

**Kortright Hills Neighbourhood Group  
Community Meeting  
Thursday, July 19/07  
7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Present:** Dean Post, Heather Arsenault, Doug Johnson, Mokeles Rahman, Delilah Keating –Outreach Worker, Nancy Kielar – City of Guelph, Gayle Valeriotte – Volunteer Centre of Guelph Wellington

- 1) **Approval of the Minutes from June 21, 2007** – approved as is
- 2) **Volunteer Centre** – as per the request from the last meeting Nancy extended an invitation to the Volunteer Centre to come and facilitate a discussion to help the group move forward. We would like to welcome Gayle and pass the meeting facilitation over to her.

**Agenda:**

- 1) **Welcome introductions and housekeeping**
- 2) **Warm-up (a visual neighbourhood walk)**
- 3) **History**
- 4) **Reflection**
- 5) **Pairs work**
  - assumption (past)
  - lessons learned
  - assumptions (future)
  - values
- 6) **Matrix + Plan**
- 7) **Communicating our “new” neighbourhood plan/vision**
- 8) **Discussion + Next Steps**
- 9) **Wrap up + Evaluation**

### **1) Guidelines for tonight's meeting**

- everyone say what you want to say
- respect what each other is saying
- stick to the issue – avoid personalizing
- disagreements are about the topic, not the person
- share the airtime
- be timely

### **Key Moments in History**

- community BBQ's – 2004/2205/2006
- getting harder to plan because of spit in the group (low energy)
- respond to request & idea – good, no follow through by requesters – not so good
- neighbours “want” things done, but don't want to help – history is holding us down
- people think involvement = donation request
- caring community, but people are holding back
- City of Guelph funding through NSC
- Business Park mediation – big issue, but has taken up a lot of space on the NH agenda
- Fall 2003 KHNG sponsored Scout troop
- Earth Day – clean-up 2006/2007
- Financing for NG has been a problem = we've always been asking for donations for legal stuff – NH has very bad taste in their mouth about funding advocacy
- NH has grown in phases – planning issues occupied NH agenda
- Getting school space in 2000
- Scout sponsorship 2003
- Growth of conflict over Business Park
- Hiring staff – outreach + support co-ordination
- Re-formation is happening now
- Community leaders are getting involved – programs, planning
- A lot of energy went into the OMB issue + so much pressure to “do it all”
- New organization took a long time to come

What do people in your NH assume about you?	What do you think people outside your NH assume about you?	Lessons Learned	New Assumptions + Neighbourhood (NH) Needs	Values
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-organized</li> <li>-structured &amp; had goals</li> <li>-what a NH group is</li> <li>-hope that others would get involved</li> <li>-hoped people would be active &amp; share in NH issues</li> <li>-hoped it was temporary need</li> <li>-thought we could do programs too</li> <li>-soemthing would be done</li> <li>-people's sense of community is bigger than their property</li> <li>-people are available at night and/or don't need childcare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-elite, affluent</li> <li>-\$ families</li> <li>-no families at risk</li> <li>-environmentalists</li> <li>-NIMBYs</li> <li>-the events will happen by magic</li> <li>-it takes a lot of time to build NH</li> <li>-snobs</li> <li>-nice NH</li> <li>-“by the Y”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-childcare provided</li> <li>-strategic partnerships work</li> <li>-Earth Day with Scouts</li> <li>-Lunch on the Run with CIAF, U of Guelph + City of Guelph</li> <li>-communication (news letter etc) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-short, sweet</li> <li>-positive news</li> <li>-coming from us</li> </ul> </li> <li>-work around people's limitations – think of ways to accommodate them – BBQ come out to implement</li> <li>-information ahead of time to people</li> <li>-our name is a reminder of the past</li> <li>-we won't beat on doors for \$</li> <li>-we do great job of consulting NH about program needs &amp; how to distribute the \$</li> <li>-do what we have capacity for – plan well</li> <li>-have the resources AND commitment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-this group will focus on recreation &amp; social/community. building needs for NH</li> <li>-good people who want good things for NH</li> <li>-leveraging <u>street feeling</u> into whole NH</li> <li>-maximize on how people already connect</li> <li>-walking club-take note of what causes success</li> <li>-FUN</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-inclusiveness-recognize that there might be some male/female only groups</li> <li>-sense of community</li> <li>-safe NH</li> <li>-focus on FUN-social + recreational</li> <li>-respectful treatment of participants</li> <li>-community needs to call it</li> <li>-we don't waste each other's time</li> <li>-do what you said you would do-follow through</li> <li>-we support each other to do what's sustainable (plus no more)</li> </ul>