

Friends of Roxton Road Parks
Meeting held Mon April 2, 2012

Attendees: Justine, Danielle, Barbara, Alda, Melana, Angela, Shani, Zachary, Margueret, Jill, Bob, Marco
Regrets: Susan

1) Introductions

Marco outlined process group has gone through so far to newest members

2) Community Consultation held Mar 21, 2012: Overview of results

Most yes: Central Plaza

2nd most yes: Allotment Garden proposal for George Ben

3rd most yes: Natural gardens

Most no: Farm animals in the park

2nd most no: addition to washroom building

Discussion about the future of the washroom building and idea to have a coffee shop?

- Group does not want to drop the idea, but will need to revisit how to represent the idea to the community.
- Community Kitchen? Snack Bar?
- Calling it a coffee shop raised concerns given how many are on the neighbourhood.
- Marco explained that the City has not prioritized this work on the brick building, and will hold off on applying funds to this project until a vision is put forth by the FoRRP.
- Wood stove oven discussion - much support from the group
- Marco explained some issues with ovens in the park and promised to look up the new policy.

Key idea: How do we bring food into the park? How to we move forward with that idea? Idea for survey at Environment Day "How would you do food in your park?"

Agreed priority #1 is Accessibility (repairs and replacing stairways).

Talked about mapping 3 parks and making it available on website.
Shani will take on park graphic identity that can be used on website and other products.

Mar 21 followup - Margeuret sending email to all who left addresses thanking them for coming to first public consultation meeting, and shared draft at meeting for input.

Didn't actually get enough time at meeting talking about how to take community input from Mar 21 and feed it back to City Hall. Needs more work so a small group offered to consult via email including: Melana, Shani, Justine with cc's to Marco and Jill. Bring Forward at next meeting.

3) Other

Go ahead to Bob Pritchard to produce T-shirts for the group - and start selling at Environment Day as fundraiser. Margueret and Bob taking a lead on the BBQ with Enbridge for Environment Day.

Brief discussion about LEAF and what they might offer to our parks

Susan previously agreed to leading history sub-team on three parks and surrounding area.

Discussed Little Portugal Neighbours Association which has been discussing Fred Hamilton Park, and how that group might overlap with Trinity Bellwoods Residents Association in terms of boundaries / district and perhaps 2 groups should connect - Marco will try to pull them together.

4) Conclusion

Discussed instead of trying to get to a shared vision, maybe it makes more sense to agree on design principles at this point ie. sustainability, green.

If Friends group grows (which seems to be a natural evolution at this point), now might be time to set up sub-teams feeding into the steering committee (with Marco) including:

1. history committee
2. web committee
3. fundraising / events committee

5) Next Meeting

Needs discussion at next meeting.
Date for next meeting to be arranged on line.