



Clairfields Neighbourhood Group
Royal on Gordon - library
Thursday November 26, 2009 7:05 to 8:25 pm

Present: Todd Dennis, Lynda Dennis, Ian Robson, Brigid Porter, Cindy Richardson
(Community Manager Neighbourhood Engagement)

Regrets: Carol Dilworth, Sarah Robson, Tyler Young (City of Guelph, Community
Engagement coordinator)

1. October 22 minutes were approved via email.
2. The January edition of the Clairfields Quarterly is in process. We have had lots of commitments for ads, but they've been slow coming in. 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 - Cindy presented the Staff prepared Council Budget Report. Staff has recommended the library and SECC become more project ready. They are recommending a phased detailed work plan for both projects be completed by end of February 2010. Further research needed on components, partnerships, etc. Staff is asking to create a detailed work in the next 12-18 months so that the city can proceed once monies have been identified.
4. CNG Snippets – Brigid will continue to email items of interest twice monthly. So far, she's gotten good responses. We need to increase our contact list so we can reach more neighbours.
5. Adopt-A-Family – This seems to be a great success. Brigid has worked with the Children's Foundation to identify a family in need. She's had 15 residents commit so far (toys, clothing, money), and 4 have already dropped things off. The CNG will cover any items left over. We would like to do this every year.
6. Adult get togethers – Carol emailed to say that we had no attendees on the last scheduled night at Lucie's Bakery. She will be attempting one more get together at the Delta.
7. Conservation Estates – Brigid recapped the request for a notice board at the park. Todd and Brigid have contacted Rory and Derek McCaughan, but we've received no response in the past month. We will soon run out of time to utilize Reid's offer to dig the post holes and pour concrete. Cindy has agreed to follow up in the Operations meeting, as she has not heard about this so far.
8. Corporate Recognition –Scotia and Bishop Mac have been selected as our corporate plaque recipients. Lynda will coordinate the plaque orders.
9. Festival of Lights – Jim from Fusion has agreed to judge the houses on Dec 12 from 6 to 8 pm. Todd and Lynda will coordinate results and hand out prizes.

10. 2010 Budget – Lynda and Todd will set up the 2010 budget request and email Tyler. Due to cutbacks, the \$150,000 City grant to the NSC may be in jeopardy. Staff has not directly recommended a reduction/elimination of the grants, but that is an option for Council. Cindy stated that if funding is cut, we would still have insurance provided by the city. Cindy also gave us an overview of the SNEP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Engagement Project) study that will take place between Dec 7 and Apr 30, 2010. The city is trying to understand where monies and support need to be allocated. Currently, there is no real structure for growth. Need to look at other partner roles. Need to create a framework for neighbourhood sustainability. The consultants doing the study are from Public Interest in Toronto.

11. Brigid presented the following items:

- Translations – Last month, Brigid was lead to believe that Immigrant Services would provide translations at no cost, as we would promote their services in our newsletter and provide a website link. The person she spoke to now says that they want \$10 per translation. Cindy will check with other groups to see what they do for translations.
- Neighbourhood updates – Brigid received a letter from the school board saying that our information meets their criteria. She now has to connect with school principals. Since there are 8 schools, we will need some help from parents that have children in those schools. Tracey Clark and Janet Giamachelle might be able to help out.

Next Meeting:

Thursday January 28, 2010 - 7:00 pm @ the Royal on Gordon (Library)

Everyone is welcome!