

FoRRP Steering Committee Minutes – September 17th 2014

In attendance: Jill, Zac Philpa, Aidan, Bob, Melana, Doug, Margaret, and Christine.

City Updates

- Two sets of garbage and recycling bins have been added to the park after our request.
- Four purple benches remain
- The four apple trees have been planted by the wildflower garden. The Compost Council is adopting them.
- We are asking FoRRP members to call or email 311 and request curb cuts at our ramps.

Revitalization

- We got back the bids for the washroom building/pathway upgrades and all of them exceeded our funds. We will be breaking down the project into smaller pieces and tendering them one at a time. Pathway paving in Fred Hamilton and Roxton Road Parkette, along with repair to the washroom building roof is going to be sent out to tender first and hopefully construction can start in late October.
- May Wu has completed her thesis project on playground design. We will be setting up a playground task force at the next revitalization meeting.

Events

- The Halloween event approaching, send movie suggestions to Bob. The events committee will be organizing the movie night along with other features.
- Bob proposed establishing a donor recognition structure in which we acknowledge donors financial contributions. Create hierarchy of support levels with Platinum members contributing \$250, Gold members contributing \$100, Silver members \$50, Bronze Members \$25, and Jelly Bean members at \$5. Donor names and thanks could be added to our website on a “supporter” page. ACTION: Bob and Christine to add the structure to the blog. We can soon offer tax receipts to our donors. ACTION: Jill to follow through on our connection with the Parks and Trees foundation. They would offer the tax receipt and then put the money in an account for us to use.

Green Task Force

- Jode Roberts of the David Suzuki Foundation in partnership with LEAF, Not Far from the Tree and FoRRP has submitted a letter of intent to the Weston Foundation to implement the creation of a Food Forest in our three parks. We will find out on Oct. 6TH if we are invited to write the full application. We should connect with our stakeholders about this project. For more info on the Food Forest contact Aidan.
- The soil tests of our three parks indicate that Fred Hamilton Park and Roxton Road Parkette that have zinc and lead levels beyond the maximum permissible metal content.

George Ben Park soil passed. We will have to start improving the soil content and determining what these results mean for the orchard/garden.

- Park supervisor Brian Green has assessed the asphalt pad in the lower area of Fred Hamilton. Removing the pad was chosen as a priority in our January 15th 2014 meeting. Brian Green is supportive of removing it and replacing with grass. FoRRP members at this meeting reaffirmed their support for removing the pad. Thank you to the compost council for providing the compost and Brian Green for the providing the sod. Hopefully will happen in the next couple weeks.

- Nine people came out to the last tree inventory meeting and managed to inventory 20 trees. Will be looking to do two more outings to fully inventory the trees in our parks. Hopefully we can accomplish before the leaves fall. Doug Philipa, Margaret and Bob expressed interest.

- The DSF Park Crawl will be taking place on October 5th and plan to be in our parks around 1-2pm. There will be Afro-Brazilian stilt-drumming troupe **MaracaTall** and 16-member "percussion posse" **Samba Squad**. FoRRP will set up a table to engage people about what is happening in our parks.

Next Friends meeting will be November 19th, 2014