



Community Advisory Panel – Special Project Meeting

MINUTES

September 29, 2008

7:00 to 9:15 p.m.

Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room E

Present: Martha Allan, Stephen Brotherston, Debbie Levo, Karen Logan, Lorna Moreau, Joan, Pat Thiessen.

This was a special open meeting to discuss options and ideas to develop a special project.

Lorna explained the boundaries of Crown Point Community – from Gage to Kenilworth, Beach Road to Main Street. She attended the “Fix Your World” event at Gage Park. Dwayne participated at the Cycling Club booth demonstrating how to use the bus racks for bikes. He had one on display for people to practice.

Martha is taking courses in Community Development – Leadership. They have been focusing on the language – ‘non or not for’ profit is negative – looking to find a better more positive terminology – “community benefit” or “public benefit” organizations instead.

Martha is concerned that we are not getting enough or new people out to the meetings. We need to improve attendance. She finds it difficult to explain to people – what are we here for – and would like to do something that will bring positive attention to HIEA and CAP. HIEA is a unique type of organization – industries working together to help improve each other, sharing technology and information.

The first suggestion for a project was to develop a small brownfield – possibly using bioremediation – something that could allow signage and exposure – a “bill board” to explain the project and HIEA. Make it public – small area possibly on Burlington Street. Will the project highlight HIEA or CAP?

There was discussion about the CAP meetings – what do we want from them?

- It was suggested that there be a standing item on the agenda for business arising or follow up portion at every meeting.
- There is a need to clarify the CAP mandate
- We need better feedback about concerns raised
- They like learning about the companies specifically they asked that Lafarge do a presentation
- Suggested timing – ½ hour presentation, ½ hour discussion, 1 hour roundtable and complaints
- These meetings are meant to put a face to the companies
- The meetings need to be progressive
- Suggested trying the liaison project again – with better guidelines
- CAP group to meet with company reps to get a clear understanding of what HIEA is all about – what are their expectations of the CAP group.
- Participants want more positive visibility for HIEA

Lorna discussed a project her group is proposing to develop a community garden on a house lot near St. Christopher's park. There is a home for sale – they would like to take it over and turn it into a "community centre" with a food and clothing exchange, garden etc.

Questions for the Tech committee

Bitumar has a community liaison committee – how does it work? Could CAP work the same?

CAP participants would like to know how the magnets are working – do the companies get calls from the magnet? How many? How do companies record and respond to these calls. Bitumar reports on their complaint stats – what was valid, what wasn't, how it was dealt with – could all HIEA members provide this?

Would HIEA members want CAP participants lobbying companies to join HIEA and HAMN?

Next Regular CAP Meeting

Date: Thursday October 9, 2008

Place: TBA – possibly a tour of U. S. Steel Hamilton

Reported by Karen Logan