

FoRRP Revitalization Committee
Meeting #1 – Minutes
June 11, 2012 (Monday)

In attendance: Melana (chair), Shani, Justine, Susan, Jill, Marco

A. Pre-Meeting Pow-Wow on Communications (led by Shani):

1. Shani took us through the new blog – all in favour!
2. Justine and Shani suggest using SpaceHive for soliciting volunteers (primarily) and donations (secondary); and another site on the web called xxx
3. Pinterest.com/roxtontofriends account is now open and available to Steering Committee members. Log on to address above a set up your own account.

B. Revitalization Committee Meeting

1. We will be running two parallel pieces to be brought to the city:
 - a. Direction for the 2013 upgrades already set to happen (the washroom building and the path paving)
 - b. Creation of the larger Master Plan for the park
2. Discussion on what pieces of information are we missing to complete a report
 - a. we need to decide on a direction for the buildings – these are our most urgent items; they will be informed by both our food survey and the work done on the Playscape (formerly Playground) committee
 - b. we discussed the question of ‘big’ new programming in the park and the fact that not everyone will value this – we generally agreed to let ‘big’ items like tennis courts or a skating rink fall away (decision not finalized) and focus on a playscape for the lower area of the park
3. Melana to send Jill the community consultation chart tallies.
4. Jill to do list of immediate needs for park (maintenance / operational items).
5. Group reviewed the proposed report document. Jill will write up “context” section that can serve as generic copy for website as well. All can discuss the merits of the rest of the document via email (we ran out of time). Justine’s graphs to be included in the report (with all the new community data we will collect) – Justine to have a stab at reworking them to include all the data we collect.

6. Marco will give us a breakout of funds now identified for Washrooms & Field House (how much is designated for each building).
7. Justine to pull together Playscape sub-committee soon so it can feed into Revitalization work. This could impact what work we want done to the Field House in 2013, although work on the playground not likely to happen until 2014 or later.
8. Marco indicated that the Compost Council has stewardship of the community garden. Susan noted that Compost Council can be used to support paid summer student position applications.
9. Interest in putting path for accessibility across Roxton Parkette. Marco to see if there is any possibility of using AODA funds for this in 2013.
10. Impassioned plug for Green initiatives including geothermal micro energy and PAPER loans. Melana will write to Mike Layton asking for meeting about this initiative and whether George Ben could be considered a prototype or early site. Melana wonders if this could be handled as a
11. Discussion on allotment gardens. Marco indicated Solomon Boie at city is responsible for allotment gardens. There is huge public demand for this, but City can't keep up, so it could be a long process. Agreed we should get soil tested first to see if it is even possible. Marco to tell us how to get testing done. Melana and Justine will do research into groups existing in city that might have experience with allotment gardens.
12. Agreed to four key principles for the park (our unique position as a park)
 - a. Intergenerational - support intergenerational focus/activities
 - b. Climate Change Action - take on climate change as a local issue and support ecologically and environmentally sustainable materials, practices, and activities
 - c. Creativity - use fact that this neighbourhood is locus for creative industry workers for inspiration in any park intervention
 - d. History - make apparent the history of neighbourhood including Garrison Creek and immigrant history (eg. grapes)
13. Meeting to review ramp proposal tentatively set for Friday June 29. Jill to confirm.
14. Expect we will need a second neighbourhood flyer drop with updated planning information in July.