



MINUTES OF MEETING #41
Chaired by Bob Rasmussen
TUESDAY, March 20, 2012
Rainbow Room, 4th floor
Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queens Quay West

Residents attending:

33 Harbour Square – Helen Skwarok, Fred Taylor, James Russell,
55 Harbour Square – R T Ruggles, Norma Starkie, Braz Menezes, Ulla Colgrass, Michael Hood,
Karen Sinotte, Lorna Rosenstein
65 Harbour Square – Bob & Celia Rasmussen, Friedel & Klaus Hatje
77 Harbour Square – Laura Cooper, Nan Cooper
99 Harbour Square – Dawn Watson, Margaret Hollingsworth, Ginette Fournier
208 Queens Quay West – Valerie Adamo, Estelle Weynman, Rita Lecours, Greg Gibb
218 Queens Quay West – Joanna Armstrong
228 Queens Quay West – Sandra Taylor, David Sharma
230 Queens Quay West – Marie Blanchard
250 Queens Quay West – Claire Sparks
251 Queens Quay West – Allan & Angela Rivers, Fran Pileggi-Costantino
260 Queens Quay West – Marcia Boyd
270 Queens Quay West – Rosemarie Cochrane
34 Little Norway – Hal Beck

Guests:

Al Rezoski (City Planning)
Sarah Henstock (City Planning)
Heather Waddell (Harbourfront Centre)
Tom Davidson (rep. councillor McConnell)
Jen Chan (rep. councillor Vaughan)
Paul Dennis (Toronto Brigantine)

1. Adoption of Minutes from January 17, 2012 meeting

On a motion from Allan Rivers, seconded by Fred Taylor, the minutes were adopted.

2. Adoption of Agenda

On a motion from Ulla Colgrass, seconded by Marcia Boyd, the agenda was adopted.

3. Treasurer's Report

Angie Rivers reported that we have a total \$2,039.59, the only expense since her last report is for the web server and monthly bank service fees.

4. Annual General Meeting (postponed from November 2011)

4.1 Constitution

YQNA constitution was approved in March last year and is posted on our website. The only changes that we might consider is regarding our boundaries, which currently run west to Rees Street. Bathurst Quay goes to Spadina. Therefore, there are a few buildings that are without representation.

On the East side, our boundary stops at Yonge, and with all the development going eastbound, we can discuss extending our eastern boundaries at our next annual meeting.

Our northern boundary is the railway track. A suggestion was made that the northern boundary be Lake Shore. We should encourage the condos between Lake Shore and the railways to form their own association because their issues are different from ours.

Allan made a motion, seconded by Braz, to approach the buildings between Spadina and Rees.

Rosemarie Cochrane raised the issue that our website mentions that YQNA represents all the buildings within the boundaries and that she feels strongly that it never had a mandate to represent her building (270 QQW). YQNA will approach the board of directors of 270 QQW regarding this issue.

4.2 Board members

Co-chairs: The 4 existing co-chairs (Allan Rivers, James Russell, Bob Rasmussen, and Steve Fry) would like to continue as co-chairs. There was one nomination from the floor as David Sharma would like to be one of the co-chairs. After taking a vote, the 4 existing co-chairs were re-elected.

Treasurer: Angie Rivers is interested in continuing in that capacity. Without any nomination from the floor, on a motion by Ulla Colgrass, seconded by Marcia Boyd, Angie will remain as treasurer

Secretary: Ginette Fournier expressed her desire to continue as secretary. Without any nomination from the floor, on a motion by Laura Cooper, seconded by Angie Rivers, Ginette will continue as secretary.

Directors: the minimum, according to our constitution, is of 4 directors: We currently have 5 directors: Cyndy de Los Santos, Braz Menezes, Ulla Colgrass, Sara Hsieh, and Kelly Gorman. They all wish to stay on board, and Greg Gibb expressed his desire to be added to the team.

On a motion by Fred Taylor, seconded by Ulla Colgrass, the six directors were elected.

4.3 Non-board building representatives

77/99 HS Dawn Watson

207 QQW no one

208/218 QQW Greg Gibb

228 QQW Sandra Taylor

230 QQW Marie Blanchard

250 QQW Claire Sparks

251 QQW Fran Pileggi-Costantino

260 QQW Marcia Boyd

270 QQW no one

4.4 Commitees

A list of committee members was distributed before the meeting. The following are additions and/or modifications to the existing list.

Planning & Development

Addition of Leah Lambert, Greg Gibb, and Estelle Weynman

Communications and Website

Deletion of the name of Chiara Novak. Ulla Colgrass will provide editorial expertise for the website.

Steve Fry was not in attendance at the meeting. We assume he will continue as webmaster.

Traffic and Parking

Addition of Greg Gibbs.

Children's Playground Committee

Farah was not at the meeting. Following the meeting, Bob contacted Farah and she confirmed she will no longer participate in the committee.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in November 2012.

5. Guest Speakers:

5.1 Al Rezoski, Acting Manager, and **Sarah Henstock**, Senior Planner, City of Toronto Planning Department, shared information about the planning process and the proposed tower developments in our neighbourhood

Al and Sarah both cover a very busy area of downtown. While the Provincial Growth Plan defines what is "compete community", the goal of city planning is to provide for local community. There is a mix of uses in the community and they are compatible with each other. As for the Waterfront area, it has been going through a total transition over time to a more residential and commercial area, and a tourism basis.

Parks: city planners consider open spaces, ravines, recreation lands, landscaped areas. Finding a balance between open spaces and meeting facilities to serve the community. They try to achieve a mix of active space (i.e. baseball) and passive space (i.e. sitting, reading, etc.).

Transportation: city planners are looking at range of transportation, cars, bicycles, TTC, bike lanes (cycle to work), not only locally, but how the city is reachable from outside its limit, i.e. GO transit and Via rail.

For new development, they are looking at capacity of road network, loading, water, sewage, etc.

Environment: urban forestry, riparian lands, green roofs, Toronto Green Standard.

Heritage: the integration and protection of heritage is key in development. They take into consideration heritage listings, designations, conservation districts, easements.

They are also looking for new ideas and innovative measures.

Sarah explained the different stages of development, from official plan amendments (policy, bigger picture changes, to building permits. This includes zoning by-law amendment, site plan approval, minor variance/severance.

Planning documents: provincial documents are the general directions. At the city level: zoning bylaw, promenade plans (for different streets), Waterfront plan, and other documents (tall buildings, green roof by law, green development standards, bird friendly, development, guidelines) are referred to in the planning process.

Connecting to the Waterfront: PATH Master Plan, underground and at grade.

Two recent applications: 120-130 Harbour St. (pie shape lot), 90 Harbour Street (1 York Street), and the anticipated: 60 Harbour Street (harbour commissioner building) are of concern to city planners and residents of our neighbourhood. A site-specific policy applies to 90 Harbour Street: view from Financial district and Lake, and Central Waterfront Secondary Plan provides more details of regeneration area.

All are encouraged to attend the public meeting at Paws Way on April 3, from 6:30 p.m. regarding the application for 120-130 Harbour Street.

5.2 Olivia Chow, Member of Parliament, Trinity-Spadina

Post office: Olivia was pleased to announce that a post office will open in May at the convenience store at Number One York Quay.

Flight path: there are technical studies from 1985 that have never been changed since then. Regarding the application for the Tridel building at 120-130 Harbour St,: the Waterfront land is outside the federal regulation., It is therefore under jurisdiction of the city.

Her team drafted legislation to give Elections Canada more power. Motion was supported by all parties. Olivia is now the transport critic and expressed the need for a long term national transit strategy to get predictable funding.

5.3 Karen Sinotte from the Brigantine

Karen presented the Toronto Brigantine summer program. She thanked the community for its support and tolerance of youthful exuberance. She distributed a handout explaining the program.

6. Neighbourhood Organization Reports

Heather Waddell from Harbourfront Centre: summer lineup is posted on their website. The season runs from Victoria Day to Thanksgiving.

The below grade parking is to be completed by Canada Day

Tom Davidson (from Pam McConnell's office):

Patio at Maple Leaf Square: 2-year trial. Change to liquor law (now allows patio to be closer to street, doesn't have to be next to the building).

Bremner Boulevard crescent will be redone.

QQ construction: separate process for construction liaison. The funding is an issue after Hydro got a refusal to increase its rates.

Pedestrian connection (Pier 27 and Redpath): tracks have been removed. Now looking at improving the sidewalks on the south side of Queens Quay.

Interim bus loop set up by September when George Brown opens. The developers are pushing for the public transit to make East Bayfront viable.

Jen Chan

Public meeting on April 3 for 120 Harbour Street

Construction on QQ, discussions with Toronto Hydro. They might be back in. Construction liaison meeting called for next week (March 29). Waterfront has to adjust schedule.

Update on pedestrian tunnel to island airport. Construction to take 25 months. Concerns about transportation, hours of construction. Public meeting on March 28 at Harbourfront Community Centre.

7. Committee Reports

With time running out, Bob Rasmussen offered to send copies of written reports to all attendees who signed up. Copies are attached to these Minutes.

8. Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 8, 2012

9. Adjournment

On a motion from Allan Rivers, seconded by Sandra Taylor, the meeting was adjourned..