

FoRRP Steering Minutes - Mar 27, 2018

In Attendance: Jill, Christine, Marco, Bob, Barbara, Melana, Zac, Julie

1. City Update

The land behind Old Orchard Public School is not being sold.

Washroom building construction contract is complete, all future fixes to the washroom building will have to be through Toronto Parks department

2. WaterHarvest Completion

Still no timeline for City to build the roof awning structure for the washroom building. There is a firm time limit for FoRRP when our Livegreen funds will expire so we may not be able to complete the roofing portion of the project if the City delays too long. The group voted to still accept the structure even if the delays extend too long and we will instead use the awning as a shading structure/place maker even if it cannot collect rain water. If we are unable to use LiveGreen money for the roof, other eligible things can be purchased with the grant money.

ACTION: Melana to draft list and review with Jill. All agreed upon purchases must be made and receipts must be submitted to Julie & Jill by May 28 latest for reimbursement and final reporting.

It seems that the heating in the kitchenette building is no longer working. ACTION: Jill to write to Brian Green about this and other needed repairs in **Fred's**.

ACTION: Marco to write to solid waste department about garbage bin locations in the park incl: moving them away from the building because it has been creating problems with seepage and people using them as cover for unsavoury activity.

3. Events

Community Clean-Up Day will be held on Sunday Apr 22nd. ACTION: Bob to register our group and make contact with Brian Green about dropping off bags, rakes, gloves. There will be a prize for most unusual piece of garbage find.

Environment Day will be held in Fred Hamilton Park on Saturday May 5th from 10am to 2pm. ClearWater Farms are donating 150 heritage pork sausages! We can use this event to help promote the CSA and our current FoRRP programming. We should also invite the College Promenade BIA people and discuss potential partnerships with the parks and **Fred's** Kitchenette. We should be offering brewed coffee, sell bags of Fred's coffee beans and try to add subscribers. There was considerable discussion about how to set up various activities and whether to flow people through the building or serve from our counters. Referred to Events Committee to decide. The City can supply between \$300 and \$500 for the event. It was also decided to make Environment Day the goal date to acquire a fridge for Fred's kitchenette. Brian Green to open washrooms before Environment Days.

Standard posting on blog/FB etc will take place. Sign to be added to door of Fred's. Action: Bob to organize FoRRP offerings for that day with Events Team. Jill to contact ClearWater, the BIA & Brian Green. Bob & Christine will look after postings. Bob & Jill will look after thank you's. Bob to contact Ben about coffee beans & promotion the day of, and whether he has access to a percolator.

The next Toast Tuesday be held on June 5th. Potentially a french toast theme.

Other events/programming, a potluck dinner night, a bake sale, Muffin Monday's drive-thru and a kids cooking class were all brought up as potential events that can be held in **Fred's**. Will need people to take the lead on these activities though.

4. Website Changes

Christine has upgraded the FoRRP blog! There will be no more ads on the site. A PayPal button has been installed to sell FoRRP products and receive donations. She is working on a calendar function for our events. There are some design changes and will continue to improve the aesthetic appeal of our site. We now save some money as renewing our web domain is included in annual fee. Also working on creating a **Fred's** page for kitchenette specific activities. Julie needs more information about logistics of PayPal accounting.

Action: Julie to contact Christine.

5. CSA Next Steps

The CSA with ClearWater will begin April 18th. They will be dropping off the food in **Fred's** Kitchenette on Wednesdays by 3:30. We are asking subscribers to volunteer for at least one sitting which takes place between 3:30 and 6:30 pm. There will be one extra box that people can swap stuff from. The person sitting can then take the extra box. Follow this [link](#) to see more details about how to subscribe for the CSA food delivery service.

6. Other Business

Financial report completed by Julie and can now be posted on website. Annual not-for-profit reporting to province completed by Zac.

Bike rack locations. Group liked suggested locations of the concrete pads along Shaw Street. Also wanted to look into one being closer to the North end of the park. Julie to make contact with Manager of Metro about the little plot of land along Shaw street as a potential location for a bike rack. Marco flagged this would not be same racks as being offered by Brian Green.

Action: Julie to talk to Metro. Jill to confirm locations with Brian Green.

Playground Committee will be meeting in next month. Agreed to do one more post about the survey. Action: Zac

Jessica Bell the NDP candidate for MPP joined the end of the meeting, introduced herself and chatted with neighbours.

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday May 22