is very nice and a group is active in cleaning up every week.

Gwen Egan reported on the meeting of the Dogs Off-Leash sub-committee held on May 7 at her house. Minutes are posted on theara.org. Next working group meeting will be on May 21 and 28 and next Public Meeting will be held on June 11.

Micky Fraterman presented plans for Farmers' Market sponsored by the ARA, HVRA, HSRA, Bloor-Annex BIA, Harbord Street BIA, Foodland Ontario, GreenBelt and coordinated by Farmers' Markets Ontario as part of 4 new pilot Farmers' Markets. Market will start June 4 and will held in the Green P parking lot off Borden at Bloor from 3 – 7 p.m.

**Police Report:** Natasha Gromoff-Kramer presented a report.

**Membership:** Louis Florence introduced his guest Eileen McConnell and mentioned that bringing guests to a board meeting is an opportunity to be introduced to the work of the board and the Association and would like to encourage others to do the same. He further suggested that we create a simple document indicating the existence of the ARA and a brief explanation of its work. A reference to the website should also be included.

A discussion on various topics ensued front yard parking; heritage designation of certain buildings on Bloor and engaging high school students for projects to fulfill their need for volunteer hours. It was further mentioned that a heritage designation is a value-added aspect for a property and that real estate agents who are pro-heritage would be valuable spokes people for the ARA and its Heritage activities.

**Planning & Zoning:** Mimi Fullerton presented a P&Z report.

**4. Fall Event:** Natasha Gromoff-Kramer and Gwen Egan have been in touch with John Corso regarding the location. Eileen McConnell volunteered to coordinate a committee for a Fall Event. Location needs to be found. Gwen offered to get information for various venues and find out prices. More volunteers are needed to run an event.

**5. Adjournment:** Motion by Louis Florence to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Micky Fraterman, Secretary, the ARA.*