



Clairfields Neighbourhood Group
Royal on Gordon - library
Thursday March 25, 2010 7:05 to 8:20 pm

Present: Todd Dennis, Lynda Dennis, Brigid Porter, Jamie Whitehouse, Tracey Clark, Tyler Young (Community Engagement Coordinator)

Regrets: Fernanda Svaikauskas, Scott Dezell, Wayne Hong

1. February 25, 2010 minutes were approved via email.
2. The April edition of the Clairfields Quarterly has been published and will be distributed starting this weekend. We are close to sold out for ads for the July edition. It will be our volunteer recognition edition, and will be expanded to 16 pages. Todd will contact Bishop MacDonell and Scotia Bank for plaque presentations.
3. Earth Day – We are scheduled for 10 am, April 24th at Gosling Gardens & Conservation Estates Parks. Fernanda emailed her plan for tree planting. We will be posting the info on Snippets, website and newsletter. Todd will contact the Mercury and Tribune with details.
4. CNG Snippets – Brigid confirmed with Jamie regarding format. Jamie will post Snippets on the website, so we might get more hits when people search the internet. Brigid would also like to post on mailboxes to see if we can get more email addresses.
5. Website – Domain has been renewed. Jamie will post the April newsletter. He will also post the information about the tree planting. We clarified that monthly meeting agendas are to be sent to the whole contact list. The two main moderators for incoming emails will be Lynda and Jamie. We do not want to bombard our contact list with emails that are not significant to the neighbourhood.
6. Crime proofing – Constable Michael Gatto will be offering a neighbourhood crime proofing talk April 22nd, at 7:30 pm at the Royal on Gordon. Brigid will forward some stats to Lynda for a flyer that will be posted around April 15th. We will also make a mention of Snippets in the flyer as that may attract people to sign up for updates. Tyler will follow up with Cindy and Inspector Garry Malle regarding the south end meeting scheduled for November.
7. Sir Isaac Brock – Kindergarten orientation will take place May 6 from 6 to 8 pm. Todd has scheduled the poster board. We have handouts and Lynda will have CNG information brochures for parents.
8. SNEF – Sustainable Neighbourhood Engagement Framework. Todd and Lynda met with Alex from Public Interest at West End Rec. Centre 03/13/10 for about 1 ½ hours. A wide variety of questions were posed, and we gave answers that hopefully, represented the feelings of the neighbourhood. We definitely feel that the NSC is not representing all NG's, and that the city really needs to define and represent what a

- NG should be. If it is a social service, then the CNG, and a couple of other groups, should probably not be involved.
9. Summer soccer night – Alexander Svaikauskas has offered to run a soccer night on the following dates – May 7 & 28, June 5 & 12, July 23 & 30, and August 6 & 13. Unless someone else offers to supervise on other Friday nights, this will be the only activity nights supported. Todd will contact Fernanda to get in touch with Tyler to confirm the field, insurance, and requirements (first aid, volunteer certificate) for Alexander.
 10. Parks by-law survey – Cindy’s email had been forwarded to the group for review. We gave feedback to Tyler to pass along. The group feels there are too many variables to create new by-laws that would be universal, other than the noise and leash by-laws that are already on the books.
 11. Cindy Richardson has announced her retirement. The Community Services department will be awaiting the SNEF results before any decisions on replacement are made. The CNG would like to be represented in any farewell event that takes place.
 12. Financial Agreement – An old financial agreement had been emailed in error. A new updated version will be presented soon.
 13. Lynda presented the following items:
 - Nicholas Svaikauskas is being sponsored by the CNG for the Earn A Bike program. Good luck. Jamie will create a calendar reminder so we can notify the neighbourhood earlier next year in case anyone is unaware of the program and wanted to participate.
 14. Brigid had the following:
 - There will be a new bus transfer terminal on the NE corner of Gordon and Clair. The newspaper quoted Karl Wettstein as saying that there had been no opposition. The group had been totally unaware that it was occurring and suspect that the neighbourhood did not know either. She’d also like to know if this will be a link to Greyhound.
 - How do we get information that impacts the neighbourhood? Brigid was unable to find this item anywhere on the city’s website. It would be good to get notification as we would like to pass this along in Snippets. This would be a way to give feedback as well.
 - Todd gets notification from the city on zoning amendment proposals and will forward to Brigid if they are of interest to the neighbourhood. However, with buildings that meets zoning, or with approved industrial/commercial zones, there may be no way of finding out new tenants until the signs go up. Todd will call Karl to discuss this situation.
 15. Jamie had these items:
 - Park clean up – Jamie and Kim noticed garbage all over Gosling Gardens Park. The city comes by every couple of weeks and does maintenance, but if

there is a mess in between, you can contact the city and they will send a crew.
There is a number posted on a pole in the park

- Park submerged – Gosling Gardens had also turned into a lake recently. Does this mean the city did not correct the drainage when leveling last summer?
Contact Rory Templeton at the city to follow up.

16. As Constable Gatto will be giving his crime proofing presentation on our regular meeting date, there will not be a regular meeting on April 22. However, if we have any pressing issues, we can discuss via email.

Next Meeting:

Thursday May 27, 2010 - 7:00 pm @ the Royal on Gordon (Library)

Everyone is welcome!