



Community Meeting  
Tuesday October 23, 2007  
7:00 – 9:00  
Royal on Gordon

Present: Scott Dezell, Lynda Dennis, Todd Dennis, Ian Robson  
Regrets: Fernanda Svaikaukas

Agenda:

Newsletter	Gosling Gardens update
Neighbourhood Watch	NSC Finance
Meeting night	TD Friends of the Environment
Budget process	Cargill funding
Volunteer recognition	Youth Program
Santa Claus Parade	NSC Calendar

1. Minutes – approved – Ian to send a notification and link to minutes every month to the distribution list
2. Newsletter – delivery went fairly well. Could have used more people from Project Serve only 3 of 9 volunteers showed up. Next edition, one article in process, two ads are in– not anticipating any problems. Submission deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Neighbourhood Watch – email was sent out regarding orientation session for Neighbourhood Watch - no responses were received. If a community member wants to take a leadership role then we can look at doing something at that time.
4. Meeting night – Fernanda is not able to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, she is asking if our meeting can be moved to another Tuesday, Weds or Thurs? Nancy does not work Wednesdays so they are not possible. Todd to check in personally with the list of core members for availability.
5. Budget process – we quickly went through the financial needs last month. After the meeting Todd sat down and added up the receipts for Fall Fiesta and the expenses totaled over \$1000. Need to start keeping spread sheet of expenses (both out of pocket and inkind) to get a handle of the true cost of events.
6. Volunteer recognition –consensus reached to recognize a business for their contribution, and have an event to present to a business and to invite all volunteers to attend a social. December newsletter will have an invitation to all volunteers to come to an event in January. For 2008 aim hold in conjunction with Festival of Lights. Todd and Lynda will get prices for plaque for the business. Next month meeting will be at Shoeless Joe's.
7. Santa Claus Parade – email was sent out that Todd and Lynda are not able to take a leadership role as they will be out of the country. No responses have come back

to take a leadership role. No support has been committed through the school to help out – even when we spoke directly with school staff on election day. Consensus is to not participate this year.

8. Gosling Gardens update –  
Email from Murray Cameron:  
the minor washout should have been addressed earlier in the year when first identified, however our staffing resources significantly impact our ability to respond in a timely fashion---we have no dedicated trails staff to maintain our trails city-wide. Park Ops. staff have indicated they will address the washout as a priority, however, a long-term solution will be to pave the stretch of trail, as the gradient is too steep for a stonedust finish course. Ian Haras is currently pursuing this option in-house, with the assistance of Roads and Works staff. As an fyi., I reviewed this design deficiency with Scott Hannah, Manager of Development and Parks Planning when we walked the area in early September.  
Nancy to email Ian Haras – where is the paving process? Nancy has already forwarded this email to Karl. Consensus to forward emails to Christine Billings for information.
9. NSC Finance – Schneider Foundation proposal brought to the NSC Finance Committee. Consensus was reached to apply for funds for the participatory budgeting process to meet operating expenses of Neighbourhood Groups. Six people on the committee to write the proposal. If funded, what would we want to do? Have a special event or hire someone to do a youth program.
10. TD Friends of the Environment – application is very simple. Need to provide charitable receipt (can get through the City Guelph). Process – need to seek permission from the NSC to apply – perhaps other groups will partner to strengthen the application. Lynda to forward a request through Nancy to Jane Cabral Community Chair for the NSC.
11. Cargill funding – Todd’s company has an opportunity to apply for up to \$1000 grant for the organization that the employee volunteers for. Nancy meeting with Janette to see about applying for CNG - pilot for youth program.
12. Fall Fiesta – follow up – Scott has sent thank you cards to Community Services. Fire Department notification needs to be addressed; the event was on their calendar however there was no details.
13. Guelph Quest – Todd participated went well.
14. Fireside Chat – an invitation to meet and touch base with City of Guelph Council members – Todd attending
15. NSC
  - AGM – December 12<sup>th</sup> – River Run
  - calendar dates – Todd to send to Lauren within the next few days, Ian to put pictures together.

Next meeting at Shoeless Joe’s THURSDAY November 22, 2007