

Clairfields Neighbourhood Group
 Community Meeting September 27, 2005
 Salvation Army Church

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from August 22nd and September 13th
3. Fall Fiesta
4. Childcare
5. Busses
6. Voice for the community
7. Traffic
8. Outstanding issues

Present: Scott Dezell, Lynda Dennis, Todd Dennis, Gavin Neelson, Linda Neelson, Wayne Hong, Veronica Brown, Allan Brown, Lise Koenig, Jim Hoare, Nancy Kielar – City of Guelph.

Regrets: Robin McClure, Robyn Garlough, Andrea Welsh-Devlin, Sarah Robson, Ian Robson

1. From the August 22nd and September 13th meeting: Review of the minutes – both minutes are fine as is

2. Follow up for Fall Fiesta

	Action – follow up
Where: Bishop Mac in the lobby and courtyard	Scott – ask about having the gate to the back unlocked -ask if they can promote on the B.M. sign
When: Oct 29 – 1 – 4 pm	
Scouts to help with programming – one Scout Group has responded to	-if they would like to do some children’s activities and

Robin	take a lead on them we would appreciate the help
Volunteers from Bishop Mac	Lise – has confirmed volunteers, Nancy will sign off on the volunteer hours for the students on the day of
Promotion Tribune Schools(St Paul's, Sir Isaac Brock, BM) send out a flyer and put in newsletter Flyer	Nancy Tracey
Flyer	Sarah – few changes to be made, Nancy needs original to be able to get it printed then she will deliver to Todd who will distribute to Street reps Still need some volunteers to help deliver the flyer and we still need the number of houses on a street for some streets. Please see the charts at the end and sign up to deliver flyers the week of October 10th!
Info booth about the group Nancy can provide a display board to use	-our board has gone missing – does anyone else have access to a display board?
Decorate or carve pumpkins at home to be judged at event, family entries Dave Hannah from CJOY will do the judging – there are a number of events that day so he will only be there for a specific time	Lise is the contact for this
Pumpkins –will have some smaller ones and paint for a children's activity	Linda – pumpkins Nancy – paint Wayne – paint t-shirts Gavin – corporate sponsorship
Apples available for sale – first come first serve	Linda
Refreshments Cider – not available Coffee -	Jim will bring 2 large urns one for coffee & hot water Todd and Lynda will get coffee, sugar, milk, stir sticks,

MacDonald's orange - \$50 deposit enough for 50 drinks Cookies – BoDee Sweets 7lbs cookies for \$10.00	cups, napkins. Jim will get tea bags Linda Sarah
Name tags for everyone to put name and street on	Todd will pick up name tags
Spike from the Storm – still waiting to hear back, players can not come as they have an away game	Scott
Horse – info and display – no longer available it is booked	
Face tattoo stamping kit	Nancy
Coloring contest	
Parachute games	Nancy
Collect donations of food for Salvation Army	Wayne
Pumpkin bean bag toss	Nancy
Police – will try to have something there	Nancy
Fire – hazard house and truck – will try to be there for at least one hour	Nancy
Email everyone to recruit help	Nancy
Prizes – Any one that has leads are asked to follow up to ask about donating prizes for next meeting McKinnon Truck Lines City of Guelph swim passes City of Guelph amusement ride passes City of Guelph Storm box for Nov 4th Purchase some small prizes need some for preteen age	Everyone Todd Nancy Nancy Scott and Todd Scott
Storm Box Scott and Todd will be the reps from the community group at the game. Winners will meet with one of the volunteers outside the arena and get their tickets. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Four tickets will be issued for the best pumpkin, and the rest will be in a door prize draw – 6 draws for 2 tickets	Need door prize ballots and a box to put them in

Budget Need to create at next meeting School costs – rental and custodian Food Children’s activities prizes	
Logo contest Have a logo contest for the Neighbourhood group – on back of flyer	Need to confirm contact information and drop off location
Volunteers – need to generate a chart of tasks that volunteers are needed for and then send out an email asking for support	
Community Survey – since we are bringing people together lets take the opportunity to find out what they would like to see happening in the community and with the Neighbourhood Group.	survey see attachment – if you have any comments or suggestions please provide to Nancy asap.

3. Child care

We have heard back from the Salvation Army that if the Nursery room is not being used when we have our meetings we can book it for child care. Nancy is in the process of finding childcare providers. Onward Willow Neighbourhood Group trains a group of people each year that they use for childcare. Nancy is waiting to receive a copy of this list to draw from. These providers are screened through the Police, and Family and Children’s Services, and have undergone the training program at Onward Willow. We are hoping to offer childcare for the next meeting. We will need people to contact Nancy with the childcare needs to ensure we have appropriate staffing. An email will be sent out as soon as childcare is confirmed.

4. Busses

Nancy has received two emails from community members concerning busses. One is in regards to the bus that was temporarily rerouted due to the construction – this is no longer a concern as it is back to the regular route.

The second has to do with the frequency of the 51 and 51A busses in the morning and evening they are every 15 minutes. The concern was regarding the noise generated by the busses traveling so frequently. Members at the meeting did not know of any other

concerns regarding this issue. If you are concerned and would like an opportunity to discuss this please let Nancy know and if there is interest it can be put on a future agenda.

5. Voice of the Community

Recently the community was asked for their feedback regarding moving up the timeline for the new South End Fire Station in the budget process. Jim attended Council and spoke on behalf of the group as he was comfortable that there would not be opposition from the community to move potential date of the station forward. The question this raised – what is the process we are going to use until we have a leadership group in place?

When there is time to discuss at a regular meeting we will do so and try to seek consensus and ask someone to speak on behalf of the group.

When something comes up and needs response before we meet again:

- a. up the individual sends out the information to the people on the distribution list and asks for people to respond as an individual citizen
- b. the information is sent out to the distribution list, the person seeking feedback from the community is the contact person and in good faith the contact person acts on behalf of the group based on the majority of the responses from the groups
- c. we select a few people to be an interim leadership group

Consensus was reached that we go with option c. So at this time we are looking for a few people to step forward to act in a leadership capacity if something comes up. Please notify Nancy as soon as possible if you would take this role on.

After Fall Fiesta is wrapped up we will begin working on a leadership model, discuss the focus of the group and create some action plans for the future.

6. Traffic

The August meeting a number of solutions were generated however we did not get to assigning the action. We will need to follow up with this at a future meeting. If you would like to take a leadership role in one of the areas of concern please contact Nancy.

Scott sent an email to the Police Department asking for additional coverage for stop signs and for speed. In the last few weeks extra Traffic Constables have been out. One day 25 speeding tickets were issued in a 4 hour time period. The stop signs are harder to catch they will continue to look into this problem.

Members felt that reestablishing the entrance ways at Clair and Clairfields would go a long way to helping. Nancy will explore who built them and who is responsible to replace them.

7. Outstanding Issues

A number of people have been sending emails wondering what is happening following the meeting that Peter Linn and Ian Harras attended regarding safety concerns and water management. Jim has sent two different emails and has not heard back. He will send the messages again and cc the City Councilors and the Department heads to seek follow up.

Next regular meeting: October 25th 7:00 pm Salvation Army Church

Our focus will be finalizing Fall Fiesta

November 22nd we will begin discussing a leadership model, goals, and objectives.

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