

CITY OF WATERLOO
SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 2009
WPL – Lower Board Room
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Lynda Gale, Patrick Germann, Glen Polson, D’Arcy Farlow (Chair) Councillor Karen Scian, S. Sgt. Mark Bullock, Kaye Crawford, Catherine Fife (Co-Chair), Irene O’Toole (late arrival)

Regrets: Eunice Abudu, Tracy Jasmins, Laurie Strome (Co-chair), Sadia Arif Gassim,

Note-taker: Henny Bruce

MINUTES

Agenda accepted and approved. Minutes/notes of March 18, 2009 meeting approved

National Volunteer Week

Great article in the Chronicle. Kaye and Karen Scian handed out Volunteer pins – Glen and Pat received 5 year pins and Darcy, Catherine, Lynda and Sadia received 1 year pins.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Public Square – Mark & Kaye

Have met with Barb Magee Turner and Tracy Suerich regarding concerns on the Public Square Art Piece – feel a small child could get inside and get trapped, also garbage and vandalism. There are no security measures (video cameras) within the Square due to budget cuts however the conduit was installed during construction. Possible partnering with the Town Shops security to include the Square during their patrol, other possibility is for the Parks Patrol to include in their rounds. By-Law will not be patrolling. Also discussed concerns that there is no anti-graffiti treatment to the concrete, this was also cut from the budget.

What is the role of this committee on these concerns? Do we take to staff or go directly to Council?

Action: Committee to do a memo to Council, David S, Simon F and Tim A from the Chair and Co-Chairs. Darcy/Kaye/Mark to draft memo.

March 11 Breakfast - Catherine

Presentations by Block Parents and Neighbourhood Watch, By-Law Officers from Kitchener, Cambridge and Waterloo

Different perspectives on “What is a Safe Community”

Discussion on the 211 Program – United Way went to Regional Council to lobby for this service – gives accessibility to resources. Currently in Halton, Niagara, Muskoka, Grey-Bruce and Toronto.

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Council Presentation – Darcy

The presentation was well received by Council. However there was confusion on the recommendation made by Committee on the Poverty Reduction report.

Action: Will need to bring a response back to Council.

Livability (Safe and Healthy Communities and the Built Environment) - Darcy

Darcy did a powerpoint presentation.

Made reference to several different pieces of material

Last Child in the Woods

No On Makes You Shop at Walmart

The Great Neighbourhood Book – A Do It Yourself Guide to Placemaking

A Project for Public Spaces by Jal Walljasper, New Society Publishers

Official Plan – Our Involvement

Here is our chance to have a say into the Official Plan – is it possible to have Janice Mitchell attend the June meeting?

Information Sharing and New Business

R&LS Staff Liaison - this is being discussed within the Department – will not be David Smith

Tamarack Conference – check out the website – registration is \$395.00

http://tamarackcommunity.ca/downloads/index/RP_ON_Broch2009.pdf

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 – Waterloo Public Library – Lower Boardroom – 6:30 p.m.

Ask Scott Nevin to attend to discuss Public Planning

Ask Joy Finney to attend

Adjourn – 8:30 p.m.