

Minutes from the FoRRP meeting held Wednesday November 18th 2015
at Trinity Bellwoods Recreation Centre

Attendees: Jill, Marco, Christine, Samantha, Bob, Barbara, Aidan

Revitalization Committee update

Update on washroom building renovation: **Action: Marco** will organize meeting with Melana, Jill, and Martin Balgavy, our City project manager for January 2016. Goal is to complete renovation in Fall 2016.

WaterHarvest project update - trying to do a few more tasks before winter incl. temp sign; filling of rain garden excavation and planting 2 bushes to mark the spot over winter. Focus on spring to complete rain garden planting and find adopter. Aidan has contact for experience rain garden people who are DSF Rangers.

Discussed launch event to thank donors, stakeholders, and to raise awareness for project. Everyone agreed most appropriate timing is with Environment Day - in tandem with other regular activities. Everyone agreed the launch should be done as a collaboration with the City. Marco said Councillor's office will help facilitate. Preferred date is sometime between mid April through May. Suggestion to pursue rainbarrel.ca given we have sufficient lead-time. **Action: Jill**

Laneway Puncture project on hold with Laneway Project Group.

Christine noted there is a new neighbour who wants to be on Playground Committee: **Action: Christine**

Everyone thought there should be one more blog post about park revitalizations 2015/2016. **Action: Jill & Christine**

Green Committee update

Adopt-a-tree program - Plantings started 2013. Some now 3 summers old. Original commitment 3-5 years. Some trees may need 1-2 more years. Some adopters VERY attached to trees. Will existing adopters who have completed their "care" be interested in taking on a new tree? Need to come up with plan with a person that has tree expertise. Redo map, reassignments and find new adopters, liaise with City, determine if new plantings needed. **Action: Jill**

History update

Calendars - Barb brought finished calendars. Asked for help with sales. Bob agreed to help and Christine suggested OOPS Gingerbread Fair. Agreed this should be our next blog post. Online sales pending ability to connect through PayPal - **Action: Christine** to connect with Sam on this. Sales should be directed to Tampered Press unless otherwise notified. Launch at Tampered Press on Monday November 30th from 6:30 to 8:00 Everyone is invited.

If Paypal for sales is added, we could do a second post closer to Christmas and push sales of calendars and T-Shirts.

Bottles and tea kettle found during excavation may date filling of park, and be interesting blog post. Objects should be considered for display in new kitchen.

Events update

Everyone agrees the Halloween event was best on weekend...so will schedule it for Saturdays or Sundays in future.

Pancake breakfast will be Sunday January 24th

More t-shirts will be ordered. Men's medium and large sizes only. Design stays as is. **Action: Bob.**

Communications update

Business cards being printed with slight design modifications. **Action: Christine**

Paypal on blog for selling our products online. **Action: Christine** working out what is possible.

Donation Page on blog is completed.

Winter season recommendations from last year

Snow clearing along paved park paths will NOT be done by City. No salt will be used.

Issue raised of snow bank that is always left at south east corner of park by City plowing. **Action: Marco** to write to appropriate department.

Flyer reminding residents to shovel snow regularly - FoRRP to write, design & distribute. Marco can have printed. Idea to give community hours to high school students at local school. Flyer copy can be used in blog post to remind people about snow shovelling. Contact Bellwoods Park House on ways to help residents traverse streets during winter season - **Action: Bob & Jill**

Natural ice rink in park - deferred until next year since no one at meeting has the time or inclination to pursue it.

Other Business: Idea to add lighting to mature trees in parks, along pathways.

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 20th - AGM