

Clairfields Neighbourhood Group Minutes – February 27, 2007

Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions
Review of the January minutes
Review of Winterfest
Earth Day Planning
Youth summer soccer
Communication Protocol
Organizational Planning with U of G
Guelph Quest
Neighbourhood Watch
Yard Sale
Community BBQ
Parents Group
Newsletter

Present: Brigid Porter, Sarah Robson, Todd Dennis, Lynda Dennis, Fernanda Svaikauskas

1. Review of minutes – Paul's last name should be Spindler
2. Review of Winterfest
 - Went well despite being bitterly cold
 - Police and Fire came children enjoyed them
 - Event had two pictures in the Tribune
 - Important to have access to the gym without it families would not have stayed as long
 - Ice – need to have scheduled hockey and family skate time as the ice was not big enough to accommodate both at the same time
 - Activities were great
 - Great to partner with the school
3. Earth Day – Saturday, April 21 10:00-12:00
 - Pitch In Canada – do you want to register gives some recognition to the group – members felt do not need this additional partnership as the supports through the City of Guelph are great
 - Scott has shelter to use on the day of
 - Promotion:
 - in the newsletter
 - Sarah designing Earth Day flyer for mailboxes
 - If you want in the Tribune the deadline for promotion is the Tuesday prior to the Friday at 10:00 am – please send content of ad to Nancy

- Rain or shine
- Need garbage bag from the City of Guelph – Nancy to request from Solid Waste
- Anyone have a contact to get latex gloves to use?
- Food –Todd connecting with local businesses to see about sponsoring drinks and snacks
- Drop zones – Gosling Gardens Park, Clairfields at Gibbs, Jean Anderson and Clairfields (south end), Bishop Mac, Clair Road at trail head, between Moffat (west end) and Clair, Clairfields and Irving east end (need permission of the builder)
- Can someone contact Bishop Mac to see if they could partner and have the students clean around Clair and Clairfields
- Maps of the community check in with Jim

4. Youth Soccer

- Nancy sent email to Park Planner to ask about changes to the grassy area to see if it could be leveled. Rory went out and assessed the situation (with snow) and determined it meets park planning requirements
 - Nancy to ask Rory to come out in the spring to see the park. Sarah will meet and show the concerns without the snow cover – slope, drainage problems, run off
 - See how to proceed after that
- Application to book the mini soccer fields at Bishop Mac needs to be filled out tonight
- Promote in school newsletters and in the newsletter with reference to the website as we will not have all the details until then
- Drop in - Friday night for children 10 – 15 years of age 7:00 – 8:30 May – Sept.
 - need volunteers, and the volunteers will need to be screened
- Sunday – family games activities to suit the interest of the participants 2:30-4:00
- Nancy to create registration form put up on website for access
- Nancy to create volunteer registration form
- Equipment needed pinnies, pylons, balls, ball bag, first aid kit, Frisbees, rubber chicken, whistle
- need about \$150 to get this off – Nancy will put a request through to Janette on behalf of the group

5. Communication Protocol

- Nancy distributed a document created for Neighbourhood Groups that also have a partnership with Family and Children’s Services, it is being shared with all groups as there are a number of components that apply. Please read and follow the procedures when necessary. If you have any questions contact Nancy.

6. Newsletter

- library has submitted an article
- suggested other articles:
 - include bus schedule as it is not on the bus signs any more

- information regarding garbage pick up – link people to the website and as it will be put on the calendar
- City contacts for maintaining green ways, lighting, clearing roads, parking, create it as a clip off for people to keep – list the meeting information on the bottom to remind people to come out to these meetings
- listing of what's on the website
- places to go locally, and close to Guelph – Brigid will start this and review future ones
- ads are sold out

6. Guelph Quest –
 - The Planning Department of the City of Guelph is hosting a number of public meetings using software that demonstrates on a map the outcomes of certain decisions regarding the physical planning of the City. Seeing the impacts citizens will be asked to share with the Planning Department what they would like to see happen over the next 40 years.
 - A public meeting will be held at the Salvation Army Church please plan to attend this meeting and share your vision of Guelph.

7. Neighbourhood Watch – no one has replied, we will include contact information in the newsletter about the information sessions and see where the community wants to go with this.

8. Yard Sale – set for May Dave and Cindy organizing and sponsoring this second annual event.

9. Community BBQ – June 23rd – last Sunday in June (not in long weekend) at Gosling Gardens park, neighbours invited to bring their own picnic lunch, games and activities will be planned for children and families.

10. Mother's Group – Sarah coordinated dates with people that expressed interest, response has been disappointing. People may not be comfortable coming to a private home. It's a tough time of year with colds, difficult to get out. Sarah will try again in the spring and meet at the park. Sarah and Nancy to check in with Early Years Centre to see if can meet there

11. Community beautification – no one has responded to the last minutes and newsletter with priority areas or expressed interest to volunteer – at this time will not pursue

Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at Royal on Gordon 7:00 pm