

Minutes for Friends of Trinity Bellwoods Park Summer Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

7 pm – Trinity Bellwoods Rec Centre, 2nd Floor

Meeting Chaired by Sian Owen

Minutes by Laura Jamer

Total attendees: 10

Attendees (names may be misspelled):

Sian Owen

Laura Jamer

Carolyn Wong

Marco Bianchi from Mike Layton's Office

Zack Lathrop

Maria Kasstan

Gerry Bortolussi

Catherine McMonagle

Katherine Money

Bill Lobb

Welcome and intro – Sian

Adopt-a-Tree Program report – Laura

All jugs and carts are locked away for the season. Will look for more adopters in the spring.

Farmer's Market report – Carolyn

Season is over and it went well. A lot more publicity was done this year with about 5,000 postcards distributed, strategically placed lawn signs and new big banner for gates on Tues. Next year is the 10th season of the market. There is another postcard design contest with the deadline of November 30th, 2015.

Someone asked if another fruit person could come. Carolyn explained that it is a challenge to find/get another certified organic fruit vendor that fits. The intention of the market is to get certified organic or sustainable/organic-method grown produce. It will be something to look at and considered in new year, vendor space permitting.

note: twitter@tbfarmersmarket has 2423 followers. Facebook 624 likes

Pump/Hockey House (building south of the rink) – Carolyn on behalf of Bjarne

Week of October 8th, the entire building was painted over by city staff with a grey-beige paint as a method of dealing with graffiti. A resident was concerned about the city's action of painting over a natural brick building that has been natural for 50 years. Three suggestions were raised: mural/green wall/bike racks.

A discussion was had about best options. Concerns were raised about murals both from an aesthetic perspective and also as a potential eyesore for the Gore Vale homes facing directly towards the building. Others suggested planting vines would be easiest. As a group, everyone was on side with the idea of greening the building as the most viable option.

Movie Nights – Sian

The Trinity Bellwoods BIA wanted to do a movie night in the park but it didn't happen this year. A night must be chosen that would be warmer than in October. A comment was made that Christie Pits has a great regular movie night and they get a huge movie screen. Marco explained that it's called the Christie Pits Film Festival and they do 6-8 movie nights a year – Emily Reid is the contact there. Catherine volunteered to spearhead efforts for TB park and Zack offered to support.

Tennis Club – Sian

A person from the **Winston Tennis Club** came to present during the last meeting but could not come tonight to discuss. Sian explained briefly how the tennis club works. A discussion was had about the pros and cons and options for proceeding or not. Marco mentioned that Councillor Mike Layton would likely support whatever majority consensus is made. Marco explained that it would cost about \$200,000 to resurface half the courts. Next steps are to get the tennis club to set a consultation meeting and get people.

Park Bulletin Board – Carolyn

No update on current status. Marco mentioned that he thought way-finding signs were coming for the park but will look into it. City staff was putting together a park wayfinding project for this purpose. Carolyn will try and follow up.

Pumpkin Parade

We had 230 pumpkins on display this year with lots of traffic- definitely busier than last year especially with the warm weather. It was a great success and the Lucky Penny kindly donated hot cider but it was all gone before 7pm.

For next year, we will:

- Start the event at 6pm
- Start the pumpkin toss at 9pm
- Remind people not to use glass candle holders in their pumpkins
- Remind people to bring fresh tealights instead of the half-burnt ones from Halloween night
- Need more cider next year

Social Media

1,058 likes on Facebook for Friends (42 more since last meeting)

1671 followers on twitter@FriendsofTribel

Carolyn mentioned that we need more support with the social media, especially with the website help to post items.

Fall Park Day – Zack

Sunday, November 15th 10-1 is the proposed day for fall park day. Zack is planning to trim back the growth around the greenhouse. Maria mentioned that there are special bumble bees in the park and we should be careful not to destroy their habitat. Zack has plans to plant some hornless blackberries in the park.

Budgets – Sian

The FoTBP still have about 10k in the bank account.

Closing items

Items for next meeting:

- Need to establish a greenhouse coordinator?
- Next meeting will be January 20, 2016 – 7pm