

FoRRP Steering Minutes - November 16th 2016

In attendance: Tony, Zac, Jill, Sam, Marco, Barbara, Melana, Tara

Note brought up by Tara. In Fall leaves cover the path and make it hard for people to see the paths edges. People in wheelchairs have mentioned that this is a bit of a problem. (Park staff have come by and cleared path)

City update:

Middle of budget season. No major updates.

History:

The history committee is finished the 2017 Calendar and was launched Monday November 28th at tampered press. There are lots of new historical photos inside. 100 Copies have been printed and are on sale now for \$10. Available at Ziggys, tampered press, and online orders accepted.

ACTION: Barbara and Kim to do a blog post before christmas.

Green:

Jill presented a tree plan for Spring. We are anticipating 40 new trees in the three parks from the City. Jill has been consulting about location and species with local residents and tree authorities. ACTION: Start finding adopters for the new year.

Neighbours in Roxton Road Parkette expressed concerns about fruit trees being planted in that area because of pests. So shade trees will be planted instead of the fruit trees. It was also expressed that a willow tree would do well there. Very moist soil and some healthy willows already in the area.

It was expressed that the City and our specific area needs many more trees to reach the City's canopy goal of 40%. Our ward is currently at 7.7% coverage. This will be hard to achieve on public lands alone. Much of that increase needs to happen on private properties. FoRRP to look into ways of expanding tree coverage on private properties

Container Garden Adoption:

Tara has adopted the container garden along the washroom building. It needs to be topped off with soil, also needs some signage. Talked about making the Bellwoods House Stewards for it. There is a donor willing to pay for plant material that can be explored in the Spring. A hose is going to be installed on the building to make watering easier.

Laneway puncture feedback:

Re-launching in the spring, we need more watering participation from neighbours so that the flora flourishes. Also we should look at next steps for the laneway. The fence at the end of the laneway is going to be removed in the Spring and replaced with natural barriers

Events:

Deferred to next meeting. January pancake breakfast is being planned. Date to be confirmed.

Revitalization:

Washroom building update. Contractors are doing interior work on the building. We are still expecting it to be completed in January. Melana is working on the interior design, Tara

expressed that contrasting colours to make things easier to see. The washrooms will be gender neutral and accessible for all people.

We intend that the operation of the community kitchen to be done without official City permitting practises and remain a space used in a more informal nature. ACTION: Ben to begin programming plan for Kitchen building.

We should start sourcing art for the walls when construction is finished. Historical images would be ideal. Tara has CNIB status and could help us get cheaper hi-res images.

Melana brought forward a proposal to install a Tetherball post. The \$250 donation can be put towards this, but we might have to raise more funds. ACTION: Melana to get more specific pricing information and bring back to group as well as decide location at next meeting.

Other Business:

Still working on accessibility ramp into bocce courts. Some of our neighbours expressed they wanted a wider one than the prototype.

Tony has a list of historical businesses in the neighbourhood to research and potentially post on the blog. If anyone knows anything about these businesses please send info to tony.