



Clairfields Neighbourhood Group
Royal on Gordon - library
Thursday October 22, 2009 7:10 to 8:30 pm

Present: Todd Dennis, Lynda Dennis, Ian Robson, Brigid Porter, Scott Dezell
Regrets: Carol Dilworth, Sarah Robson, Lori Jansen, Tyler Young (City of Guelph,
Community Engagement coordinator)

1. September 24 minutes were approved via email.
2. The January edition of the Clairfields Quarterly is in process. We are close to sold out for advertising. If we get more ads, we will expand to 16 pages. We have On Your Doorstep, Fall Fiesta, What's Cooking, Running, Conservation Estates Park, and SEESS groundbreaking articles. We will probably lead with the Festival of Lights winner.
3. SECC
 - SECC – Media has reported that the SECC has been axed by city staff and council. It has been clear that unless a project is downtown, staff will not move quickly to prioritize it. We need to let our Ward Councilors and the Mayor know this is a city priority.
4. Fall Fiesta - Recap
 - In spite of the weather turning, everything went well.
 - The procedure is well established, we just need to remember to contact fire & police on our own to insure attendance.
 - We had about \$550 in expenses this time around, as the bouncy castle was donated. Will need to budget that again next year.
 - Storm tickets – Scott delivered them for distribution to draw winners.
5. Adult get togethers – Carol emailed to say that we had no attendees on the last scheduled night. One more scheduled. We have not heard if Carol will attempt an event for Chinese New Year.
6. Conservation Estates – Brigid recapped the request for a notice board at the park. She has emailed the city, but hasn't received a final response from Rory. There is \$150 in the kitty from Reid's to help offset costs. The CNG has agreed to match funds up to \$250 to help install the board.
7. Corporate Recognition – two corporate names were put forth for 2010 recognition, Scotia and Bishop Mac. If anyone else has a nomination, please email or talk to a CNG member.
8. 2010 Event Schedule – We think the city will not be supporting Winterfest this year. The CNG will be hosting Earth Day, SIB Orientation, Ice Cream Social, Garage Sale, Fall Fiesta, and Festival of Lights. Please note that Youth/Family soccer during summer and family activity at Sir Isaac Brock may be shelved due to lack of

volunteer support and parental supervision. We will also have to re-visit Earth Day tree planting due to lack of help from the neighbours.

9. 2009/2010 stats and Budget – Lynda presented our expenses and costs for 2009. As Tyler was unavailable, we could not discuss stats requirements. We will ask for \$2500 in city support for 2010.
10. Brigid presented the following items:
 - Library – updated Lisa on deadlines.
 - Royal on Gordon – Halloween party at 7 on 10/29/09, wear a costume. Legendary entertainment.
 - School newsletters – still working on getting CNG information on school newsletters
 - Translations – still trying to get various language translations, for the newsletter, to welcome new immigrants to the neighbourhood and city
 - Adopt A Family – as we are getting late this year, the CNG has decided to support a family in need this Christmas, on behalf of the neighbourhood. Brigid will investigate cost and report back to the group. She will email the neighbourhood for donations.
 - Neighbourhood updates – we often have news items that are pertinent or of interest to the neighbourhood. The delay may be too long for inclusion in the Quarterly. We've agreed to send brief, twice monthly updates to the general mailing list. We will refer neighbours back to our website if they have further questions, or dialogue to share with others.
 - Trails – still no resolution to the trail issue in the master plan. One area is identified as having trails in the master plan, but there are no trails there.

Next Meeting:

Thursday November 26, 2009 - 7:00 pm @ the Royal on Gordon (Library)

Everyone is welcome!