

Kortright Hills Neighbourhood Group

Thursday February 16th, 2007

Community Meeting

7:00 – 9:00

Present: Brenda Kent, Doug Johnson, Heather Arsenault, Dean Post, Frank Valeriotte, Paul Schadenberg, Delilah Keating – Outreach Coordinator, Nancy Kielar – District Community Coordinator City of Guelph

Agenda:

As this is the first meeting of the Neighbourhood Group the agenda was created at the start of the meeting.

Community Box – Storm Game
Treasurer Report
Emailing list
Scout Group
Group Structure
Use of Community Room

1. Treasurer Report

-as soon as an account is set up for the Neighbourhood Group a cheque will be transferred in the amount of \$2310.53. These funds have been generated as a result of activities funded by the Neighbourhood Support Coalition (NSC), and must remain with the Neighbourhood Group

-the 2007 NSC allocation for Kortright Hills is \$11, 592. We received less funding this year as a result of the loss of two funders that are no longer providing financial support but are providing other program and staffing supports. The group had submitted a request for \$16 000.00

-Brenda has reconfigured the submitted budget to reflect the change. Brenda will send out the revised budget to community members to get feedback. Discussions and decisions will be made via email. Please respond quickly to the email.

2. Emailing list – Doug brought to the attention that the emails need to be sent as a blind list. Delilah acknowledged the error as soon as she sent it and tried to retrieve it but was unsuccessful. From here forward all emails will be sent via the bcc. Delilah apologizes for this error.

3. 26th Guelph – Dean Post attended the meeting on behalf of the Scouting Group. The Scout Group would like to continue the relationship with the Neighbourhood Group and not KHCA Inc. The partnership makes more sense as the focus for Scouts is programs and supports for youth. The 26th Guelph would like KHNG to be their sponsor.

4. Use of the Community Room

-Playgroup – it has recently come to our attention that the participants of the morning Playgroup do not live in the neighbourhood. They have always been open to others joining them, and promoting the program in the community. Consensus was reached that there is no concern about them continuing. Delilah can do some additional promotion about this program to get people out to it.

-Pathfinder – A request has come in from a teacher of the school that is involved with a program in his church. They have used the room for two meetings in the fall and would like to use the space every other Sunday. Delilah to call and find out who the program is targeting as it seems like it is a closed group not open to the public. If it is a closed group then they can rent the space on a month to month basis from the City so the space is not booked up by non neighbourhood use. If they are open to promoting the program to the wider community we need to find out more about the program and would consider the request.

-A question was raised regarding the responsibility and control of the space. The KHCA Inc. will receive a letter that clearly states that it is Kortright Hills Neighbourhood Group that the City of Guelph is providing space to, and that the property purchased with NSC funds belongs to the Neighbourhood Group. Issues that need to be discussed include: use of the community room for meetings of KHCA Inc, storage of KHCA Inc files, and distribution of keys for access to the room.

The printer/copier, and computer are to be used only by the Neighbourhood Group as the equipment and supplies were purchased with NSC funds.

5. Structure

-as this is the first meeting of the Neighbourhood Group we need to look at where the group is going and what structure will be used.

-members recognized that some volunteers have not been involved as the focus had changed.

-members also recognized that the environment of meetings has not been positive and that people do not want to use their valuable time at a meeting where there is arguments and inappropriate and disrespectful communication

-Nancy reviewed the Level of Development for Neighbourhood Groups and reminded members that at the NSC Finance Allocation meeting KH identified as a Developing Group. Developing Groups have responsibilities to the NSC. Nancy asked if there is enough support to remain a Developing Group or should the

group consider becoming an Initiating Group? This question was not answered and people are thinking about this and will be revisited at a future meeting.

- another option is to disband as the interest is unclear and people present for various reasons were not clearly commuting to the Neighbourhood Group.

Members felt that the group has come too far to disband, they feel that there is an interest in the community and an effort needs to go into connecting with people

- consensus was reached to continue and at this time focus on Earth Day event and people can give thought of the level of development
- Earth Day activities will be planned in partnership with the 26th Scouts to aid some youth in earning a high level leadership badge
- To proceed three people are needed to commit to the group to be the signing officers. Brenda Kent will stay on as long as she can as Treasurer, which may be just a few months. Doug Johnson is will to be a signing authority. Dean Post is willing to temporarily take on the role of Acting Community Events Chair and be a signing authority.
- Brenda will coordinate a time for Doug, Dean and herself to go open an account at the bank
- Delilah will contact people by phone from the distribution list and people who were actively involved and invite them to come to the next meeting with a focus on planning Earth Day.
- Delilah will create and distribute a flyer for the mailboxes.
- Delilah will create an ad for the City Page of the Tribune

6. Guest – Frank Valeriotte lives in the Howit Park area, Frank will be running to become the Federal Liberal representative for Guelph. He stopped by to get a sense of where people are at. Frank asked if it was ok to return in March as he is interested to see where things develop – Frank was invited to return.

Next Meeting – Thursday March 8th 7:00 pm in the Community Room to plan Earth Day