



Clairfields Neighbourhood Group
Thursday March 27, 2008

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

Regrets: Fernanda Svaikauskas

1. Minutes of Thursday Feb 28th approved
2. Newsletter
 - spring issue is out for distribution,
 - vision for a July concept of recognizing volunteers in the community. If you know someone who lives in CNG and is an active volunteer please let us know.
3. Royal on Gordon – programs and cooperative efforts – Bill Parkes
 - There is an opportunity for integration of participants from the greater community and Royal on Gordon residents. Seniors in the neighbourhood are a long way from the Evergreen Seniors Centre, could partner so that seniors from the community could participate in programs offered here at the Royal On Gordon.
 - This is not a nursing home, it is part of the community, residential, space and staff are here, if someone from the community would benefit from coming they are welcome to
 - Promotion of programs could happen with joint publishing – one page or insert into the newsletter – could post on the website the two months that are upcoming after the newsletter is distributed
 - Using the space for community programs is also a possibility Bill has begun conversations with the General Manager about it further
 - Need to work together with gardening initiative
4. Garage Sale – May 10th, Ian has contacted Twice the Service, and they are sponsoring the event. Register with Cindy at cindy@twicetheservice.ca
5. Sir Isaac Brock – Kindergarten Registration
 - CNG is participating and have volunteers for May 1,
 - Nancy bring display board for April meeting,
 - have CNG stickers to give out, need to have a stamp for students passports, is it possible to have a lap top there with the website up?
 - Photos from past events, see if can get a sponsor for a free give away, ideas for give away – finger puppets, colouring page and crayons, molding wax...
6. Allstate Donation
 - Todd Baker has notified CNG that he is directing \$1000 for community building. Nancy to share this information with NSC Finance.

7. Speed River Clean Up

– Scott has contacted OPRIG to register as a team, waiting to hear back, the event is June 7th – promote again at Earth Day. Todd has sent an email to business partners to sponsor the team T-shirts. Basic cost of a shirt is \$11.25, give some thoughts of what you would like to have, if anyone has a local contact for t-shirt supplier please let us know!

8. Tree Planting

– TD Friends of the Environment have not heard back yet. Fernanda has a family emergency out of country and not able to take a lead. Tree pick up April 24th – Scott will see if he can do this - 200 white pine, 100 green ash, 50 white spruce, 20 white oak, 20 pignut hickory. Rory has agreed to help identify where to plant, Murray Cameron will be available on the day of. Nancy to find out if about getting mulch from the City.

9. Earth Day

– Kathy Gemin Bishop Mac., emailed that the Environmental Club would take a lead in recruiting volunteers to help with Earth Day. Meeting time is 10:00 am April 26th at Gosling Gardens.
– Scott to see if they would like to help with planting as well. Nancy still working on getting maps.

10. South End Community Centre

– Todd met with Guelph Wellington Seniors Association, and Steve Harris from Westminster came along, GWSA have proposals in for design ideas for their needs attached to the space, they were unaware of where things were at. We are looking forward to working together.
-Kristen Quinell has emailed Todd asking for contact information about future community consultations.

11. Emergency Response Building

– Architectural input is being sought from the community
- Salvation Army April 30th, 7:00 pm, send out on the distribution list.
- Please let people know about the opportunity.

12. NSC Finance

- Allocation meeting is Wednesday April 2nd, need to have a rep present, as at this point it is uncertain if you will be a full participant.
-Ian to check to see if Sarah could be there for a while.

Restructuring of NSC– Sarah will follow up

13. Slow Down Move Over –

- newer legislation from the police, that is being enforced across the province, many people do not know about this legislation the police are offering to come out and do some education.
- CNG does not have a venue up coming and do not feel that people would come out just to learn about this legislation our suggestion is to have the Police put an ad in the Trib

Next Meeting Thursday April 24, 2008 7:00 pm Royal on Gordon – Library everyone welcome!