

Friends of Trinity Bellwoods Park – Spring General Meeting
Recorded Minutes
April 17, 2007

1. GENERAL

- Spring and Summer Events
 - Saturday April 21, Park Cleanup, 10AM-noon
 - Sunday May 27, Spring Park Day, 10AM-1PM
 - Cleaning, planting, mulching, etc.
 - Israeli walk
 - a. Request for no amplified music made by an attendee.
 - Tuesday June 12, Summer Community Meeting, 7PM-8:30PM
- Treasury Report
 - Obtained a \$4800 account from previous organizations
 - Current account is \$5400 ... increase due to farmer deposits.
- Call for New Steering Committee Members
 - Is anybody interested in becoming a steering committee member via becoming a committee chair / co-chair.
 - Document explaining what is involved will be posted on the website.
 - Anna discussed in general the type of commitment is required.

2. FARMERS MARKET COMMITTEE

- Approved by city
- Every Tuesday from 3-7 June 5th to end of October
- Rain or shine
- Between Crawford / Dundas / Shaw
- Volunteers are required to mark off parking and other sundry activities.
 - Please contact Carolyn - Carolyn_W@primus.ca
- Can community members be vendors?
 - Application process is in place. We have 11 vendors.
- Is it organic?
 - The focus is on organic focused farmer/growers
- Current vendor agreement does not include prepared food.
- How will it be promoted?
 - Flyers/Postering
 - Word of Mouth
 - Website
 - Press Release
 - Contact via Joe/Rosario/Olivia's office.

3. RECREATION CENTRE COMMITTEE

- Flexible programming space on 2nd floor

- Pool Programming -
- Pool Hours – Monitoring
- General Programming
- Where did Ron Winn go?
 - Promoted and is now in the East end.

4. EVENTS/COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

- Here to promote park events
- Ismael - 21st of June is National Aboriginal Day
- Drummers in Exile
 - Big meeting was held at City Hall regarding drumming circle
 - Applied for 2 days per month vs 1.
 - They will need to repetition to local residents to get the 2nd day per month
 - Plan to stop drumming at 11pm and cleanup (as per permit).
 - Community member has raised issue that he is preparing a petition to not allow the permit.
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- Art in the Park
 - Registration on Thursday from 6pm to 8pm
 - Numbers given out at 5:30pm
 - Ages 6-12
 - Capacity 80 spaces per week
 - 40 spaces daycare – 40 spaces camp
- Alley Jaunt Signup? - We don't know.
- ACAPO Festival
 - Have worked to express historic concerns – Noise, parking, cleanup, damage to green space.
 - Noise – monitoring will be ongoing
 - Trash will be handled by private contractor and solid waste agency will provide a large recycling bin
 - Parking – Special events department will be handling parking for the first time this year with on duty officers
 - GreenSpace - \$5000 dollar deposit with City for damage repair
 - Attendee has said that noise monitoring in the past was a joke. Would like to have amplified music turned off.

5. GREEN SPACE COMMITTEE

- Turf / Trees / Hardscape
- Community Gardener's Initiative
 - Meeting with city to look at improving areas of the park
 - City says get rid of Burdock on south slope of the bowl and replace with native plants
 - City will provide native plants once burdock is removed

- May 27th Park Day
- Adopt a Tree program
 - 30 new trees planted last year – but history says city not good at keeping new trees watered
 - We got all 30 trees adopted in the fall and Summering watering plan will be sent out to adoptees
- Peter Liecz was not available to attend, but more answers coming re:
 - New bulletin boards to be put in place (2)
 - Dog waste diversion program news
 - Are we getting Gordon back to pick up trash? No, but getting someone new.
- Invited to a meeting with MPP – Rosario Marchese
 - Monies to improve the park available provincially.
 - Eg Arboretum status, signage etc.
 - Historical and cultural aspects
- Question about availability of Section 37 money for gates phase II
- How is garrison creek group fit in?
 - Fountain would perhaps be in an inaccurate location for the park history.
- Questions re: Public utility and service vs. public beauty
- Questions about where does money for park improvements come from with regards to Mr. Pantalone.
 - Use artscape to demonstrate what park could be to our community
- Attendee suggested interest in promoting a maintenance plan to repaint picnic tables / benches
 - Replace graffiti
 - Community youth project
- Attendee asked how can we improve maintenance of the park, with regards to vehicles in the park.
 - Take photos of offending vehicles! Send them to the Friends and we will collect and send.

6. PLAYGROUND AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Sand in the playground will be turned on a monthly basis. We will be monitoring this. 2 children broke arms last year.
- Still unsure if Trinity playground is on this years capital budget.
- Still unsure if Volleyball nets will be rotated
- Promised that the outdoor washrooms will be kept open
- Painting the wading pool this spring / early summer.
 - Request for help --- contact Patricia Arsenault via website

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Artscape meeting for community group was last week re use of the Shaw school building
 - Working with community groups, artists, and school community

- We provided feedback as Friends that:
 - From Nov-May the park community space decreases significantly and the use of the Shaw school space as a public space for the community
 - Use for multicultural organizations
 - Improve greenspace