



The Annex Residents' Association

Board Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2011
Annex Retirement Residence | 123 Spadina Road 7:30 PM

Minutes

Present: Ian Ainsworth, Rita Bilerman, Gwen Egan, Micky Fraterman, Natasha Gromoff-Kramer, David Harrison (Chair), Jake Hason, Jim Jacobs, Edward Leman, Michael Low, John McGrath, Lois Miles, Sarah Scott, Sandra Shaul, Alex Spiegel, Ko Van Klaveren

Regrets: Andrew Baines, Kent Beattie, Frank Cunningham, Albert Koehl, Louis Florence,

Absent: Christine Innes

Guests: Anne Marie Maduri, Katie Millan, Matt Masiar

1. **Approval of Agenda.** Agenda was approved.
Motion: Jim Jacobs/Rita Bilerman
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting were approved as prepared.
Motion: Jim Jacobs/Rita Bilerman
3. **Business arising from the minutes.** There was no business arising from the minutes.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - **Finance**
There was no change to the financial status of the Association.
 - **Communications**
A great job was done by Gwen Egan who produced a 6 page *Voice of the Annex*.

Matt Masiar presented a mock-up for a new website concept and will send a link to all board members. John McGrath will collect feedback and will report back to Matt.
 - **Membership**
An email was sent out to all members to renew memberships.
 - **Planning and Zoning**
Edward Leman, Co-Chair, P & Z reported on the following items:

Ongoing applications
 - 17 Prince Arthur application
 - 76 Lowther OMB appeal
 - 579 Huron St. application for an entry to a 3rd floor apartment.
 - 483 Brunswick (an application by Future Bakery for patio hours extension and Labyrinth café for a boulevard seating will coming up at Community Council meeting on April 21. Letter of objection will be written.

- Application for 2-way traffic, Lowther Ave, 66m West from Avenue Rd. There was no objection to this application.

Public Meetings

- 555 Dupont St. (April 11 meeting), outside of the Annex and concerns an rezoning into a strip mall. The reaction from the Seaton Village Residents' Association was positive.
- 328 Dupont St. (Wynne Bros.) application, May 3 meeting

Other matters

- Tall Buildings Study: a discussion about various aspects of this study undertaken by Urban Strategies Inc. and Hariri Pontarini Architects, in consultation with City Planning took place.
The study is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/planning/tallbuildingstudy.htm>
Alex Speigel stated that it is important that guidelines regarding heights are set. Context and impact is important. A firm and consistent accepted planning regimen would work better as the Official Plan doesn't set benchmarks for density and heights.
- Queen's Park Precinct View: the process to preserve the precinct view in the light of development of 21 Avenue Road is ongoing.
- Dupont Street Visioning Study: a meeting with Councillor Vaughan will be taking place to discuss the scope of the study.
- Official Plan Review; the Official Plan is up for review and the harmonized zoning bylaw has to be revisited. The question is, how can both be done?
- Water meter installation program has now superseded the lead pipe replacement program. Lead pipe replacement program will be phased out. Sarah Scott expressed concerns that this will leave homeowners with the risk to have lead in the drinking water.

➤ **Parks and Trees**

Josh Fullan has received approval to plant native plants in Huron Street Park.

The article on the Tree survey will be in the next issue of the Gleaner due to election coverage. Application for grants for students for the project is ongoing.

Jeff Cape of Evergreen has agreed to issue charitable receipts for donations through Evergreen.

Logo competition: only UTS is participating and presented 12 submissions. A winning design was chosen.

A database is now working for the tree survey. Funding in the range of \$10,000 - \$15,000 is needed to engage the students in the projects.

The board expressed appreciation for the work that Michael Low and the Committee has done on this initiative.

➤ **Governance.**

Jim Jacobs is working on insurance coverage for both ARC and ARA. The first Board meeting after the ARA AGM should include an ARC meeting to be announced 10 days prior to the May meeting. Statements for ARC should be available for the ARC AGM by statutory requirement.

➤ **Heritage**

Sandra showed a picture of Queen's Park. She discussed the issues related to the city's tall building study in connection development on Avenue Road.

Perhaps an Ontario capital commission might be useful to preserve the planned precincts of Toronto and protect the institutions. A discussing ensued.

GYRA, FONTRA and the Architectural Conservancy is making this a Province wide issue.

Sandra would like to write letters to MPPs Sorbara and Wynne on behalf of the ARA to draw their attention to the issue of protect the precinct and view shed for a wide area and respect the sight lines for Queen's Park.

➤ **Police Liaison.** Natasha presented a report including the following topics:

The convenience store at the corner of Spadina and Dupont was robbed.

Neighbourhood patrol is now extended along Dupont.

➤ **Traffic & Transportation**

Anne Marie Maduri, guest, informed the meeting that a letter was sent to the TTC regarding subway noise. No response has been received. She also reported on issues regarding the Seaton Parkette on Albany Road.

5. April 20 meeting with Adam Vaughan regarding Fraternity & Sorority regulations

Rita Bilerman will attend the meeting.

6. All Candidates Debate:

The debate, co-sponsored by the ARA and other neighbouring residents' associations will take place on Wednesday April 20, 2011; 7:15p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Moderator: Gus Sinclair, Chair HVRA

Trinity-St. Paul's Church, 427 Bloor Street West

Confirmed participants so far:

Christine Innes – Liberal, Olivia Chow – NDP, Rachel Barney – Green Party,

Gin Siow – Conservative

7. Report from the Nominating Committee

David Harris reported on behalf of Andrew Baines that the slate is almost complete. There is one more person to add.

8. Annual General Meeting, final arrangements.

The meeting room has been booked by Micky Fraterman at the Friends' House.

Gwen Egan and Natasha Gromoff-Kramer will look after the refreshments.

Speaker Professor Andrew Kenney has agreed to be the featured speaker.

Councillor Vaughan will give a City Council update.

9. AOB. Jake Hason announced that he will be withdrawing from the board because he is moving out of the Annex. Thanks to Jake Hason for his participation on the Board.

10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Micky Fraterman, Secretary