



Clairfields Neighbourhood Group
November 28, 2006
Community Meeting
Salvation Army Church

Present: Todd Dennis, Lynda Dennis, Ian Robinson, Wayne Hong, Fernanda Svaikauskas, Martina Rozsa-Atkinson, and Nancy Kielar – City of Guelph

Regrets: Scott Dezell, Sarah Robson

Agenda

Bus Routes -Contact in transit
Newsletter
Fall Fiesta – recommendations
Santa Claus Parade – recommendations
Festival of Lights
Winterfest
NSC funding
Vandalism

1. Agenda approved by consensus – will proceed out of order as some members need to leave early so we will do a few items first.
2. Approval of minutes from October 24th 2006 – Winterfest should read “First Sunday in February” – consensus with that change
3. Vandalism – There seems to be an increased number of break ins, members know of break ins, on Munroe, Gibbs, Paulstown, Clairfields have all had challenges. Action: See if we can book Neighbourhood Watch to come and make a presentation – last week of Feb. Todd to see if Royal on Gordon is available. Promote through the schools, as well as the Tribune, and Newsletter – Nancy to see about stats from the Police.
4. Bus Routes – concern raised about the frequency of busses down Clairfields – every 15 min and most of the time the bus is empty, and the frequency of stops, can they pick up at the stop signs, as well as a concern about driver safety they seem to be going really fast? Steve Sarafinovski is the contact at Transit. Steve just received the information on Monday at the end of the day. Martina will contact Steve, Nancy to send phone number. Martina will share information through gmail.
5. Centre median – at Gordon has been addressed. Murphy’s Court the centre median needs addressing. We have talked briefly at other meetings about

addressing some areas of the community for beautification. Action: January meeting – key agenda item will be planting possibilities for “Communities In Bloom” and tree planting. For homework members do the walk about and take an inventory of what areas need attention. Todd will put an article in the newsletter, Ian set up a polling package on the website.

6. Newsletter – most is almost complete, waiting for survey results and editorial. The goal is to have it at printer Dec 15th and delivered the first week of Jan. Advertising is complete.
7. Fall Fiesta – recommendations
 - Move to earlier in the month to be dryer?
 - Well attended
 - Silent auction raised \$450.00
 - Bouncy tent was enjoyed – too bad had to be inside – created white noise
 - Cleo the Clown was a big hit
 - Rocco – great to have background music – too bad the fan of bouncy tent
 - Thank you notes sent to donors
 - Scott, Tracy, Liz, Brigid received the template for them to follow up with their donations
8. Santa Claus Parade
 - Need more volunteers to help out with set up
 - Great media coverage
 - Congratulations on winning 3rd prize for organizations and service clubs
 - Need to decide by April if going to do it again– need new theme and start collecting sources of details.
 - Rebecca Kendall will tape the parade and clip the articles
 - Had 3 people distributing frizbees they had to move quickly to keep up
 - Had to walk back a long way did not know where the de-staging area was
9. Festival of Lights
 - Well underway
 - Need some volunteers to distribute flyers
 - Lynda to send Ian and Nancy details for uploading flyer on web
 - Judges Stephanie Veeck from Scotia Bank and Todd Baker from Allstate
 - Judging Saturday 6 -8 pm
 - Winners will be notified Sat night
 - Sunday presentation at the Royal on Gordon
 - Have two prizes waiting on a third
10. NSC Funding – CNG needs to make a decision regarding their level of development. Can stay in the Initiating Phase or move up to the Developing Phase and participate in the NSC and the NSC Finance Participatory Budgeting

process. Consensus reached that the group should stay in the initiating phase, for 2007. The support from the University to do some organizational development and more time to build volunteers is needed.

Events/services that CNG would like to see in 2007 are:

Winterfest \$200.00,
Earth Day \$100.00 for refreshments,
Community Garage Sale \$100.00 for promo and refreshments for vendors
Summer BBQ \$500.00,
Fall Fiesta \$500.00,
Festival of Lights \$200 for prizes,
Santa Claus Parade \$500.00,
Volunteer recognition ongoing and possible event tied to Festival of
Lights \$200
Promotion \$400.00

Total of \$2700.00

11. Lynda is collecting articles from the paper and creating a scrap book about the CNG.
12. Looking ahead to the new year should Nancy book Salvation Army for meetings?
Perhaps can move to Royal on Gordon to be in the Neighbourhood? Todd will look into moving meeting location to Royal on Gordon to make it walking distance.

Winterfest meeting will be in January.

Agenda – try to send out week before

Next Meeting January 23rd 7:00 location TBA