

Kortright Hills Neighbourhood Group
Community Meeting
Thursday May 17, 2007

Agenda

- NSC – level of development
-finance representation
- Community Building event
- Earth Day review
- Programs
 - skateboard park
 - walking club
 - Lunch on the run – extension
 - supplies
- community room
 - summer schedule
 - co-op
 - cupboards unlocked
- project serve
- leisure guide
- meeting dates past June
- Scout update

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

- 1a. NSC level of development – Nancy asked the group since we are in a redevelopment phase did we want to change our level of development with the City from Developing to Initiating. In doing this there would be fewer obligations to the NSC and we could focus on ourselves. Consensus was reached that we would like to see where we are at over the next few months, and then determine where we are going. We need to do some education in the community of what the focus of the Neighbourhood Group is, and do some work on branding and public relations. We need to revisit our organizational goals to see if they are still in line with the focus of the Neighbourhood Group. Nancy will contact the Volunteer Centre to research their support to member agencies around organizational development.
- b. NSC Finance representation – KHNG as part of the signed service and financial agreement is responsible to attend NSC Finance meetings. Again Janette recognizes that the group is rebuilding. However, if you are thinking about remaining in the Developing Phase it is important that you do your best to attend NSC Finance meetings. Finance meetings are held at St Stan's school beside Church of Our Lady the 2nd Wednesday of the month people arrive for 5:45 for light refreshments and the meeting starts at 6:00. If able to attend let other members know. Doug has offered to attend the June 13th meeting.

2. Community Building Event

Delilah did outreach at Earth Day to recruit volunteers to take on a planning role. One person signed up to help. Alana willing to help out – needs to do it at home as she has a broken leg at this time. Is there enough support to plan and implement an event?

- fall is a good time to get people involved

- launch of re-branding just before bbq and demonstrate who we are at the bbq

- let's go for September 8th and do a simple event

- Laura was asking about the dog show. Not able to commit to the dog show at this time – perhaps can look at for next year – Nancy will let Laura know

3. Earth Day – review – the day went well the Scouts did a fantastic job planning and implementing the event. Twelve families were involved and collected 46 bags of garbage. The poster contest went well. Scouts will follow up with thank you letters/card to the donors of the prizes.

4. Programs

a. Skateboard Park – Nancy to get the staff keys to access the bathroom and community room in inclement weather.

Delilah will contact Tyler to get the details of the start date, day and time of our site to put it in the newsletter and ask to put on the message board outside the school.

b. Walking Club – 12 people expressed interest

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings at 7:30 and Tuesday Thursday mornings at 9:30 people meet in the parking lot out. Some days more people are showing up than others. Need to do some promotion to other people.

Delilah will send out an email to the distribution list with times and dates, and ask to have an article in the school newsletter.

Heather raised a concern around the feasibility of bringing the registration forms on every walk. There is not a consistent person leading the group it is who ever shows up so the forms are not easily accessible and then not kept confidential. Consensus was reached that since the participants are adults and they are walking in a residential area where help is accessible that it is not necessary to bring the forms along. If it progresses to hiking on the trails then we can reassess the need to carry the forms.

c. Lunch on the Run – had a late start and we have received permission from the funder to extend the program to the fall from Sept to Dec,

The end of this session the participants are going to U of G stadium for a mini Olympics with the other Lunch on the run participants across the other Neighbourhood Groups and sites. Each participant will receive a medal at the event. The students will be bussed to the University. Dave Mitchell – VP for Kortright Hills Public School is looking after the permission forms for the children. Dave has been asked to include the waiver of liability for the City of Guelph and KHNG Equipment funds – Delilah priced base ball equipment and to purchase bases, bats, balls and gloves it would exceed the budget and how would community members access the equipment? We will review our active living equipment needs perhaps there is some things that we could get for the bbq.

5. Community Room

- a. Summer Schedule – Scouts – Ventures till end of June back first of September
Parent Child Place – till last two weeks of Aug
Heather – not booking for the summer
Parent Support Group – outside
Relax and Renew – Delilah to check with Laura
Hand Drumming – Delilah to check with Laura

b. Use for next school year. All users will be invited in August to make a presentation to the Neighbourhood Group regarding continued use. They will be asked to describe their program, their outreach strategy and how they are reaching people in our community. Information will be shared with the users around their responsibilities for using the room. Contracts will be given to each group that attends. Following the presentations a decisions will be made regarding the individual requests.

Delilah will contact – Pathfinders, Parent Support Group, Parent Child Place, Scouts, Hand Drumming, and Relax and Renew

c. Cupboards for the printer and office supplies were found unlocked. Delilah will arrange to have lock smith change the snack cupboard and Scout cupboard and then all number 4 keys will be collected and a new number 5 key will be issued to program leaders to access the coffee equipment.

6. Project Serve through the University of Guelph Volunteer Centre will be September 29, 9:15 – noon. Do you want to participate? Yes and they will do newsletter distribution. We will need to create a newsletter for them.
7. Fall Leisure Guide submissions are due June 15
8. Future meeting dates – consensus was reached to keep the 3rd Thursday of month for regular meetings.
9. Scout Update: The 26th Guelph is finishing up its season. Recently the group completed the Yellow Fish Road Program in the KH Neighbourhood. There are now yellow fish at each storm drain the neighbourhood. The Group is also participating in year end camps including its own family camp in June. Members of the KHNG are welcome to join us for the bbq at the camp (Sat. June 23 – Guelph Lake). Contact Dean for details. Also 9 Scouts and 5 Venturers are traveling to Montreal this summer to participate in the Canadian Jamboree (100th anniversary of the start of Scouts).

The Scout Group will need Beaver and Cub leaders in the fall. Any interested parties please contact Paul Schadenberg. Group Commissioner 26th Guelph Scout Group
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