



Clairfields Neighbourhood Group
Community Meeting
Tuesday January 23, 2007

Present: Brigid Porter, Fernanda Svaikauskas, Theresa Procter, Christy Chan, Paul Spinkder, Todd Dennis, Lynda Dennis, Ian Robson, Wayne Hong, Nancy Kielar –City of Guelph

Agenda was followed as circulated via email before the meeting.

Minutes of November 28, 2006 approved as is.

1. Winterfest – Sunday Feb 4th 1:30 – 4:30 – planning for 300 people
 - Sir Isaac Brock – ok to use the school for hydro
 - they have ordered 10 large tables
 - using the school sound system
 - have pillows from the school
 - some games equipment
 - Tim Hortons – free coffee and fixings, timbits have been secured
 - Lynda and Todd offering 36 cup urn to make hot chocolate in
 - Tracey – has urn for hot cider and will purchase cider for the group
 - Ian to pick up nut free cookies – 20 lbs
 - hockey nets have three – need one more
 - have bushel baskets and bean bags for games
 - check with Tracey Clark about sacks for races
 - crafts – can not use the school – Paul has outdoor shelter, will need table and chairs. Nancy to bring crayons, Todd and Lynda find a winter scene and email to Nancy to be copied. Idea for next year if indoors – snowflakes
 - outdoor ice will be up for sure – schedule of family skate and hockey time
 - use the parking lot for road hockey
 - horse ride – Lynda and Todd to check with Robin about any contacts
 - have a volunteer making board for multi person skis
 - fort building at the park
 - snow ball games
 - Todd Baker is open to help out – offered to get coffee have this covered – see if he wants to rent popcorn machine
 - if have volunteers can set up “Keep out of the Yellow Snow” game – Brigid to arrange with Tracey

 - need a volunteer to ask if builder doing the school renovation if they would put port a potty on site
 - need extension cords 100’ at least 3
 - need 4 sleds with long leads that hold 2 or 3 people for sled pull race

- Nancy to send out to email with these needs
- bring the petition to Winterfest about the Community Centre – Sarah to bring copies
- ask if Hanlon Creek would also have it signed
- volunteers arrive at 12:30
- one page flyer went to all students at Sir Isaac Brock and St Paul's

2. 2006 recap

- most events went very well
- possibility Fall Fiesta up to the first Saturday of October,
- BBQ – need to decide if going to do one thing to consider is Sir Isaac Brock does one in June
- successful in making some changes in the physical environment – culverts, entrance at Gordon
- Santa Claus parade got some great coverage for the group

Focus for 2007

- focus on advocacy for moving the date for building the Community Centre up
- neighbourhood beautification
- Earth Day
- Garage Sale
- getting more people to help plan events
- need a volunteer to help coordinate tasks
- keep website up and newsletter

3. Newsletter

- Winter delivery – had a hard time with delivery as many homes do not have a mail box and they were flying around after delivery.
 - now need over 1000 copies to meet the number of houses in the community
- Todd and Lynda will continue to put together the newsletter, need some help with articles and delivery
- dropped a pile at the library they were picked up very quickly Todd will replenish them

4. Neighbourhood Watch – do not come out to groups any more. Now they are offering monthly information sessions. The next one is February 28th. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend. If you are attending please RSVP to 824-1212 ext 212. Participants can decide either at the next meeting or at that time on how to proceed.

5. Volunteer Appreciation

- hold a recognition event in December
- Lynda created a certificate of recognition
- going to start collecting volunteer hours for stats
- Ian and Sarah will work on creating a form to send it out to all volunteers

6. Website development

-Ian and Todd met with Dave regarding creating Clairfields website in December
-discussed options of website developments
- need to set up policy and procedures to ensure that it is under the ownership and control of the group. Todd, Ian and Dave will continue to meet and work on these as the partnership is key to the group.

7. Beautification – request was made about a garbage can at Clair and Moffat Lane as there is a lot of garbage. The person would tidy along the way if there was a can to put it. Not sure if it can be secured. Negatives and positives were discussed there no clear solution.

8. Parent Child Group – Sarah is following up with the people interested may start meeting in individual homes.

9. Program in the Park

Fernanda is interested in coordinating activities for school aged children. Need one or two volunteer helpers. Promote in the web site, April Newsletter, City Tribune, in school newsletters. Nancy to check the availability of mini soccer fields.

10. Letter to Salvation Army – Todd reviewed the thank you letter and he will send it off .

Nancy to follow up with Matty for the details again for legal use agreement for Royal on Gordon.

Next meeting Tuesday February 27th 7:00 pm Royal on Gordon.