

FoRRP Meeting minutes

May 28, 2019 7:00 pm in Fred's

Present: Barb, Bob, Tony, Zac, Tara, Vanessa, Jill

1. City Update Marco n/a.

2. FoRRP Updates

a) Clean-up Day (Jill). Record turnout - we filled 60 leaf bags! Vanessa brought her pet worms and talked with people about vermiculture. BIA interested in participating again next year (expressed that they wanted to be more organized in advance). FoRRP to thank them for contributing this year. Julie Fass is the new BIA head. Supplies still in building if anyone wants to use them.

b) WaterHarvest / cistern repair (Jill).

a) Backfill by City happening this week with ACO.

b) Followed by testing with a couple feet of water, then City removing hoarding, reconnecting external downspout and diverting internal downspout.

c) Will need help to bring rain garden back into shape. Steph, Melana, others?

UPDATE: The repair did not work, so we will make one further attempt with City and ACO at end of Nov/early Dec.

c) Green Neighbours Group (Vanessa)

a) Working with Green Neighbours group they are focusing on two areas 1. single use plastics and 2. the circular economy (incl. sharing economy)

b) Discussed Roncy Re-uses - the group is persuading local businesses to allow customers to bring their own containers. FoRRP supports similar model for our neighbourhood and like ideas of stickers, bag fee and targeting a particular street.

c) Vanessa is happy to be the liaison between the two groups

d) Green Committee incl. season launch. Jill updated the group on the meeting held Apr 24, 2019. **Action:** Minutes will be posted in Document Library

- a) All trees planted 2017 survived winter, but 3 showing signs of stress (1 Ironwood, 2 oaks). One older Oak in GBP that predates our activity has died. Trees won't need watering until mid-late June earliest. Haven't heard from all our former adopters. One new adopter and one existing who will take on 2 additional trees in playground. Amba upgrading map to include all trees.
- b) Container Garden Planted. More plants to be added. **Action** everyone: Feedback on sign please.
- c) Canoe and raspberry garden mulched by Vanessa and looking much better. We need to send Thank you to Orlando at FoodShare for the mulch. He is our contact if we want to request more.
- d) Bee Box in the Red Bud tree (U of T project) didn't attract any bees/results.
- e) College Street Task Group - Samantha is our rep at this group. Tony is also interested.
- f) Fred's Meeting Update incl. CSA.
- Jill updated group and noted minutes of the Apr 23 meeting will be posted in our Document Library. The Friends discussed the ground rules proposed by this subgroup and agreed to these. These include:
- non-FoRRP events are free of charge providing a Director or Committee member can vouch for the user, arrange access, and check space afterwards to ensure it is left in good condition and locked.
 - Donations by users are encouraged. The user cannot charge entry fees
 - If event is not open to the public, user has to be prepared to respond to members of the public who want to join in.
 - If user doesn't follow the guidelines, the Committee member is responsible for cleaning up after them.

- People need a Special Occasion Permit (SOP) from the City if they wish to serve alcohol in the building / park.

Need more chairs and table. \$250 re-allocation of donation in memory of Matt Riordan) for this was approved by committee .

Action: Add guidelines to website; Jill & Bob to pursue furniture

3. Environment Day Sun Sept 08

1. Some FoRRP members concerned about switch to Fall and downsizing.
But agreed to proceed with it based on theme of Autumn / Harvest;
2. City will make available \$400 for f&b offering. Need to submit receipts to Marco
3. Bob to take to Events Committee to coordinate. Suggestions include inviting Green Neighbours; ask City to move their setup closer to the building; a sandwich board would be useful to direct people; bushel of apples; pies.

4. Idea for Garage Sale Day in Park or on Shaw. Bob agreed to coordinate with Raquel to see if it can be something bigger in the park

5. Other Business

1. Tara's talk at U of T about Accessibility
2. Tony is looking for archival photographs from the neighbourhood. In particular the one-eyed newsboy from decades ago. Tara suggested CNIB archives might have a photograph and she could assist with access it.
3. Park People Summit is in Montreal 2019 June 12-14. Vanessa is interested in attending - sessions on inclusion, design for climate changes, park use and impacts, local food etc. all sound interesting. The group supported Vanessa attending this Summit and representing FoRRP.