



Community Advisory Panel

MINUTES

November 8, 2007

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room E

Present: Martha Allan, Tina Brajic, Dwayne Alexander Brown, Mike Brown, Joyce C, Mark Dunn, Jim Fairbairn, Gord Gilmet, Michel Gingras, Frank Harrison, Mark Herechuk, Henri Korie, Debbie Levo, Karen Logan, Cindy Mercanti, Lorna Moreau, Linda Pickvance, Sandra Roberts, Sandra Rogers, Andy Sebestyen, Shaun Selway, Pat Thiessen, Steven Toplak, Jarah West, Brian Young

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Review Past Minutes:

There were no changes to the minutes. Dwayne approved, Pat seconded. They are posted on the website.

3. MOE Presentation: Mark Dunn – presentation on website

Mark Dunn, District Supervisor for the MOE gave a presentation on his department and the complaint response process. There are 13 officers who are responsible for Hamilton, West Lincoln, Haldimand Norfolk and parts of Brantford. They deal with everything; major emergencies including things like the Plastimet or Hagersville tire fires, regulating large sources of contaminants; smaller sources including manure runoff, oil and gas spills, accidents like truck rollovers etc. There is a 24 hour call centre and to date this year they have logged 2,305 incidents – ½ have been notifications from industries and there have been 3 major fires. The MOE presentation is posted on HIEA's website.

There was a brief discussion regarding sewers and wastewater overflows in the city – this was identified as a subject of interest for a future meeting.

4. U.S. Steel Canada Presentation: Andy Sebestyen – presentation on website

Andy discussed the U.S. Steel Canada's environmental policy. He indicated there are a number of improvement projects underway. US Steel Canada's presentation is posted on HIEA's website

5. Meeting Schedule Update:

Cindy gave a brief update on the presentations planned for this and future meetings. There were a few changes to what was earlier proposed. Columbian Chemicals will give a presentation at the January meeting. Dofasco will present at the February meeting. She will contact the city to present on the sewer use bylaw possibly in April. If anyone has suggestions regarding other topics of interest please let us know. Shaun suggested possibly the light rapid rail system.

6. Review of the magnet communiqué

Pat delivered most of her magnets (to the Homeside community) and has had good feedback. Bitumar sent out magnets with their community newsletter – distributed to the Beach Strip. Cindy gave a brief description and update on HIEA communications including the web site, the proposed brochure that is being prepared and the 2007 yearend newsletter.

7. Roundtable

Dwayne introduced Joyce C. She has been trying for 15 years to get the Beach Manor building cleaned up but it keeps getting worse and there seems to be nothing she can do. She was hoping we could give her some ideas to resolve the problem. This site is both a health risk because of rats and safety risk for the kids in the neighbourhood who climb in and on the derelict structure. There was some discussion about what has been tried and what else could be done. If anyone has any ideas they have been asked to pass them along.

Cindy gave us an update on the Green Hamilton Tree planting projects. The city will be planting 18 large calliper trees on HIEA's behalf in St. Christopher's Park for dust control and beautification. HIEA funded the planting of one tree at Assumption School and we will be planting one tree in honour of Elizabeth Nebesney.

8. Next Meeting

Date: Thursday January 10, 2008

Place: Dofasco first floor conference room E

Possible Topics:

- Presentation by Columbian Chemicals
- Green Venture – anti idling
- Roundtable

Reported by Karen Logan