

FoRRP Annual General Meeting - January 20th 2016

In attendance: Jill, Zac, Christine, Melana, Aidan, Bob Samantha, Barbara, Marco

## 1. Overview of 2015 accomplishments

January	3rd Annual Fred's Pancake Breakfast (Sun Jan 25)
February	Submitted first Annual Return as a not-for-profit.
April	Community Clean-Up Day in all 3 parks (Sun Apr 19) City / FoRRP Environment Day in Fred Hamilton Park (Sat Apr 25) Produced general FoRRP flyer to use throughout year.
May	Pathway paving in Fred Hamilton & Roxton Road Parkette started (May 11) Addition of limestone block seating in central area and at end of laneway Clothing Swap (Sun May 17) Asphalt pad removal began (Sat May 23)
June	5 young trees in George Ben & Fred Hamilton Parks that didn't survive the 2014 winter were replaced 1 new tree was added to Fred Hamilton Park
July	Film night: The Fantastic Mr. Fox (Thurs July 16)
August	4th Annual Block Party plus Open House on various projects (Sat Aug 15)
September	Participated in 3rd Annual DSF Homegrown National Park Crawl (Sun Sept 27) Curb cut at base of ramp on Roxton Road, providing link to George Ben Park
October	WaterHarvest prototype started onsite (Oct 5) Small derelict field building demolished. Pavers saved to extend patio between washroom building and Bocci courts 4th Annual Night of the Living Fred Event (Sat Oct 31)
November	Website updated to include "Donations" page
December	WaterHarvest prototype 50% completed before winter (Dec 12) Produced 2016 heritage calendar At end of year we had 13 new blog followers; 31 new Facebook followers, and 20 new Twitter followers.

## 2. The Year in Numbers

- 1 Open House
- 1 calendar
- 7 Events(4 FoRRP originated and 3 partnerships)
- Posts total 183 - 39 this year
- Blog followers total 119
- Facebook followers total 152
- Twitter followers total 225

### **3. Review of Financial Statements**

- The directorship reviewed the draft financial statements for 2015. Massive increase in revenue is due to LiveGreen grant entering bank account.
- ACTION: Jill, Zac, Samantha will file annual report for 2016
- \$20 donation from Antonio and Flora of Shaw Street
- We should start separating T-shirt sales income to better represent income at events. Is it worth putting FoRRP funds into short term saving accounts or GICs? Action: Sam & Jill

### **4. Resignation of Directors and Officers**

- All FoRRP directors of 2015 resign

### **5. Nominations and Elections for Board of Directors**

- Aidan, Melana, Barbara, Samantha, Christine, Zac, Jill, and Bob elected as 2016 FoRRP directors

### **6. Nominations and Elections for Officers by the new Board**

- Samantha elected as Treasurer, Zac elected as Secretary, Jill elected as Chair for 2016

### **7. Review and Confirmation of Committees for 2016**

- Directors expressed desire for a new Officer responsible for raising funds for FoRRP projects. Action: Jill
- Melana steps down as co-chair of Playground task force
- All other chairs to continue in their roles

ACTION: Zac to adjust Organizational chart and post on blog

### **8. City Update**

- Environment Day to be held on Saturday April 30th. To be paired with WaterHarvest launch. In partnership with City staff, we will have official remarks, unveiling and first pumping ceremony to launch the rain garden to be followed by a bbq. City staff will also prepare media advisory and press release.
- Kitchen Building. Intention is to complete a scaled down version of the project this year, that can be achieved within the current budget envelope. Trying to get approval for the City to do the landscaping and extend the paved area with the recycled bricks from the lower building. Two gender neutral private bathrooms and a kitchen room will be completed. We will have to furnish the kitchen portion of building later though as funds are running low. Ideally work on landscaping north side of building would be done by June in preparation for building renovation, to occur between July and December. Overhang structure confirmed, and can be installed at any time.

### **9. Other Business**

- Laneway Puncture Project. The designs for the laneway puncture project were shared with the directors. Group liked plans but agreed to send back some notes on slight adjustments and concerns. ACTION: Jill to respond to Michelle with our comments.
- Pancake Breakfast On February 7th from 10am to 12pm. Come out and eat pancakes in Fred Hamilton Park. Post and posters are underway. Melana offered to make gluten-free pancakes.

- Park People Summit taking place on March 5th. The keynote speaker will be David Escobar-Arango. To RSVP or find out more about the event, follow this [link](#).
- T-shirts. ACTION: Bob to get estimate for 12 mens medium, 12 mens large, and inquire about a children's size... or men's small size depending on what is available. Shani did original design and will be asked if she can update it with our website. Action: Bob & Melana.
- Christine has the new FoRRP business cards printed and distributed them to the directors.
- Send the list of projects for written for Brian Green to Marco, so that he can pass on to Paul Orchevsky Action: Zac
- Thank you letter to Brian Green Action: Jill
- Idea to do a post about wading pool maze and round wooden seats, contributed by anonymous people. Action: Jill & Christine

Upcoming Dates:

Feb 7	Pancake Breakfast
Feb 14	Valentine skate at Trinity Bellwoods
Mar 5	ParkPeople Summit
Mar 16	Next Friends Meeting
Apr 23 & 24	Community Cleanup Day
April 30	Environment Day & WaterHarvest launch

Next Steering Committee meeting will be held on March 16th, 2016. Location to be determined.