



The Annex Residents' Association

**Minutes
Board Meeting
Thursday, February 9, 2017 7:00 p.m.
at the Alliance Française**

Present: Rita Bilerman, Terry Chu (and Joey), Robin Clarke, Micky Fraterman, Josh Fullan, Meg Gardner, Natasha Gromoff-Kramer, David Harrison (Chair), Christine Innes, Jim Jacobs, Liz Allen Rankin, Lynn Spink, Ko van Klaveren, Henry Wiercinski.

Regrets: Albert Koehl, Edward Leman, Michael Low, Terry Montgomery, Sandra Shaul, John McGrath.

Guests: Jo-Ann Davis, Matt Dales and Sarah Henderson

1. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.

2. Guest: Jo-Ann Davis, Liberal Candidate University – Rosedale and currently Trustee at the Toronto Catholic School Board.

Jo-Ann was introduced by Chair, David Harrison. Jo-Ann reported that approval was received by the Ministry for a new school on the site of the current St. Raymond School on Barton Street. Design and naming of school will be a public process. Another project that she mentioned is a partnership greening initiative of Monsignor Fraser College over at Markham Street. Church has appealed to OMB in limiting the development of the property. Jo-Ann explained that the Church and School properties are not related. Ko van Klaveren asked why the asphalt on the playground of the school is still there. This will be addressed when the development of the property will be started.

Jo-Ann informed the Board that she has formally put her name forward to be the Liberal candidate for University – Rosedale riding. The campaign hasn't officially started. She is a management consultant by training. Jo-Ann is interested in change and being an MPP will give her the opportunity to initiate change. The question was raised why she would join a team where she has very little influence, while as a Catholic school trustee you do have influence. Jo-Ann responded that unless you're part of the dialogue you never have a chance to affect change and she is optimistic. Riding association counts now 30 people and getting ready for the next election.

Meg Gardner mentioned that the **Huron Parkette** was opened today. Joe Cressy and Huron public school students attended. Play structures and pedestrian areas are improved.

3. Approval of February 2016 Board Meeting minutes.

Lynn Spink/Jim Jacobs

4. Committee Reports

- **Finance.** Liz Allen Rankin presented the February Treasury Report. She reported that the Freeman donation for the Tour of Houses and Cultural Institution held in October 2016 was now received.

- **Parks and Trees.** Terry Chu reported that the TreesPlease committee is collaborating with OpenData.To on our tree survey. They had said that the data sets we have are the best of all. Every 5 or 10 years there is a tree census to keep the data base up to date. HVRA is doing their update this year.
- **Communications.** There was a request by Samantha of The Post to suggest local heroes. Committee to follow up with suggestions.
- **Membership.** Rita Bilerman presented the monthly membership report.
- **Planning and Zoning.** The Board is wishing P & Z co-chair Edward Leman all the best with his health. Robin Clarke, Ko van Klaveren as well as Henry Wiercinski will continue to head the P & Z committee.

Information on the following items was announced:

- **316 Bloor mediation:** will take place for only 1 day on March 7.
- **328 Dupont Mediation:** 328 Dupont Mediation: The mediation was not accepted by City Council. We expect that Freed will re-apply to the OMB..
- **Davenport Triangle:** There are a couple of issues still outstanding. Matt Dales, resident of Admiral Road, was in attendance re 321 Davenport. He mentioned that there was a concern about the balconies, as no final proposal has been submitted.
- **Honest Ed's:** Jim Jacobs gave an update and mentioned that the process is moving along fast. Westbank has provided updated drawings. The meeting held tonight was a little disappointing. Planning rep from the City wanted plans to be approved on time for the TEYCC. A next public meeting will be held on March 2 at Bickford Centre. On March 3, a meeting with developer Westbank, Councilors, representatives from City Planning and neighbourhood RAs will take place to do final negotiations. The group of RA people had a couple of pages of issues with things that were still quite wrong, i.e. Two bi-directional laneways were problematic. As well, bad treatment of heritage properties on Bathurst. In addition, there were clear directions given about problems with the retail layout.

It is not sure if all these issues will be addressed before the plan comes before TEYCC. The overall building height has been reduced.

Ask Jim about details about proposal.

- **Heritage.** 9 Madison: there is an interim proposal for development by the Estonian Credit Union located just in the Heritage District. The organization will expand community activities once development is completed as a privately owned public space. A meeting will take place with Build Toronto and the City.
70 Lowther. Application was filed for demolition.
Restored Brunswick House/Rexall Drugstore: Micky Fraterman mentioned that a very big, out- of-proportion, Rexall sign, is now installed over the front porch of the building. To discuss with Heritage and HVRA.
- **Traffic and Transportation.** Sarah Henderson attended the meeting and expressed her concern about lack of notification about the online survey on bikes on Bloor. She mentioned that the cyclists are better organized and was asking if the ARA could send out another notice to encourage members to participate in the survey. As well, post a link to the survey on theara.org. She feels that the right hand turns are extremely dangerous and that the traffic at intersections is the most dangerous.
- **Community Safety and BIAs.** Natasha Gromoff-Kramer distributed her report. In addition, she mentioned that the gas station at the corner of Dupont Davenport had been sold to a developer.
- **Rail Safety:** Henry Wiercinski reported that there was nothing new from the last report. Motion passed asking for report from the City on communication strategy on derailment emergencies. The RFP issued by the City for an inventory of rail safety in the city keeps on getting extended. Formal mediation under auspices of CP on noise and vibration complaints will take place.
- **Events Committee:** Maybe a spring party and an indigenous plant exchange will be planned.
- **Governance:** Albert Koehl has circulated a proposal to establish an ARA Community Builder Award. Details regarding reward and communication strategy to be
Jim Jacobs announced that Board Members will receive a formal request to indicate whether you remain on the board and asked to RSVP as soon as possible.

- **University Liaison:** Public consultations regarding secondary plan have been announced. David encouraged Board members to attend the meetings. Josh Fullan mentioned that the UTS development plans are progressing slowly.

5. Any Other business. Rita Bilerman flagged her concern that in some cases there could be a conflict of interest to serve on committees. She proposed that a small committee works on a conflict of interest statement to be included in the ARA Constitution. Jim Jacobs agreed to work with her on the committee.

6. Adjournment

Next meeting to be held March 9, 7 p.m. at the Alliance Française.