

FRIENDS OF TRINITY BELLWOODS PARK MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 2016, 7-8:30PM TRC, 2ND FLR

INTROS ALL ROUND/PRESENT;

SIAN OWEN, KATHERINE MONEY , ZACK LATHROP, ANNA HILL , CECELIA PYE (TB BIA),
MARCO BIANCHI (COUNCILLOR LAYTON'S OFFICE) , ANN-MARIE LORUSSO , JULIA ZEEMAN,
RACHAD MISHEAL, SARAH STADNYK, CAROLYN WONG (MINUTES)

SUSTAINABILITY ONTARIO COMMUNITY ENERGY CO-OPERATIVE (SOCEC)

PROPOSAL FOR A SOLAR CHARGING STATION IN PARK. PRESENTED BY JULIAN ZEEMANA,
RACHAD MISHEAL, SARAH STADNYK SOCEC BOARD MEMBERS.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES, BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER, AWARENESS OF GREEN ENERGY AND GIVE
SOMETHING TANGIBLE TO THE COMMUNITY. CHARGING STATION TO HAVE AN ADVERTISING
SCREEN TO SHARE GREEN ENERGY INFO AND REVENUE (STILL WORKING IT ALL OUT). THIS
COULD MAKE IT SUSTAINABLE, THE INCOME. BUDGET IS \$20,000. IT IS NOT CURRENTLY
FUNDED, THERE ARE VARIOUS WAYS IN ORDER TO PAY IT OFF. LOOKING FOR PARTNERSHIP
POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH FoTB.

Q- HOW WOULD THE PARTNERSHIP LOOK LIKE WITH FoTB

A- LAND, LOCATION, MAINTENANCE. KEEP IT LOW COST/MANAGEMENT ETC., SOMEONE THAT
COULD TAG ALONG WITH THAT. HELP W/\$ AND OR CONTRIBUTE TO FUNDING/MAINTAIN.

Q – WHAT IS YOUR STATUS?

A – FOR PROFIT CO-OP – RENEWABLE ENERGY CO-OP.

BRINGS UP ISSUE OF FOR-PROFIT STATUS. ANNA EXPLAINS THAT IT WILL BE AN UPHILL
BATTLE BECAUSE OF FOR-PROFIT STATUS. PARKS DO NOT ALLOW FOR-PROFIT ON LAND.
ANYTHING IN PUBLIC SPACE, FOR-PROFITS, IT IS PROBLEMATIC.

MARCO EXPLAINS THE UNLIKELY HOOD OF THE CITY TO SUPPORT THE WAY THAT THEY
PROPOSE IT. THEIR BUSINESS MODEL OPENS OR CLOSES THE DISCUSSION.

SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NON-PROFITS AND CHARITABLE STATUS.

SOCEC NEEDS RE-GROUP ABOUT STATUS IF THEY WANT TO INSTALL ON PARKS LAND.

WELCOME TO RETURN WITH NEW PROPOSAL IN FUTURE. BUT, AS IT STANDS, IT DOES NOT
MEET BASIC PARK LAND CRITERIA.

MARCO BIANCHI – SPECIAL ASST. TO COUNCILLOR LAYTON

- APPLICATION FOR LANEWAY NAMING FOR BEHIND 870 TO 894 QUEEN ST. WEST WHICH
BOARDS ON PARK. PROPOSED NAME: 'EDWARD GADJEL LANE', AFTER ONE OF THE LOCAL
BUSINESSES. SAYS THAT APPLICATION HAS BEEN READIED FOR APPROVAL. OFFICE HAS
RECEIVED SOME NEGATIVE FEEDBACK. WANTED US TO BE AWARE OF THIS AND SEND
FEEDBACK TO COUNCILLOR, IF ANY.

DISCUSSION: THOUGH NOT IN THE PARK, IT IS PART OF THE PARK COMMUNITY. GENERAL CONCERNS I.E. HOW IT CAN BE NAMED AFTER A BUSINESS AND NOT OF HISTORICAL NATURE RELEVANT TO THE PARK, CONSIDERING THE LOCATION. FoTB AGREE TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY AND LET THEM SEND THEIR FEEDBACK TO COUNCILLOR.

UPDATE: JAN. 21ST, 2016 – THERE WAS AN ERROR IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THE APPLICATION, THE REQUEST DOES NOT MEET THE POLICY.

- TREES IN THE PARK

AS WE ALL KNOW, THE EMERALD ASH BORER INFESTATION IS DEVASTATING THE PARK. CURRENTLY 27 TREES WILL BE COMING DOWN. PLANTING PLAN NOT EXACTLY IN PLACE.

Q- WHEN ARE THEY COMING DOWN.

A- AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WINTER GOOD TIME TO DO IT.

Q - COULD WOOD BE REPURPOSED.

A- CITY DOES NOT ALLOW REPURPOSING, HAS TO DO WITH INFECTED WOOD. NOT SURE HOW IT IS DISPOSED OF, BUT WOULD BE IN A WAY NOT TO SPREAD THE TREE DISEASE.

SIAN EXPRESSES CONCERN OF PUBLIC TAKING THE TREE STUMPS BEFORE CITY GETS TO IT. SHE WITNESSED IT ON A WEEKEND THIS SUMMER. TELL CITY NOT TO LEAVE STUMPS OVER THE WEEKEND BECAUSE OF THIS ASPECT. MARCO, PLEASE FOLLOW UP ON THIS.

- COUNCILLOR LAYTON SPONSORING A FEB. 14 VALENTINES DAY SKATING PARTY! DETAILS ARE STILL BE WORKED OUT, BUT SOUNDS LIKE.... LIGHTS, MINI-FOOD TRUCKS, MUSIC. MARCO WILL SEND US INFO ABOUT IT AND FoTB WILL PROMOTE.

CECELIA PYE TRINITY BELLWOODS BIA

- INVITES/INFORMS US OF DO DESIGN EVENT 24-7 EXHIBIT OF FURNITURE. BIA BOUNDARIES DUNDAS, BATHUST TO GRACE.

- MET WITH KATHERINE MONEY (FoTB) ABOUT SPONSORING SEVERAL MOVIE NITES IN THE PARK. POTENTIALLY 3 MOVIE NIGHTS IN TOTAL, WOULD LIKE TO START WITH ONE TO SEE HOW IT GOES. THE LOCATION WILL BE AT THE NORTH END OF BOWL, WHERE NATURAL AMPHITHEATRE IS. FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT, CANADIAN MOVIE. THEY WANT TO DO A COMMUNITY EVENT AND INCLUDE FRIENDS OF TB. IDEA IS TO ARRANGE FOR THE FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THEIR BIA TO SELL TAKE-OUT FOOD FROM THEIR RESTOS TO BRING TO MOVIE. WILL ORDER MORE WASTE BINS IF REQUIRED. TB BIA WILL SUBMIT PERMIT AND ABSORB FEES.

DISCUSSION ABOUT IT BEING IN THE OFF-LEASH AREA I.E. DOGS STILL ABOUT IN EVENING, IS IT A CONCERN? IT MAY NOT BE AN ISSUE. SHOULD OFF-LEASH BE CANCELLED FOR EVENT? CITY IS RELUCTANT TO MOVE OFF-LEASH BECAUSE IT HAS TO BE PLACE ELSEWHERE IN THE PARK, LIKE UPPER LEVEL OUTSIDE THE BOWL IN THE ON-LEASH AREA OF PARK. EVERYONE IN

THE END FEELS IT'LL BE FINE, FAR LESS BUSY IN THAT AREA. JULY OR AUGUST. SUGGESTIONS, LAST DAY OF SCHOOL? NEED TO DECIDE ON A SUMMER DATE. A THURSDAY NITE?

WILL CONVENE CLOSER TO DATE TO FIGURE OUT GAME PLAN FOR GETTING THE WORD OUT. UPDATE ON GOING AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

FALL DAY – SUNDAY NOV. 15, 2015 – ZACK REPORTS

IT WAS GREAT. DONE WITH CAROLYN AND A RANDOM FAMILY THAT DROPPED BY NEAR END AND HELPED OUT. WE SMASHED DEAD PLANTS, GOT DOWN AND DIRTY. GOT A LOT OF WORK DONE. THERE IS MORE THAT CAN BE DONE. ZACK HAS LOTS OF IDEAS.

GREENHOUSE - ZACK

WHAT'S UP? HAS ZACK AND ELIZABETH CONNECTED? ZACK WOULD LIKE TO PLANT BLACKBERRY VINES, THORNLESS. HE HAS ALL KINDS OF IDEAS FOR OUTSIDE OF GREEN HOUSE. WOULD LIKE TO BUILD NEW SHELVES. NOT ENOUGH OF THEM, DOESN'T LIKE PLASTIC ONES. GH NEEDS A SERIOUS CLEAN UP. HAS DONE SOME WINTERIZING IN THERE. HEAT IS ON. LAST YEAR THERE WAS A REAL DEARTH OF PEOPLE USING. HE USED LAST TWO YEARS, AND TWO YEARS AGO VERY BUSY. THIS YEAR, ONLY ABOUT 20 TRAYS BEING USED, LOTS OF SPACE. NOT SURE WHY THAT IS.

ANNA, WE SHOULD DO A CALL OUT TO GET MORE PEOPLE ACTIVE.

ZACK WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KIDS DOING SEEDLINGS, OR EVEN GROWING THEM FOR THEM. GH NEEDS INFRASTRUCTURE. FoTB CAN OFF SET THE COSTS OF FIXING IT UP. HIS PLAN IS TO BUILD SHELVES BY THE SPRING. WE ARE STIL TRYING TO DETERMINE WHO IN THE CITY REPAIRS THE GREENHOUSE.

NOTE: IT'S AN OFFICIAL PARKS AMENITY, THIS WAS DETERMINED ABOUT 4 YEARS

FARMERS MARKET - CAROLYN

PRE-LIMINARY WORK HAPPENING NOW. FROM ALL ACCOUNTS LAST SEASON WENT WELL. WEATHER WAS BETTER! CAROLYN NEEDS SOME ADMIN HELP. KATHERINE MONEY HAS SKILLS – SOCIAL MEDIA. WILL CONNECT WITH HER. PERHAPS A SURVEY MONKEY FROM PATRONS? NEXT YEAR IS OUR 10TH SEASON/YEAR. OUR EXISTING POSTCARD WILL BE REVAMPED BY ORIGINAL ARTIST TO REFLECT THIS. DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE 2016 POSTCARD DESIGN CONTEST WAS CANCELLED...NO SUBMISSIONS. REALIZED THAT IT WAS TOO CLOSE TO LAST ONE. PERHAPS IN 4 YEARS IT MAY HAVE GARNERED MORE RESPONSE. VOLUNTEER CALL OUT WILL HAPPENS CLOSER TO MAY 3RD START DATE. PLEASE VISIT OUR DEDICATED WEBSITE SITE FOR DETAILS ABOUT VENDOR PARTICIPATION, VOLUNTEERING AND 2016 DATES.

SPRING PARK DAY

FIRST WEEKEND IN JUNE 4 TO TARGET. MORE PLANTING IN ST. HILDA'S WALK? ADD NATIVE PLANTS. PERHAPS RALLY THE DOG PEOPLE TO DO A BURDOCK PULL? NEED A SPEARHEAD.

TENNIS PROPOSAL BY SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL GROUP – SIAN

UPDATE - CITY HAS DECIDED TO DO THE WORK IN PHASES SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO CLOSE THEIR COURTS. FEELS ITS TOO BAD FOR TRINITY, BECAUSE BE NICE TO HAVE ORGANIZATION WITH OUR TENNIS COURTS AND GET IMPROVEMENTS. SOME KIND OF TENNIS 'HUT' WITH SOME REGULATION OF TIME, REVENUE, KEEPING IT PUBLIC. WOULD BE A BIG WAY FOR FoTB TO GET COMMUNITY MONEY. THE FoTB MOST REGULAR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTOR IS THE MARKET, AT \$500 A YEAR. WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A HOW TO RAISE MONEY IN A MEANINGFUL WAY TO KEEP US FINANCIALLY SOUND.

DISCUSSION ABOUT SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS OF OUR PATHS - UNSAFE. THE PARK NEEDS MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS AND HOW TO ACHIEVE IT.

ZACK MENTIONS AN ALTERNATIVE 'ECO RASTER' GERMAN DESIGN FOR PATHS. LIKE A PLASTIC GRID, SNAPS TOGETHER, FILL WITH GRAVEL/WOODCHIPS/EARTH ETC. EXTREMELY DURABLE, 100% PERMEABLE. CAN DRIVE A BIKE, WHEEL CHAIR, SOLID ENOUGH. PROTECTS TREE ROOTS. CAN REPLACE ASPHALT. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SPECIFIC NEEDS OF PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

SIAN, IN 2019 WE ARE ON LIST OF CAPITAL FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS. SO WE SHOULD WORK TOWARDS THAT. THERE IS A GROUP THAT HAVE THE DESIRE TO FOCUS ON PATHS, SUGGESTS WE RESURRECT THE GROUP FOR PATHS SPECIFICALLY.

SIAN HAS COPY OF THE LAST PLAN FOR THE PATHS.

DOGS OFF-LEASH BOWL – ANNE MARIE

DISCUSSION; STILL ISSUES IN SUMMER THAT IT GETS VERY HOT FOR DOGS. CURRENTLY THE TAP, DIRTY BOWLS/PLASTIC POOLS ARE NOT ADEQUATE. WISH LIST - FOUNTAIN OR WATER FEATURE, WADING POOL, SHADE STRUCTURE? WOULD THE CITY ALLOCATE FUNDS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS?

MENTIONED ABOUT NEW REPLACEMENT FOUNTAIN ON UPPER LEVEL PATH ALONG THE BOWL.

DISCUSSION ABOUT FUNDING OF INITIATIVES AND GREAT IDEAS THAT ARE BROUGHT UP AT OUR MEETINGS. THEY ALL NEED A SPEARHEAD BY AN INDIVIDUAL TO REALLY GET IT MOVING.

MEETING AJOURNED AT 8:55PM

NEXT MEETING TBA