



Community Advisory Panel
DRAFT MINUTES
September 10, 2009
7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room E

Present: Jessica Aird, Dwayne Brown, Mike Brown, Stephen Brotherston, John Hoppe, Karen Logan, Joan, Lorna Moreau, Andy Sebestyen, Pat Thiessen.

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Approval of minutes – June 11, 2009

Moved by Stephen Brotherston, that the minutes be accepted as presented. All in favour - Motion carried

3. Business arising

Incident reporting form – the form was reviewed and changes suggested – Karen will make suggested changes and send form out again.

Answering service – magnet was reissued this year without company phone numbers because they were changing – it was felt that the magnet would need to be updated too often to keep it current. This way all information is directed through HIEA. Karen was asked to check the MOE daytime number to make sure it is correct.

Mandate and terms of reference will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Roundtable

There was a discussion about the Adopt-a-Creek results. The e-coli figures that Kelly sent out are disturbing and she has asked if HIEA would like to get involved in some type of awareness program. The lack of interest from public health and the city was a big concern. Karen indicated that she will attend a meeting later in October with Kelly Pike and Tys Theysmeyer from RBG, after all projects have been completed and all data is compiled to review the results and develop some next steps. Karen asked about their public awareness campaign to stop the geese – they were considered to be the biggest source of e-coli on the beaches – to see if a similar campaign could be done for the adopt-a-creek issues. BARC did work with the city staff and discussed planting different types of hard grass that would deter the geese. A stewardship program to address some of these pollution concerns should be considered.

In August HIEA placed an advertisement/article in the Business Link paper to encourage increased membership. CAP members could help encourage companies to join HIEA.

The smell from the city recycling plant has been getting much worse lately. There is an open house there on Saturday September 26, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. the address is 1579 Burlington Street East between Kenilworth and Stratherne.

Jessica suggested we may want another tour of the Wastewater plant after it has been upgraded.

The International Day on Climate Change coordinated by 350.org (<http://www.350.org/>) takes place on October 24. There will be an event at Gore Park from 12:00 noon – 3:00. 350 p.p.m. is the target for Carbon dioxide

(350.org is an international campaign dedicated to building a movement to unite the world around solutions to the climate crisis--the solutions that science and justice demand. Their mission is to inspire the world to rise to the challenge of the climate crisis—to create a new sense of urgency and of possibility for our planet. Their focus is on the number 350--as in parts per million, the level scientists have identified as the safe upper limit for CO2 in our atmosphere. But 350 is more than a number--it's a symbol of where we need to head as a planet.)

Next Regular CAP Meeting

Date: Thursday October 15, 2009
(NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATES – THIS IS THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH – ONLY FOR THIS MEETING)
Place: ArcelorMittal Dofasco Conference Room E

Reported by Karen Logan