



Community Advisory Panel

DRAFT MINUTES

October 15, 2009

7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room E

Present: Dwayne Brown, Mike Brown, Gord Gilmet, Karen Logan, Lorna Moreau, Leo Muzzin, Lori Small, Pat Thiessen.

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Approval of minutes – September 10, 2009

Following a discussion and clarification about the magnet and answering system the minutes were accepted as presented.

3. Incident form

The form was presented and accepted – it will be posted on the website in word format for people to complete and email back.

4. Review CAP mandate and terms of reference

Mandate – CAP members should work together to focus on encouraging other industries to join HIEA. Members can consider companies to target for membership – develop a letter that could be hand delivered to encourage membership. Karen will bring the invitations list used for the HIEA annual meeting as well as the MOE workshop for possible suggestions as well as a draft letter of introduction for discussion. CAP members will look at ways to best approach these companies.

Terms of reference – in principle the CAP members present at this meeting accept the terms of reference – with the changes discussed. These terms of reference will be presented to the board at their next meeting as a courtesy for review.

5. New Business

Discussion – to start targeting new members

6. Roundtable

On August 12 the North End Neighbours Association held a "Park n' Party". Leo Muzzin gave a report that can be found on their website:

Weather co-operated and the crowds showed up! (Over 700!) A great time was had by all! And thanks for everyone waited so patiently for food! Thanks to our many sponsors of this fabulous event, too many to mention all of them, but a few deserve our special thanks. **Bunge, Columbian Chemicals, Liberty Energy, and Westway: thank you for your generosity!** Harvey's, Liuna Station, Our Corner, James Novak: great food! City of Waterfalls: cold water, hot barbecue, and helping hands! Welcome Inn, Hughson Street Baptist Church, and Immigrant Cultural Art Association for tables, chairs, and trucks. NEN wishes to especially thank North Hamilton Community Health Centre for partnering for this event! Great partners in a great community.

Leo indicated that there are a number of photos from this event that are posted on his flicker site: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/medialix1/> after page 3.

Crown Point Community group has partnered with the Ottawa BIA to organize a Christmas party on Ottawa Street as part of their community involvement and activities. Details are still being determined. Crown Point boundaries are Gage Ave. to Kenilworth Ave. and Beach Road to Lawrence Road.

Dwayne also shared stories of an initiative in Crown Point that has been very successful – The Property Elves. The following is part of an announcement of funding from the Hamilton Community Foundation:

A program known as “Property Elves” is one of six that will be funded by HCF in the Crown Point neighbourhood that surrounds the Centre Mall. This program will assist low-income homeowners with small repairs and property maintenance. Crown Point has a significant number of seniors living in their own homes, and this program will contribute to increasing affordable housing in Hamilton, and is also aimed at improving community pride, engagement and the sense of safety and security in the neighbourhood.

“This grant is a perfect example of the neighbourhood hub component of the Foundation’s poverty-reduction program,” says Ms. Meredith. “Our research and experience has shown that investing in low-income neighbourhoods is one of the most effective ways to reduce poverty. The need for Property Elves was identified by the residents themselves, and involves a range of organizations and businesses as well as local resident volunteers.”

Next Regular CAP Meeting

Date: Thursday November 12, 2009
Place: ArcelorMittal Dofasco Conference Room E

Reported by Karen Logan