



Clairfields Neighbourhood Group
Community Meeting
Tuesday May 22, 2007

Agenda:

- approval of minutes
- organizational planning
- Project Serve
- Leisure Guide
- Meeting dates
- Summer picnic
- Yard sale
- Sears Round Up
- Newsletter
- Letter of advocacy to Ward 6 and Mayor

Present: Lynda Dennis, Todd Dennis, Scott Dezell, Nancy Kielar – City of Guelph

Regrets: The Robson's

1. Approval of the minutes: Lynda miss spelled and Fernanda needs to be added to the list of members present
2. Organizational Planning – there were a number of people that sent in their regrets to the planning meeting. Ian and Nancy were the only people that were in attendance. The students will do an electronic report, and will provide a process that we can follow to complete the work. We would like to provide feedback to the students, it was well organized and well run. The short time frame did not allow for rescheduling. Would have been nice to have given the students some feedback directly about their work
3. Project Serve – is an annual volunteer event of the University of Guelph. Students blitz the community to volunteer. It occurs on September 29th 9:15 – 12:30. Consensus reached to ask for 10 students to deliver the newsletter. Todd and Lynda will have the newsletters ready and bundled for them.
4. Leisure Guide – Nancy sent out a due date reminder. This is on hold the Community Development will be looking at this method of communication and may make changes – as soon as a decision is made Nancy will let you know the format.
5. Meeting dates - for the summer consensus reached to meet June and Aug and skip July – for the upcoming year will ask at the community building events to see if there is a better day to meet.

6. Summer Picnic – flyer go out on mail boxes, ask Tracey and Brigid to include in school newsletter – Nancy to put into the Tribune
 - Lynda contact Lori Jansen, Tracey Clarke, Officer Kate, Connie Smith – Scotia Bank, Fernanda and ask them to meet about activities for the day
 - Todd to get water, pop, condiments, napkins, hand sanitizer, hand washing station
 - Lynda to rent bbq
 - Scott – lend tent
 - Picnic tables and extra garbage cans have been ordered and it will take 2 volunteers 1 3/4 hours to assemble them and disassemble
7. Garage Sale – this weekend, flyers went out last week vendors have been invited to donate to the cancer society from their proceeds
8. Sears Round Up – Todd had a very bad experience – he did the last shift, Wendy from Sears gave a bit of info, someone Todd knew came by and asked why he was there – she had purchased something but the staff had not told them about it, Todd asked the staff in the cosmetic area and they did not know anything about it, none of the staff in Sears had been briefed about the initiative, people were very short and rude. Todd asked 8 people with Sears bags and they had not been asked at the cash and said they wish they had they would have supported it. Nancy will follow up with the GCHC.
9. Newsletter – have advertising ready for this issue, articles are trickling in; need people to submit right away.
10. Letter to Ward 6 and Mayor re Fire/Ambulance/Police station design and community centre –CNG advocated for community consultation for the design of the police/fire/ambulance station and training centre structure – the Mayor and Fire Chief responded that there will be an opportunity for input. There were no comments regarding the community centre.
11. High School student volunteers –Lynda contacted the guidance counselors at Bishop Mac and Centennial through email – she followed up with phone call, Bishop Mac returned the call – the counselor has posted and announced the opportunity – Centennial – asked to have specific event opportunities to be faxed.