



The Annex Residents' Association

**Minutes
Board Meeting
Thursday, June 8, 2017 7:00 p.m.
at the Alliance Française**

Present: Meghan Abbott, Rita Bilerman, Robin Clarke, Natasha Gromoff-Kramer, David Harrison (Chair), Charlie Hatt, Christine Innes, Jim Jacobs, Albert Koehl, John McGrath, Liz Allen Rankin, Clare Scott, Sandra Shaul, Lynn Spink, Ko van Klaveren, Henry Wiercinski.

Regrets: Terri Chu, Edward Leman, Micky Fraterman, Terry Montgomery, Meg Gardner.

Guests: City Transportation, Colin Burns (Councillor's office), Charlie Hatt, Robert Brown, Ron De Luca.

- 1. Approval of Agenda.** The Agenda was approved by consent of the meeting
- 2. Presentation.** Representatives of City Transportation provided a half-hour-long update on their analysis of the Bloor bike lane project: methods of analysis and preliminary results. The analysis methods were presented as extensive and thorough, including video and pneumatic traffic counts on Bloor and other streets, voluntary surveys, and anecdotal evidence. All results are preliminary as they are derived from a short trial last fall. The presentation was received with interest, but as there was little time or opportunity for questions or discussion it should be understood as an update and not as a consultation. A further presentation and consultation was promised once the analysis was complete. All were encouraged to contact City Transportation with views and anecdotal data. The presenters left after the completion of the presentation.
- 3. Approval of May 2017 Board Meeting minutes.** Lynn proposed corrections and the minutes were approved as amended. *Lynn Spink/ Robin Clarke*
- 4. New Board Member.** Charlie Hatt was welcomed as a new member of the Board after a short discussion. We thank Albert Koehl for recruiting him. *Jim Jacobs/Albert Koehl*
- 5. City Hall update.** Colin Burns presented the latest Annex news from City Hall, with extensive discussion: There will be an initial Honest Ed's Construction Management Committee meeting, organized by Councilor Layton, on June 22. The many recently approved Dupont development proposals will have site plans reviewed at TEYCC; see links on the City website; no construction management yet. For 316 Bloor, the OMB settlement is completed and will be ratified soon; 29 storeys, 98 meters high; various interesting details. Davenport triangle proposals are under current consideration by TEYCC. The proposal for the UTS site is under development; transportation study; working group report; no timeline for site plan. The UofT secondary plan is currently under discussion. The current preliminary proposal for 9 Madison (Tartu) was presented to P&Z, and a public meeting is yet to be scheduled. Major road construction on Bloor will be associated with a water main upgrade; the City hopes to minimize the impact on residents and businesses, but the impact on the Honest Ed's construction is unclear. Disruptive parties at the fraternity houses continue to be a serious problem and after discussion with them the Councillor's office believes that a legislative approach is now the only possibility; the new rooming house bylaw may cover similar problems near York U. and also control Airbnb rentals city-wide.

6. **Planning & Zoning Committee discussions.** David presented a summary of recent P&Z discussions, with extensive discussion: **328 Dupont** has had an OMB hearing with decision expected in August; rail safety was the major issue here. The Bloor Block study approval by Council has generated 6 or 7 appeals to the OMB. The proposal for **321 Davenport** will be brought to the June TEYCC meeting and is the subject of intensive negotiation with its neighbours; a legal case related to the proposed removal of a chestnut tree may be instituted. Upcoming Committee of Adjustment applications were reviewed.
7. **Heritage report.** The appeals of the Madison heritage district are proceeding. Heritage house tours are planned for 24 September; Sandra requests volunteer help.
8. **Transportation report.** The 'Bloor Passport' initiative, to encourage cyclists and others to shop along Bloor, seems to be getting a good initial reception. The details of its run-up were presented and discussed.
9. **Community safety.** Police wrist bands are offered for sale. The rat population seems to be increasing. Incidence of car-window smashing seems to be increasing.
10. **Rail safety.** A fall consultation meeting is being planned.
11. **Finance.** No significant changes to our finances.
12. **Parks & Trees.** Terri Chu is organizing a mulberry tree picking event as soon as the berries are ripe. An allocation of \$100 in support of the event was approved.
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12. **Communications.** A donation page will be added to our website.
13. **Events.** The corn fest is being planned for this year (early September) Councilor Cressy's office has agreed to sponsor the event and organize permits and insurance.
14. **Laneway housing.** TEYCC will consider a motion to encourage laneway housing. Henry will write in support of further study, rather than immediate approval of support, in view of site and other complexities.

Next Meeting: September 14, 7 p.m. at the Alliance Française