

Steering Committee Meeting - March 16th, 2016

In Attendance: Marco, Jill, Melana, Barbara, Samantha, Zac, Rachel, Tim

City Update

Building renovation still on course to begin in June, but exact timeline tbc. The Parks Department will do the re-grading around the washroom building and install the trellis system as shading structure. No timeline for this to be completed though.

A concrete ping-pong table is available for our parks. George Ben park is getting two accessible benches along the path. ACTION: Zac to consult all Directors on preferred location for ping-pong table and send details to Marco.

Samantha raised idea that ERA Architects Inc. may advocate for designation of Old Orchard Public School land as a culturally and historically significant landscape. This is based on its historical significance as part of the original Dovercourt Estate (owned by Col. R. L. Denison), and as a part of former Garrison Creek linking green space directly to Roxton Road Parks. She was looking for support in principle for this concept from our group. Everyone felt this would be a worthy effort and would participate in the community process that would be involved. Marco noted that land with school boards is provincially owned, so City has limited influence. This might be a future initiative that FoRRP History Committee gets involved in.

Revitalization

The WaterHarvest Prototype launch will take place on April 30th in combination with Environment Day in Fred Hamilton park. The first pumping and public remarks will take place at 11:30am by washroom building. West Neighbourhood House is interested in adopting the rain garden which meets our objective of involving a local community group in stewardship. Alternatively Zack and Ashley will also adopt. ACTION: Melana. We need to do some promotion for the WaterHarvest launch on the 30th of April. FoRRP will post on blog, twitter, and Facebook. City will send out Councillors E-Day Newsletter, and do a Media Advisory and Press Release for the event. We need a graphic designer for WaterHarvest permanent signage. ACTION: Jill and Melana.

Events

Environment Day on April 30th in combination with the WaterHarvest project. Enbridge is confirmed to operate the bbq. Events committee is meeting to consider other things to incorporate into the day.

LiveGreen Community Cleanup Day is on April 23rd and 24th this year. ACTION: Tim to coordinate FoRRP participation. LiveGreen needs his contact name & number, set # of participants. Approach St. Luke's for participation in GBP and Cristian for participation in RRP.

Other business

Brian Green is arranging for hose bib installation by wading pool.

FoRRP T-shirt update deferred to next meeting

St. Luke's Catholic School is having a meeting on March 29th regarding the amalgamation of Senhor Santa Cristo into their community. They have requested a FoRRP representative to

attended the meeting. The group suggested Bob Pritchard as an appropriate rep. ACTION: Jill to ask Bob to represent FoRRP.

Rachel attended the Park People Summit on behalf of FoRRP Park. The key note speaker talked about how revitalizing parks decreases crime. The summit updated various park initiatives across the City and has begun to advocate for Toronto becoming a more bee friendly City. ACTION: Zac follow up with Aidan about previously discussed bee condo project.

Next Meeting May 18th, 2016