

Kortright Hills Neighbourhood Group
Community Meeting
June 21, 2007
7:00 pm

Present: Heather Arsenault, Dean Post, Doug Johnson, Nancy Kielar – City of Guelph,
Delilah Keating – Outreach Worker

Approval of May 17, 2007 minutes – accepted as is

1. Phone listing – census reached to change the phone listing to Kortright Hills Neighbourhood Group, Heather will contact Bell and pay the fee from the Community Account.
2. Volunteer Centre – at the June meeting Nancy was asked to contact the Volunteer Centre to seek their resources in the review of the organization. Gayle Valeriotte is eager to work with the group. Nancy to contact Gayle again and ask if she can come to the July 19th meeting to facilitate a conversation about lessons learned and how we move forward.

We also need to evaluate how we communicate with members, who we are, where we are going. We will start this work tonight.

3. Review of the organization - brainstorming

What do you want?

- to reach out into the community, to reach out to each other so we are a synthesized, cohesive, group of people
- People on cul de sacs have personal connection but bigger streets people do not know who their neighbours are
- to get people involved in our immediate neighbourhood
- Neighbours knowing neighbours
- Engaging people with their neighbours
- People are time starved we need to find ways to build connectedness that does not drain
- Instill pride in the community
- Youth feel pride then they will respect the community and will stay on track
- Find ways to connect people so that the sense of home is greater than an individuals property
- The boundaries are large, there are sub neighbourhoods with in the community, roads divide up the catchments, sometimes the needs of these sub neighbourhoods are different from each other
- Through volunteering get to know each other
- Assess needs and capacities of the community
- Social and recreational programs need to address the gaps not compete with the other resources in the community (ie, the YMCA is a huge resource to this community, the school programs as well)

Who are we?

- A community group
- An organization that focuses on creating and building a sense of community
- Creating a sense of physical and psychological security
- Making our lives better
- Creating a village with in the city

How will we do this?

- Assess the resources
- Address the gaps

What do we do?

- Offer programs, services, workshops
- Offer community building events
- Communicate with each other
- Use the resources of the community

- New ideas – street socials, golf tournament for residents

Where do we do this?

- Consensus reached that the current boundaries be maintained, however we need to evaluate these every couple of years

What is our identity?

- Kortright Hills Neighbourhood Group – A Village in the City
- Logo needs to be:
 - simple and clean
 - Easily reproduced
 - Able to be read when small – ie for the Leisure Guide
 - Able to be reproduced in black and white
 - Concepts to include:
 - Homes
 - People that are connected
 - Nature – creeks, green space, heritage trees, waterfowl park
- Heather will contact graphic designer to get idea of price