



Clairfields Neighbourhood Group
Thursday February 28, 2008
7:00 – 9:30 pm
Royal On Gordon - Library

Present: Lynda Dennis, Todd Dennis, Ian Robson, Fernanda Svaikauskas, Scott Dezell
Nancy Kielar – District Community Coordinator

Regrets: Tracey Clark,

1. Minutes – next meeting date should read Feb not March
2. April Newsletter
 - most of the articles are complete
 - plaque presentations for Salvation Army and Allstate – Scott is having some difficulties as there new rep at Salvation Army and Todd is away need to wait for him to return – Scott will follow up
 - everything has to be done by March 10th to meet the deadlines of the printer
 - Todd and Lynda are away for distribution; need someone to take on the coordination
 - programs of the group – given more space
 - Nancy post distribution date in the Tribune
3. 2008 event planning
 - Friday Night Youth and Family Soccer – Friday nights 7:00 – 8:30 May 19, till Oct 3
Fernanda will coordinate this activity

 - Sunday Family Drop In – Gosling Gardens, every other Sunday June – Aug 3:00 – 4:30 – could connect with cones or Freezies in the park – need someone to coordinate this

 - Earth Day – Saturday April 26– clean up – Nancy to get map of the community again
 - tree planting – aim to do them on the same day and if the weather is wet then focus on getting the trees in first, then do clean up
 - TD Canada Trust application has been submitted
 - Fernanda did some research and found out that little trees have a better chance of surviving, mulching also gives them a better chance
 - if do not get the funding will commit to use \$500 to purchase trees and mulch from the Cargill Volunteer Award
 - need some guidance to find out how to optimize the survival of trees
 - check again with Bishop Mac about engaging the students to clean up around the school

 - Yard Sale – Todd to check with Dave and Cindy from Twice the Service to see if they would like to host again this year. If not will look for another sponsor as the community is interested in this event.

Speed River Clean Up – need 12 people for a team, weekend in June, see if can get a corporate sponsorship and have CNG T-shirts – Todd to follow up with the sponsorship, Scott will register the CNG team

Fall Fiesta – Saturday, September 22

Summer BBQ – consensus to not offer this year

Scavenger Hunt – in August if someone to take a lead

Santa Parade

Festival of Lights – consensus to not do, same people participating

Winterfest – Feb 09

4. Multi Use Community Centre

- Todd met with Rob McKay and Karl Wettstein the first week of Feb
- Component proposal ready from the City by the end of March and the consultant starting soon after that
- Seniors rep, Guelph Minor Sports, South End NG on an advisory group
- Rob is hoping to be guiding the project to the final build stage
- Seniors Association – have been very supportive they have done significant fundraising for facilities in the past, Todd and Steve Harris – Inspira Homes are meeting with them on Wed. 5:15

5. NSC Update

- NSC Finance is still meeting
- The NSC Connecting Group was disband, and they are reviewing the structure
- Todd asked other members that were at the Council meeting if they had seen Todd's email about Chairs coming together, Todd was given the impression that others were working on things and would let CNG know when they were needed
- a grassroots meeting was set for tonight, sent out the invitation late last Friday at this time 4 groups had identified that they could not meet tonight – concerned that the meeting will not have complete representation
- Todd sent out an invitation for another All Chair meeting, to get groups working better together, make sure all on the same page, set a positive example

- Council presentation – Jane did her best, had a difficult time answering the questions, was a tough process
- Todd and Sarah are available for support they will possibility be going to ECO Committee in March

6. Gosling Gardens update

- \$40, 000 approved in the City budget expecting to start process the renovations in 2009 finish in 2010,
- level the ground to create a playing field, install lights, and water bib for an ice rink

7. Howden Cres Park

- at Winterfest Nancy was approached by community members to see if the ice rink at Sir Isaac Brock moved to Howden Cres. Park as the property of the school was going to be under renovations and it was highly possible that they would not be permitted to make and ice rink, the park is due for renovations, and the distance to the school to access water is very far and they are using regular garden hoses.
- Nancy brought the request to Rory Templeton Park Planner for the City of Guelph
- Rory spoke to Paul Sunoco the project manager for the Upper Grand District School Board
 - yes the site will be under construction
 - Paul would like to speak to the Ice Rink committee as he is concerned about the water from the rink
 - it is possible that they would be without a rink for a year
- Rory identified that the community was surveyed recently to get input on the changed features of the park – an ice rink was not mentioned – this can possibly be attributed to the fact that there already was a rink next door at the school – the budget for the park renovation is very tight – however the most expensive component the water line into the park is there, so there is a window of opportunity – Rory is checking to see if the community needs to be consulted to make the park changes
- let's keep this as an agenda item for the next bit

8. Royal on Gordon programs

- Bill Parks is a new staff person at ROG and he is interested in the community being involved with ROG and vice versa
- Community members are welcome to join in the events – it is a senior's residence not a nursing home so people are well and active
- will promote programs with Spring Newsletter
- open to having space used for programs of CNG

9. Community Gardens

- a community member has emailed asking about NG having community garden
- Nancy to follow up

10. Summer Camp

- a community member has emailed asking about day camp
- Todd to refer to Community Guide and NG sites

11. Information Booth Sir Isaac in May

- Brigid is offering to set up booth with info about the resources in the community for KG registration, two hours on May 1, - consensus to go ahead – GO Brigid GO

12. GCHC Programs

- is ready to start offering programs through neighbourhood groups again
- next meeting check to see if can use Royal on Gordon for programs if we can then we will focus on a fall start

13. Earn a Bike

- Nancy asking if CNG is able to recruit participants for Earn A Bike
- consensus was no to give the bikes for other groups

14. Fire Dept Consult

- Shawn Armstrong – Fire Chief approached Nancy to see if CNG was interested in participating in a consultation regarding the outside design of the new fire hall
- consensus was yes
- Nancy to let Shawn Armstrong know

Next Meeting Thursday March 27th, 2008 7:00 pm Royal on Gordon – Library everyone welcome!