

FoRRP Steering Minutes - March 21st, 2017

In attendance: Zac, Jill, Melana, Marco, Bob, Christine,

Events

Environment Day will take place in Fred Hamilton park on April 15th between 10am - 2pm. FoRRP will have a reduced presence this year. Bob will be leading the outreach trying to solicit tree adopters and communicate about park initiatives. There will be an easter egg hunt in the park put on by Pope Francis Catholic school in George Ben Park. Marco also said that the City will no longer use Enbridge for their official community events. We can still use Enbridge for our events though.

Community Cleanup Day will be on April 22nd from 10-12. Park staff will drop off material in the park on the day of the event. ACTION: Jill to message Brian Green about Community Cleanup Day and a few other items that we need his assistance.

ACTION: Rewrite the FoRRP brochure with current date information about group and activities to distribute at events.

Revitalization

The washroom building site walkthrough will be next week. Melana to join walkthrough with the contractor, Martin Balgavy and others. City will retake control of the site and open to public at end of next week if there are no deficiencies. If there are deficiencies the contractors will have to fix.

ACTION: Jill to contact Brian Green about reinstalling rain barrel and repairing concrete.

Washrooms should be open on the May 24th weekend. Brian Green will have key for the building to be distributed amongst a couple FoRRP members. Also talk to Brian Green about the locking technology to be proposed by Ben. Ben to come to next FoRRP meeting with numerous proposals on the community kitchen management. We can also email ideas to him. We may also have a special meeting, or perhaps a broader email correspondence to discuss the kitchen plans, suggested donations, solicit donations for appliances, for products for distribution CSA farm food

The hose bib has been installed in wrong place. This was done as a cost cutting measure.

ACTION: need to check if the doors are frosted or if there is a film covering on them. update: Doors are frosted and will need to be replaced.

The message board will not be included with the building upgrades. We will have to install one through other means. The operations department could potentially provide one.

Tables will not be included in the building upgrade will have to install them some other way.

ACTION: Jill to talk to Brian Green about available tables. May also have to fundraise for tables and chairs.

We are not sure when the shade structure portion of the project will be installed. ASAP would be ideal and paired with the re-pouring of concrete if possible.

Green

36 new trees will be planted in our three parks this Spring. Jill has the location map and list of species arriving. Will first ask current adopters if they want to adopt new trees, then go to FoRRP members and immediate neighbours, then a general call to the broader public for adoptions.

Many of the first trees planted in the parks have graduated and are now strong enough to grow on their own. We hope that adopters continue to look out for their trees though. Graduated trees will receive a complimentary birdhouse at the adopt-a-tree launch this year.

The rain garden planting will take place on the first week of June, more plant life is desired for plantings. There is still money in the grant that could be used for plants, we can also ask Brian Green for some natural plants. ACTION: write up a blog post to get more kids involved with the garden.

The community canoe garden is in need of some attention. ACTION: Zac to message Aidan about the community canoe in RRP. We need to find some new adopters for it

Playground

Playground committee to meet again in late April to pick the equipment we want to install into the playground. Will be picked according to FoRRP principles and our priorities. It was brought up that equipment that takes advantage of the playground topography would be good. After playground committee picks priorities, we will bring it to the steering committee for approval and start moving forward to fundraising strategies and continue partnership process.

Other

We want to install two benches in Roxton Road Parkette. ACTION: Christine and Melana to mark up a drawing of where benches should be located, and consult with adjacent neighbours. Brian Green can then add the benches to the queue.

The Parent/Teacher council at Pope Francis Catholic School expressed a willingness to sand the paths in the Winter for traction. Asked for storage box with sand and a shovel to be installed in the park. FoRRP to discuss this with Brian Green also come up with a backup plan in case they are not always able to sand the paths.

ACTION: Zac to talk to neighbours about installing rain barrels in RRP and George Ben in time for the new trees

Julie is taking over as treasurer. ACTION: Christine to send Julie email info and address.

ACTION: Jill and Julie to go to bank to switch info.