

Fred Hamilton Park - Meeting 1 Summary

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

In attendance: Scott Childs
Zac Childs
Jill Cuthbertson
Margaret Isabel
Susan Antler
Danielle (sorry I missed your last name)
Matt Bremer
Melana Janzen
Brian Green
Marco Bianchi

Regrets: Councillor Layton, James Brown

Timelines

- Marco will provide an updated timeline at the next meeting. With the election and Stanley Park issues and Fort York bridge blowing up, his duties were assigned elsewhere and he is once again behind schedule.

Review of Fred Hamilton and current features

Washroom

- Hours of operation are an issue
 - Hours should be or will be posted, as well as the possibility of staying open later
- Smell is an issue
- Needs an overall facelift
- The building is probably oversized, and people often loiter behind the building
 - Drug dealing not as bad as it used to be, but still present

Lawn maintenance

- lack of care and attention as been generating large dead spots where no grass ever grows. Admittedly this may be due to shade issues as well
- look into the possibility of adding wood chips/mulch around trees
 - exposed roots are not good for trees

Wading Pool

- Storage room is underused
- Pool is a visual eyesore
 - Painting may be possible of the floor of the wading pool

Pathways

- Very dangerous, especially in the winter. It's an accident waiting to happen
- Needs to be surfaced so that it is navigable in all seasons

Stairway to Roxton

- Are very dangerous and are very challenging for anyone with mobility issues, or mothers with strollers
 - General maintenance and ramp installation needed

Garbage Receptacles

- More are needed, and placement near benches and seating areas are key as well.

Community Garden

- More signage is needed to let people know they should not be walking on top of the plants
 - Proper signage could be added, and a pathway leading around the garden

Water Fountains

- Two in the park
 - North East – non functioning
 - area near the north water fountain was referred to as the Bench of Sorrow or something similar
 - South West – area around the fountain becomes a mud-pile and remains this way throughout the year

Preliminary Proposed Additions

- Volleyball Courts
- Increased Lighting
- More picnic tables
- Small skating rink

Review Brown & Storey Architects design

- Brought up the possibility of linking Fred Hamilton, Roxton Parkette and George Benn Park revitalization
 - General feeling amongst those in attendance was to focus on Fred Hamilton
 - After 3:30pm the Benn park is open to the public
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- Re: traffic calming measures, Marco mentioned that this would be problematic to discuss at this meeting as this is a Transportation Services issue, and to comment on what can and cannot be done would be problematic.

General

- Any issues can be sent to bgreen@toronto.ca or by calling the Councillor's Office (416 392 4009)
- Since this meeting, the white van has been moved
- Marco asked if the group could take on the role of members sharing the role of chairmanship
 - Marco agreed to chair the next few meetings while the group gains traction
- August 27th is the Environment Day at Fred Hamilton

Next steps

- All attendees setting their priority lists
- Establishing timelines
- Disclosing available funds
- Engaging the wider community

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Fred Hamilton Park Steering Committee will be held on:

Wednesday, June 15th at 6:00pm at City Hall.

Same routine as last time. Gather in front of Reception Area C and Marco will let you all into the meeting room.