



Community Advisory Panel

MINUTES

January 11, 2007

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room E

Present: Martha Allan, Tina Brajic, Dale Brown, Ed Cocchiarella, Bill Gair, Lorna Moreau, Linda Pickvance, Sandra Rogers, Pat Thiessen, Stephen Toplack, Brian Young,

- 1. Welcome** – Bill Gair welcomed everyone and indicated that tonight would be an open forum for discussion around planning and prioritizing CAP meeting agendas and issues that should be addressed over the coming year.

There was a general discussion around neighbour associations, their structure and challenges. Volunteers are hard to find and it is difficult to maintain these associations. Many are located out of individual homes and receive little or no support. There is no directory of existing associations available and city hall does not support neighbourhood associations any more.

- 2. Future Meeting Plans** – Bill Gair asked everyone for ideas for issues or concerns that need addressing or possible presentations for development of actions and priorities for the next year.
 - Plant tours at Dofasco, Stelco and Columbian. Possibly Pickling Line or Acid Regeneration plant at Dofasco
 - City's emergency measures response plan. Gord will look into the CAER coordinator
 - Dust control on Strathearne
 - Clean Air Hamilton – and air quality, air monitoring data and update. 2005 data is now posted on Clean Air Hamilton web site. Lorna would like to see more recent and more frequent information provided in a clearly understandable way on air quality in the city. We need to look at ways that will capture reliable data and make it available on a regular basis. Industry owns the data collected from HAMN. There are currently 3 stations that are part of the provincial monitoring system in Hamilton.
 - Anthony Ciccone from Golder Associates had an interesting presentation for the Technical committee meeting on air quality modelling. He is a potential speaker for CAP.

- Public outreach – how can HIEA broaden our communications to reach out to access broader stakeholder groups and encourage participation in CAP – get more young people out to the meetings – possibly advertise at high schools, Mohawk College or McMaster
- What can/should individuals do themselves to get involved and help make environmental improvements
- Green Hamilton update would be helpful. Bill and Andy have been meeting with the city and are now waiting for a planting proposal from city hall. Our heritage trees are currently being kept at Gage Park greenhouses.
- Port Authority – Marilyn Baxter could provide an overview on port security, environment, reclamation and Randall Reef.
- City composting plant – tour or presentation
- Ask ABP to give a presentation
- Red Hill Creek Expressway – presentation by project manager (Chris Murray)
- Health department presentation on air quality and particulate (Hamilton Public Health is a regular attendee at Clean Air Hamilton meetings) MIEH, Cancer Society, Lung Association could address these issues
- Neighbourhood associations
 - How to start one, coordinate
 - Environment Hamilton
 - Hamilton Community Foundation
 - Eco Net
- Update on wind farm in Flamborough
- Update on city anti-idling by-law
- Update on Brownfields

3. HIEA Conference

- HIEA is planning our second Conference in conjunction with our annual meeting on March 22, 2007. CAP members are welcome. We should look at getting Mohawk College and McMaster students more involved.
 - Location: Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
 - Time: 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m workshop followed by reception and MIEH speaker at 6:30
 - Conference partnerships being formulated including: Environment Canada, McMaster Institute of Environment and Health (MIEH), Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER)
 - Conference to focus on spills prevention – air, water and soil
 - Committee is currently developing agenda and possible speakers
 - Committee is developing contact list to include local industry

4. Next Meeting

Date: Thursday February 8, 2007
Place: Dofasco first floor conference room F
Topic: TBA

Reported by Karen Logan