

Clairfields Meeting
May 24, 2005
Salvation Army Church

Present: Lisa Bombino, Mary Illman, Ian Robson, Sarah Robson, Scott Dezell, Allan Brown, Veronica Brown, Jim Hoare, Pat Hoare, Nancy Kielar-Community Development, Ian Haras- Parks Department, Peter Linn – Development Division

Amendments of minutes-addition of a couple names missed

Past Issues:

1. Nick's Dragonfly Park: Opening ceremony June 8, 2005
2. Mobile Youth Centre:
 - Trailer
 - Bishop Mac site (tentative)
 - Salvation Army site
 - indoor/outdoor activities
 - volunteers are needed to have non skateboarding activities available (basket ball, street hockey, soccer, board games...) if you are interested in assisting please contact Kristen Levy 837-5625 ext 228.
3. Street Reps: same status as last meeting. Still need reps for:

Clair Rd	Dawn Ave
Clairfields East	Doyle Dr.
Clairfields West	Drohen
Gorden West Side	Gosling Gardens
Gosling Garden Townhouses	Keys Cr.
Lows Rd. W	Moffat Lane
Murphy Court	Poppy Dr.
4. Childcare:
 - not yet finalized, hope to be in place for next month's meeting
5. Earth Day Update:
 - congrats to everyone that participated
 - 18 groups showed up to help
6. Trail Master Plan: the Parks Department is seeking public input for the Trail Master Plan – if you would like to comment on the plan please go to the City web site and register your comments
7. Community BBQ: Nancy has received a few inquiries about having a community event. We can discuss this at the next meeting

New Issues: Suggestion to put meeting dates at bottom of minutes each month.

Jim Hoare- (visual presentation) “Areas of Concern” update

8 “Hotspots”

Peter Linn Development Division and Ian Haras- Parks Department responded

1) Jean Anderson culverts – Peter will look into the repair and address the child safety concerns

2) Gibbs Cres culverts – Peter will look into the repair and the address the concern regarding the tobogganing safety hazard

3) Trails- drainage/erosion

- can look into the possibility of putting in a culvers

- possible asphalt solution

- not money available now

- submissions for money in September

- send comments to Trail master Plan

4) Standing and Pooling Water

- completion of construction will allow an opportunity to rebuild catch basins

- concrete vs. steel drains (serve different purposes)

- Paulstown and Gibbs green spaces are designed to always be damp

5) Curb cuts

- not wheelchair or stroller accessible (ie: Paulstown and Drohan) there are no standards at this time the hope is that the master plan will create standards. It is assumed the people will use an adjacent driveway to access the trail ← Betty- disability issues to be contacted to see if her Department can address these concerns

- obstacle posts and curb cuts on some and not others

- the community would like to have barriers at the trail heads

- some people are using the trail to access their backyards for maintenance – people need to have permission from the Parks Department ahead of time to do this

6) Naturalization

- in the past it was cut and this should not have occurred

- part of keeping the high quality of our drinking water

- why is there a difference from our long uncut grass and overgrowth compared to Westminster Woods?

- Westminster Woods can mow and maintain however, Clairfields cannot – Peter will follow up with Westminster Woods as they are not to be cutting

- residents encroaching on those areas were sent flyers to discontinue this activity (possibility of fines)

- Areas that are not considered “naturalized areas” are to be cut by the City- the budget for this work was cut by 50% -these areas can be cut by local residents (legally) for example boulevards if you are unsure call Ian first before cutting

7) Lack of garbage cans

- suggestion would be to identify 2/3 areas for garbage cans → at trail heads – Sarah taking a lead with this

- 8)-Possibility of adding another park
-any possibilities must be reused areas not lower storm catch areas – can not put playground in the water management areas
- 9) Builders' Mess
-identify locations call Mary Angelo at the City so the developer can be notified of the problem with the builder
- 10) Long term plans and expectations
-Rec Centre (tentative 2010)
-South End Library
-Senior Centre
-Fire and Emergency
-Commercial Building
-Road Upgrades (Clair, Gordon St.)
-Gordon Rd- 4 lanes in next 2/3 yrs
-no more development south of Clair Rd (water supply issues)
-possibly new water tower plans
-Church
-North West corner of Gordon and Clair- small grocery (85,000 sq/ft), no to Tim's by end of year
-North East corner (126,000)- bigger grocery- nothing proceeding as of yet
-South East corner-Pergola gone-plaza space

Conclusions:

- Discussion about the decrease in numbers of people attending the meeting
- Attendees at the last meeting insisted on having a representative from both Development and Parks at the May meeting then only 7 of 35 people came out
- need to advertise and inform your neighbours to come, attend and share at these meetings.
- If numbers continue to decrease, eventually this could lead to discontinuing these meetings
- Meeting adjourned-thanks to Peter and Ian for attending and sharing their expertise in those areas

Next meeting Tuesday June 28th, 2005 7:00 pm at Salvation Army Church

-will discuss next steps – from the prioritizing traffic seems to be another big area and addressing the interest in a community event.