



Clairfields Neighbourhood Group  
Royal on Gordon - library  
Thursday April 24, 2008

Present: Lynda Dennis, Todd Dennis, Ian Robson, Sarah Robson, Brigid Porter, Scott Dezell, Bill Parkes – Royal on Gordon, Nancy Kielar – District Community Coordinator, Cindy Richardson – Program and Community Development Manager

Regrets: Fernanda Svaikauskas

1. Minutes of Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> approved
2. Royal on Gordon
  - Seniors Program Bill brought a sample program listing to include in the Quarterly – will put a link on the page for more details or other opportunities
  - Lease Agreement – everything ok from Royal on Gordon's end, Nancy to put Bill's name on it and Ann Paperts
  - Cindy enquired about availability of space for a Bridge Club being displaced from Delhi Rec. Centre – Bill open to the request
  - approval to host Guelph Community Health Centre – Baby Massage
    - asked about the openness of residents coming as observers
    - perhaps can have social time after for participants, residents to visit
    - Nancy to set up meeting with Bill and Karen Johnson-Carerra
    - siblings – residents caring for older siblings, not appropriate placement
3. Earth Day/Tree Planting
  - starting at Gosling Gardens
  - 5 pick up spots
  - things are not as dirty this year
  - some bags already picked up by neighbours – put them into the yellow bags so that they will be collected by the City
  - tree planting – Fernanda's daughter is having her birthday and part of the activities is the tree planting - take a picture for the Quarterly about the youth that are giving to our community – need parental consent for all the children
  - Paul Gillis is consolidating the garbage
  - Sarah is picking up the trees on Thursday
  - TD Friends of the Environment – Nancy received a phone call as the date of the event is before their next meeting, and they do not fund events that have passed. In the future need to give them a lot more time to process. Nancy explained that the tree purchase had a deadline and that CNG was able to get a donation for mulch and advocated for the funder to cover the actual cost of the trees that the group had gone ahead and purchased
  - good to have flagging tape to mark the trees especially trees that get encroachment problems via mowing
  - for next year if continuing to plant need to discuss with Operations first – Trees for Guelph is a possible free source for free trees
  - refreshments – Waverley donated 100 cans of pop, need ice and bins, have Timbits for the trip out, so people can eat them while hands are still clean

- large items should be placed beside the yellow bags
  - ballots for bikes – ask for email address for the distribution list
  - sign in sheet
  - Scott to bring shelter
4. Visit by Parks Planning – Rory Templeton met with Sarah to discuss tree planting locations, while they were out he saw the washout of the trails, saw the condition of Gosling Gardens. Rory will bring these ongoing problems forward to the Operations Department.
  5. Sir Isaac Brock – Kindergarten Orientation information booth
    - May 1
    - Sarah will have some pictures printed
    - banner – put off for now
    - will order magnets – may not get done in time
    - Todd give Scott stickers
    - Lynda purchase glow in the dark bracelets, if they are the non-toxic to give as gifts
  6. Garage Sale
    - number of people have expressed interest will keep forwarding registrations to Cindy Bowman
  7. Speed River Clean Up
    - t-shirts - \$5.15/shirt white, \$105.00 set up
    - Ordering t-shirts 6 adult s,m,l, 2 youth large
    - June 7 – mark your calendar – email [Clairfields@gmail.com](mailto:Clairfields@gmail.com) if you would like to participate!
  8. Family Day/ Youth Soccer
    - Fernanda can not do May 24 – can anyone cover?
    - permit in
    - Sunday – she can not facilitate ongoing three families are registered – Fernanda to ask one of the families to take a lead
  9. Allstate – Todd receiving cheque from Todd Baker next week the funds are for community building events
  10. Fire Department design
    - Salvation Army next Wed. 7:00 pm
    - Todd send reminder through the distribution list
  11. NSC
    - Multicultural Festival June 14 and 15 have a booth, if you would like to volunteer contact Kelly Guthrie
    - Lions Home Shoe – need volunteers at the West End this weekend to do outreach
    - April 15<sup>th</sup>, had an all Chair meeting – 6 groups represented
      - battered around some ideas
      - Roy sending out a letter defining some proposals regarding restructuring

- another All Chair meeting in May review the concepts
- collecting information about the group
- need to also discuss how to make it function for all groups

#### 12. City of Guelph

- Will receive documents that outline responsibilities, budget, statistical requirements
- Due May 30
- City Hall Grand Opening October 4<sup>th</sup> – NG featured offer an activity

#### 13. July Newsletter

- like to do a volunteer recognition newsletter
- newsletter costs \$1200 for printing each issue
- in the past cost is recovered with advertisements, for this issue would like to not have the ads and have volunteer recognition issue, letter from the Mayor and financial support
- Todd emailed Karl Wettstein and Christine Billings to ask for advice – both recommended speaking to City staff
- need to know by May 1, Cindy to check in and get back
- Guelph Hiking Club – Brigid has asked if they could lead a walk on the trails through Hanlon Creek Conservation so that people could learn the trails asked if could set up a partnership to mark the trails, work on the boardwalks

#### 14. Recycling - Fundraiser

- provide boxes for cell phones, toner cartridges, pda's ship it back and get funds
- Sarah to check out

Next Meeting Thursday May 22, 2008 7:00 pm Royal on Gordon – Library everyone welcome!