



"creating a village in the city"

Community Meeting
October 16, 2008
7:00 pm
Community Room

Present:, Dean Post, Nancy Kielar – District Community Coordinator, , Ines Ojkic, Alana McIntyre, Heather Arsenault, Mokles Rahman, Mary Roberts-Payne

Regrets: Doug Johnson, Lorne Emery, Stacy Medley - Community Program Leader,
Tammy Oakley

1. Approval of Minutes

Consensus to approve of September 18, 2008 – change Dean was present at the meeting,
approval of the June 19 deferred

2. Staff announcement

Stacy has announced that she has taken a new position in London and will complete two weeks notice. We wish Stacy all the best and appreciate the work she has done!
We would like to hire quickly as there is not a lot of time left to the year. Nancy will check to see if we can post within the community and the other Neighbourhood Groups and have a quick closing date.

3. Social Event

- Alana is willing to coordinate the registration – hopefully we will have new staff person and can use KH contact info – if not use for this time will use Alana's contact info or set up a yahoo address
- Stacy to finish the flyer
- Alana to confirm date and time with Empres

4. Jazzercise

- only one student registered
- will try again in the new year
- it was a challenge not being able to promote to the specific classes with a flyer – the school did post it in the newsletter

5. Clairfields Communicator

- Nancy wanted to share a new idea that Clairfields is trying
- bimonthly flyer being sent out to distribution list and posted on mailboxes focusing on events and activities for the next few months
- consensus that this would be a good tool to do as a group

6. Budget 09

- November meeting need to start discussions about the interests and needs of the group

- Nancy to ask Stacy to set up a survey to send out to families and link to the website to get input from community members
- will also have the survey available at the Holiday Social

7. Winterfest

- Scout Group is supportive of assisting therefore KH will be participating along side the 26th Scouts

8. Storm Tickets

- The NSC applied to the Guelph Storm to participate in fundraising through their 50/50 event (there is another event to raise money for the United Way – you may support this event as well but are not obligated to as you do not receive United Way funds)
- each group that participates in selling tickets and having one or two volunteers at the game will divide the proceeds
- KH has 20 tickets to sell the cost of these will be deducted off the NSC allocation by The City of Guelph – Dean has promoted the opportunity to the community
- consensus to purchase any remaining tickets for volunteer recognition both with KHNG and the 26th Scouts as they do so much for community building events

9. Scouts About

- have heard back from the University it is very likely KH will be receiving 2 students
- priority to hire Program & Outreach Worker as they are the supervisor for the students

10. Newsletters

- need to centralize the distribution list – Stacy to follow up with Doug to get into community centre files
- review update once decision about position is made

11. Family Gym Nights

- KH has booked KHPS's gym the third Friday of the month for Family Gym Nights
- ask Stacy to feature in the school newsletter
- Scouts were interested in taking a leadership role – will offer to the various sections
- Nancy to check the equipment order that was placed

12. Lending of Equipment

- Stacy created form for signing out equipment – looks good

13. Communication

- to minimize emails please keep items for meetings the few weeks before the meeting – Nancy apologized for the volume coming from her – with a the extra work load it she has been sending as she has been receiving – she hears the concern and will hold items for the meeting
- list of core volunteers to receive emails regarding decision making includes: Mokeles, Dean, Lorne, Alana, Innes, Tammy, Mary, Doug and KH

14. Ice Rink

- may need a coordinator for ice rink if do not have a staff person

15. NSC

-There seem to be a number processes on going at NSC have a summary members asked Nancy for a summary:

- NSC Finance – is reviewing the steps involved for the Allocation Process and are working towards having Council adopt formally the participatory budgeting process

- if you have any concerns or suggestions on how the process could be improved this would be the time and place to do it

- for example I know that your group struggled with the decision to move into Developing Stage and that you were uncertain if you were ready to take on the responsibilities – but you felt it was the only way that you could get additional funds for staff to assist with your programs

- frustration was expressed after the last allocation that mid way through the process a staff person shared information about the number of open cases with F&CS and you felt that it was implied that as a group not identified you should give up more funds to the other more “needy” groups

- frustration was also expressed that even though there was an increase of \$50,000 to the allocation last year KHNG came away with less money than in 2007, you discusses that when “cuts” were made during the allocation that you felt an immediate impact as you were not expanding where other groups had put in for new initiatives, events, programs so when they took a “cut” it did not negatively impact there current level – do all groups need to show the funds needed to sustain and the funds for new projects so that everyone is impacted the same?

- NSC Restructuring

- last December the NSC disbanded the organizational infrastructure

- Heather has been attending these planning meetings on behalf of KH as you felt it was important to have a voice of a smaller group involved

- they have hired a consultant to lead all groups through a revision

- workshops will be Nov 3rd and Nov 17th in the evening

- our group needs a process that is simplified and attractive to smaller and newer groups

- want to create a readiness to access the support of the NSC and the Sponsoring partners with out crippling the group – right now we only have enough resources to keep things going on a local level, we do not have resources to on a monthly basis attend 3 other evening meetings

- needs to be a structure that meets the needs of all groups

- Fire Side Chat

- in February NSC went to Council and asked for an increase in funds for the allocation, Council approved a one time increase of \$50, 000 and directed the NSC to put a business plan together for next budget

- delegations only get 10 minutes to make a presentation, the purpose of the Fire Side Chat is to share with Councilors and other funders the work and scope of the NSC and Neighbourhood Group so that when they receive requests from the NSC they have a stronger understanding of who the request is coming from and what they are doing for the community

16. Community Building

-Nancy attended a workshop on community building based on the programs in place in Seattle Washington

-two ideas that were brought up she thought may be of interest to your group

-Sandwich boards – one group uses sandwich boards at the entrance ways to their neighbourhood to focus on a particular event or activity – it just lists a quick title of interest and links them to the website where all the details can be found – saves on volunteer time and paper! – this idea reminded me of the message boards you were talking about last year that did not happen due to funds – perhaps this could be done instead – it really works for them!

-skating party – one of the easiest community building events that a group in Waterloo does is a community skate – they book the ice and promote the family event offer hot chocolate and cookies, people really enjoy it and really connect with each other, the group uses the opportunity to do outreach to get people signed up to help with other events

17. Overnight parking

-concerns were raised about the new bylaw that permits overnight parking

-hard to see, garbage not being pick up, street is narrow for both side parking

- this was a 6 month trial you need to share concerns about the overnight parking to council and parking staff

- Nancy will send an email with the contact information for staff and Council

18. Bus Routes

-Mary was asking if are there plans to have service onto Teal Milson area – only goes to Ptarmigan

-Nancy to get the contact information of the staff person that plans routes to Mary

Next Meeting:

Thursday November 20th 7:00 – 9:00 in the community room