

FoRRP Revitalization Committee
Meeting #4 Minutes
February 26, 2013

Present: Melana (chair), Marco, Jill, Zac, Adam, Susan, Shani, Justine
Guests: Christine Bouchard, City of Toronto Transportation Services; Jayme Turney, Toronto Public Space Initiative

1. Assign a secretary
 - Zac took minutes for this meeting, but Revitalization still needs to find a secretary.
2. Brief overview of the minutes from the last meeting and any updates on action items.
 - We did not complete this part of the agenda.
3. Update on the progress of the 2013 work (Marco)
 - Park upgrades for 2013. Both ramps will definitely be completed using AODA funds. Action: Marco will confirm all other items on Melana's list shared prior to meeting following conversation with Martin. Marco asked that someone give him a plan showing optimal garbage bin locations.
 - From the 2013 List Marco also commented that there will be no funding for the water sources this year – we need to push that work back; Marco will enquire whether the proposed SE access point from the laneway can be added; it was agreed that getting the paths across the park priced in concrete was a waste of time given it would eat into the funds more than considered worthwhile.
4. Partnering with TPSI
 - Discussed Toronto Public Space Initiative Proposal to align with FoRRP, discussion with Jayme. His mission is to act as a problem-solver, not project leader. His goal is to ensure good public consultation and help FoRRP operate democratically and with continued transparency in order to achieve best outcomes for the parks. He would also be able to help by partnering on grant applications. He is skeptical that the increasing privatization in parks will benefit communities long term or because of a loss of autonomy. Would ensure an appropriate balance for us between research and testing.
5. Partnering with a group to move design forward
 - Discussed role of Masters Students from Waterloo (FRMLab) and Ryerson in idea generation around Water Harvest concept and our park master planning. Agreed to let Melana continue her discussions to keep these possibilities alive, but we needed to come back to the subject. Jayme offered to give this some of his attention and consideration in advance of a more in depth discussion about what we would ask the students to achieve. Melana offered to draft a design brief in which future collaborations could be built. TPSI would like to be involved in liaising as well. Must settle by August if we wish to move forward with FRMLab due to their grant deadline.
6. Kitchen research
 - Kitchen discussion resulted in the following recommendations:

- a. Marco recommends we proceed with a Community Kitchen as currently planned, to be revised as needed once consultant hired, and that we determine programming and any partnerships once it is built.
- b. Councillor Layton has clearly stated he does not want a “for-profit” company operating the kitchen.
- c. Justine to give Jayme food survey data
- d. Jayme offered to do some research into providing f&b in parks for discussion at upcoming meeting.
- e. Some effort should be spent researching how the for-profit sector might run such an enterprise as it might inform our planning (Susan noted Grenadier in High Park).
- f. One-on-one casual consultation with potential not-for-profit partners should continue in order to gauge interest, and we need to come back to Justine’s idea to do an open house/brainstorm with a variety of potential partners to explore full potential for this program.
- g. Everyone agreed a Task Force on this kitchen is needed.

7. The orchard, tree and allotment pieces

- We did not complete this part of the agenda.

8. Reviewing our mandate as written on the FoRRP organizational chart.

- The committee agreed to maintain the current mandate.

9. Timeline expectations

- We did not complete this part of the agenda.

10. Bike lanes along Shaw st.

- Discussion about Bike lane proposal with Christine. Asked her to investigate whether there are issues related to a) safety for young children having cars parked directly beside Fred Hamilton Park b) garbage collection which happens on west side of street, not east. There is some discomfort with the aesthetic of curbside parking along Fred Hamilton Playground on a regular basis. Request that the City look at more clearly demarcating bike lanes and ensuring clear signage to help organize safety of all: pedestrians, cyclists and drivers as new routing is put in place. March 11 is the soft deadline for community feedback.

11. March 22 Tree Management Plan meeting with U of T - contact Jill if you want to attend.