

Friends of Trinity Bellwoods Summer Community Meeting June 27th, 2011
TRC 2nd Floor Art Room 7-830pm

The Minutes

Meeting called at: 702pm – Anna Hill meeting chair

I. STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Intros

Steering Committee, Anna Hill, Carolyn Wong (minutes), Michaelle McLean (late arrival), Patricia Cavanagh (regrets)

2) Treasurer report (Carolyn)

\$7739.82 balance. Our only source of funding is from approaching film shoots and Special events in the park and asking if they'd be willing make a contribution. It's hit and miss. \$600 so far this year. Note: \$200 from White Squirrel from sales of reusable mugs – keep buying them! Thanks David for your generosity.

3) Website update (Carolyn)

We decided to revamp our website, as it's a crucial tool for our communication to all. This one will be more user friendly for us luddites that manage it. Aiming to have up and running in July. We have engaged David Johnston to set us up, tutor us and be around for future assistance. \$1000 cost.

4) Farmers Market (Carolyn)

All is going well. 20 vendors in high season, +1 more coming with just sustainably grown corn. Shed progress, have received all the grants I applied to fund the shed aprx \$3000.00. Has support of Councillor and Parks in partnership will help with installation. The shed (Parks approved) will store organizers support equipment and is the step to achieving full independence and a home base to work out of. Muralist and vines will decorate the exterior. It should be up by season end.

5) Adopt a tree (Michaelle)

Adopting in pairs, need adopters. Some Sakuras lost over winter. 31 new trees planted this spring. 13 adopted, need 28 more people. Trees all over. There are water sources around park. They are going to die these new trees if we don't get adopters. Having them survive we'll have a better tree canopy for our children/future. 5 gallons a week is all they need! Not a lot.

6) Park Day (Anna)

We invite community to come out and partake in all our core activities. This year we worked on bowl to add native plants. Need to push out that invasive plant – burdock. We weeded out as much as we could, added 70 shrubs that are all native species. Much efforts has been made with working with Forestry to cultivate the native plants. Green House had children's activities. Michaelle did Adopt a Tree. Park Day is the core of Friends, it's how we started. Call out to everyone to come help on our park days. Robert Brown (rbrown@knightbean.ca 416.536.8548) from Annex Residents Assoc. tells

us of their native garden – they meet on Sat. morning – connected to th Ecology Park working Group in Annex. Hook ‘em up with green house.

7) Green House (Anna)

9 Community groups. Sylvia is green house gardener. Gary is Treasurer, Brenda is Secretary. We have our own Steering Committee. No bugs this year, great group no conflicts. 3rd year. 3 school groups, Givins Shaw, Ecole Pierre Elliot Trudeau, CARE (after school program) were regular users. Bank- \$785 & \$660 contributions & Friends \$500. Greenhouse is going very well. Yay!

II. DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

1) West End Bikeway proposal (Dave Nosella of, Supervisor of Capital Projects, Landscape and Environment, Parks Forestry & Recreation & Jennifer from Cycling Infrastructure)

Revised plans, created in working with Friends, Cyclist Union, City Infrastructure. Review of revised path, original and current. 2.5 to 3 meters max width can achieve – generally want 3.5 to 4 no can do in TBP. Want to prevent disturbing trees, roots and moving benches, monuments etc. Going with utilizing existing asphalt paths than create new. Go over texture/patterns/colour to indicate cyclists to recognize to slow down. There will be official bikeway network signs up to aid in helping cyclists to slow down, be cautious when going through park etc. Anna explains of Friends participation as stakeholders at meeting we that resulted in the revised drawings. We worked very hard on creating a compromise that works for everyone. Mike Layton, comments that bikes will go through anyhow and the path is about making it safer for all. Gives his review of concerns etc. Concern from resident about speeding cyclists on sidewalks etc. and why should they go through park at all. Still a contentious issue. It is explained by Dave Nosella all paths in parks are designated as multi-use. We are under the impression that one more Community meeting will be had.

Concerns expressed about giving right away to cyclists and why is a ‘bikeway’ in parks anyhow? Please be proactive and let Councillor, City know if you have opposition. We expect that another Community meeting with new drawings.

2) Basketball Court Presentation (Max Gajdel max.gajdel@gmail.com 416.924.6258)

Avid basketball player, lives in neighbourhood. Would like to propose a new facility in TBP. A single basketball court in the older tennis court, would take away two of the courts – east end. Reviews technical aspects, surface (recycled Nike shoes), lined like pro-court, few benches, larger angle net post, nets have padded tubes to prevent injuries, plexi back board etc. etc. Summary attached. \$75-85,000 dollars, ideal sponsor/partner is Maple Leaf Sports. Can’t go forth without Community/Councillor support. Presenting at this meeting to get feedback. Questions; why this park? Stanley has existing that could use improvements. What about residents on Gorevale and noise for them? What about multiuse sport surface on court because of the varying demands? Answer; Dedicated surface is better for construction and practical and safety. Q; Any analysis on tennis court use and impact if taking away x2 courts. Please feel to contact Max for any questions.

3) Fountain presentation (Bruce Macdonald)

Here to rep a young woman (daughter, Charlie) who has idea for the park. Video presentation of idea/proposal. Rendering displayed as she talks on video. Wanted to present to get the Friends feedback. Questions: Size? Perhaps like Washington Square in NYC. Taddle Creek has a water feature to reference and look at, check out their working group – get idea of effort and costs it takes. Looking at location at street level, beside south end of bowl. Concerns about taking away green space, maintenance and over all environmental impact. Suggestion: Perhaps installed over old wadding pool (in bowl) might be a better location- as it was formerly a wading pool and nothing grows on it. We offer to send out e-blast of info if you like. He connects with Layton and us and we can show him the path. Realizes it is a long term project, should it be supported. Suggestion; Design should have tie in concept & design to Garrison Creek for park relevance.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1) ACAPO review (Carolyn)

Usual affair. Perhaps not as large, amplified music still went over stop times. Major disrespect for the young saplings i.e. tents pegged right up against trunks, food truck folding out to hit branches, metal fences scraping bark, some branches broken. Michaelle sent email reporting such to Parks, Councillor, event organizer etc. Still a problematic event.

2) GSUS note presentation – (Duane)

He's an event organizer for Corporations, businesses, does marketing for companies etc. Clothing company GSUS, on King St., is in our area. Want to put on a big festival, bringing retail outside from inside, connect 'artists' with artists, with stage/concert. On a Sat. 11-8pm. Have War Child as a charitable partner. Questions/Concerns: straight up commercialism, why the security fence to enclose event - keep people out or charge admission? – not community minded, audio amplification, foot print and not at all a community event.

3) Georgetown South Project (Carmen)

Update. Reviews rendering. There will be major construction for a few years. Keeping Strachan open, with detour. One month Strachan will be closed, will give notice. Phase one started in Jan. Main phase end of summer early fall. Community office, by Shoppers at King/Strachan – please drop by. Q: What's with the struts? There to support retaining walls. Why not cover and make green roof?

4) Collective Spaces – Jessie - jesse-mail@hotmail.com/www.jessealbert.ca

Mural project on side wall of Great Stuff at 870 Queen West. Wants to make it more attractive. Space right now is dark, used as latrine. Been working on designs, didn't bring sorry. Been having challenges. Question; It is a private business, they can do what they want. Answer: Yes, but they want to have constructive input from community.

Shows an example of mural idea on his computer – one of a cyclist. Have received grant from City for \$5000 to do mural.

5) Child bitten by dog – pit bull. By law should be muzzled. What are the repercussions? Should be reported to officials because that dog will be put down. City wide problem. Pit bulls should be neutered and spade. We will advise Ruth (mother of child) to report.

6) Concern about baseball permit – they have monopoly by them, soccer has no space. Baseballs are hitting people on head.

7) Request has been put into Parks to locate 2012 Word on the Street in our park. Discussions Q: Perhaps move another big event in exchange or perhaps move back to Queen W as it was in past rather than the park? Will it take place on street? What is the attendance. Note; It grew out Queen St W, that is why it moved to Queens Park. General feeling was supportive of event, but perhaps no on green space.

6) Mike Layton

Gun shooting on Dundas W, did not originate in Park. Two people shot, got shooter apprehended fast, found gun. Interest in a Community meeting about it?

QWMF – Met with them. No exemptions for signage this year like last. Did a petition. They need to submit plans for approval from parks. Intend on a more scaled down event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm