



Clairfields Neighbourhood Group
Royal on Gordon - library
Thursday August 27, 2009 7:00 to 8:15 pm

Present: Lynda Dennis, Todd Dennis, Scott Dezell, Luis Ramirez, Carol Dilworth, Tyler Young (City of Guelph, Community Engagement coordinator)

Regrets: Ian Robson, Sarah Robson, Fernanda Svaikauskas

1. June 25 minutes were not approved – defer to next meeting. The group welcomed Luis to the meeting, he resides in Conservation Estates.
2. The October edition of the Clairfields Quarterly is in process.
 - We have five ads – 3 full page, 1 ½ page and 1 business card size.
 - We have several articles – Melody's cooking, Todd's running, editorial, and Carol's schedule for get-togethers.
 - May lead with Gosling Gardens
3. SECC & SEESS updates
 - SEESS - Groundbreaking still scheduled for early fall. Todd saw Sean Armstrong at City Hall a while back, and Sean mentioned that he had some negative feedback from neighbours due to potential noise issues. These neighbours had asked Sean about the community consulting process and when the city decided to build the building there. The CNG has not heard any negative feedback, and have publicized the building repeatedly as well as notifying neighbours about the consulting and design processes.
 - SECC – The steering committee have completed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and South End Community Centre Component Study. The study has been forwarded to the ECO committee, which has referred it to staff for review and recommendations for prioritization. Todd feels that the City is already positioning itself for giving the SECC the brush offs by conveniently using the economy has an excuse. Meanwhile, monies raised from development fees have been wasted on downtown pet projects. We cannot and will not let this die.
4. Fall Fiesta
 - Still scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 09. 1 to 4 pm at Bishop Mac.
 - Scott will contact the school, police & fire, and the pumpkin supplier. However, Scott will be unavailable that weekend to pick up pumpkins, or to visit the fire department.
 - We still need follow ups on notifying fire and police (Tyler), Storm box tickets for give-a-ways (Scott, Tyler), insurance (Scott, Tyler) and Mackinnon (Todd).
 - Ian and Sarah may not be available due to their happy addition to the family.
 - Fusion has agreed to provide the bouncy castle

- All State will be splitting their \$1000 cheque with three neighbourhood groups. Todd Baker will be providing a popcorn machine or something similar for Fall Fiesta.
 - The City may set up a table to supply people with information on SEESS, as they are due to break ground about that time.
 - We will have tables for local businesses again.
 - **Note – Todd will send an email to the general mailing list this weekend. If we do not get 10 volunteers to help do some legwork and supervision, this year's Fall Fiesta will be cancelled. Deadline for volunteering is September 4th.**
5. Ice Cream Social – We were unable to coordinate a second ice cream event this summer, but it is an event that we will revisit next year.
 6. Adult get together – The first event was in July, and the second in August. Carol has scheduled three more, and a decision will be made to continue after that.
 7. We are still trying to coordinate with Rob Case of the GIRC regarding rain barrels. We are trying to coordinate during Fall Fiesta.
 8. Fall/Winter Events – we discussed upcoming events. We will still be doing Festival of Lights, and we would like to participate in Winterfest. Tyler said he did not know what the city's level of participation would be this year.
 9. Tyler talked about staffing (Kristen Levy is no longer with the City - all concerns relating to the Master Plan, South End Study, etc can be directed to Rob McKay). The City is in the process of reviewing its relationship with the NSC and the Neighbourhood Groups within the community. A consultant is in the process of being hired to facilitate this process. The goal is to take an in-depth and provocative look at the partnership between the City and the Neighbourhoods, so that our procedures and practices will be more streamlined and efficient.
 10. Budget – Lynda is tracking all budget information. We gave Tyler a verbal report of our needs, and possible monetary target for 2010. As we are not participating in the NSC budgeting process, we will be helped by the city directly as we are still in the initiating phase.
 11. Scott asking about the zoning on Edinburgh and Gordon. Todd had received a notification that it will be a multi-residential, six-level apartment building. The area designated has supposedly always been designated for residential, even though it appears to be all wetland.
 12. Fernanda emailed to say that the soccer night did not go well this year. She is asking for volunteers to help out when she is unavailable, and ideas to publicize this more.
 13. We had an email from a neighbour regarding a pit bull that has attacked a couple of pets recently. A description has been given of the dog, but its owner is unidentified. Scott mentioned that there has been another break in, on Boulder, this summer.

Next Meeting:

Thursday September 24, 2009 - 7:00 pm @ the Royal on Gordon (Library)

Everyone is welcome!