

CROWN POINT COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM
Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2017

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location of this meeting:
1130 Barton St E - Hamilton and District Labour Council
www.crownpointhamilton.ca

Vision: To make Crown Point a better place to live, work and raise a family.

Mission: (a) to strengthen the Crown Point Community by building and promoting the assets of the community
(b) to facilitate resident participation in the community
(c) to encourage a barrier-free environment where all residents are encouraged to grow to their full potential

Values: Inclusiveness, Respect, Diversity, Stewardship, Capacity Building

Regrets: Mia Ferrell, Tammy Heidbuurt

Attendance: Sean Hurley, Cynthia Lokker, Fatima Mesquita, Magda Will, Lyna Saad, Tony Lemma, Jeremy Freiburger, Angie Mallory, Julie Berube, Julie Gibson, Nancy Reyes, Julia Vincent, Angela Frisina, Anne Vallentin, Elizabeth Seidl, Dina D'Ermo, Fatima Mesquita, Larry Pattison, Lyna Saad, Maisie Raymond-Brown, Robyn Ocean, Scherrie Kelly, Andre Grondin, Marilyn Aylward, Deborah Lewis, Leanne Phillips, Magda Wierzbicka

6:50 pm Sean Hurley - Attendance & Introductory Question

7:00 Review of March's Agenda - Motion to accept agenda: Dina D'Ermo, 2nd: Cynthia Lokker

1 Administrative Update

A. Terms of reference review committee, a call for volunteers: Fatima Mesquita and Tony Lemma are willing to volunteer. Terms of Reference is the approach (mission, visions and values etc). Rules around voting , who can sit on committees etc.

B. Treasurer's Report (Co-Treasurer) Cynthia

- Bank balance: \$9,558.93, Planning team: \$1,569.27, The Point: \$7,989.66

C. Team Updates

I. Action Teams

- i. The Point: we're going to print near the end of the month. Delivery will begin on March 30
- ii. Kenilworth Team – No update
- iii. Pipeline Trail (Elizabeth Seidl) – nothing to announce, just submitted a couple of grants.
- iv. Garden Club – Anne Lech: had some very successful meetings at the Laidlaw Funeral Home. Bev is very involved in part of the DePave. Next Garden Club meeting is on March 22
- v. Traffic Calming (Dina D'Ermo) – Survey is complete, the team will go through the surveys, and will be looking for volunteers for the street audits and to map out areas of concern.
- vi. Action Planning Update Team (Cynthia) - Below
- vii. Memorial School – Julie Berube: the City is putting \$150,000 into redoing the Memorial School playground – seating play structure, garden boxes, a new track etc... a lot of ideas have come forward. Check FB for the next meeting.
- viii. Website – Sean Hurley: the website is coming along well. Forward any ideas to Sean. A small business directory for Crown Point may be created on the website.
- ix. Neighbourhood Action Evaluation – Robyn Ocean: Nothing to update
- x. My Free Hamilton – Angie Malory - Mystic Mojo had a booth at the Mindfulness Living Show. They had a meeting with Path Employment on March 11 about how they can help their clients. They discussed the opportunity for sponsorship with from Path Employment. My Free Hamilton was invited to have an office at Path for a weekly support group for their clients or the public. T-shirts may be designed for them. They were selected to have a banner designed by Deville Designs) employees of Path. They met Leanne Phillips at the last Crown Point meeting and discussed having (My Free Hamilton) information at the community table at the Barton and Kenilworth locations.

D. Small Grant Updates and Asks:

- Holistic Woman's Legal Project - Julia Vincent – Resident update: fundraising dinner on March 31st – Pasta, several tickets left for purchased. Several workshops have happened recently, all workshops have had excellent attendance. Matt Thompson will be in contact with Julia for a couple of pieces of information for the grant funding approval.
- DePave – Kathleen Livingston – the team that reviewed the grant application gave it 76/80. Anne Vallentin: the idea behind DePave Paradise is to improve water conservation by removing pavement and planting a garden. There are several sources of funding for this

project. The Garden Club and Homeside Hub is also involved. The request for funding was roughly \$1500.00. Funds will be directed to materials and plants. Motion to approve: Fatima Mesquita and Julie Gibson. Approval: majority.

- Action team suggestion – Fatima Mesquita: it seems there is a possibility of getting a printer to allow the hubs to run the newspapers and other materials locally. Fatima would like to start an action team to see if this can be further developed. Cynthia suggested this might be able to be done through The Point. Tony Lemma, Magda Wierzbicka and Cynthia Lokker expressed some interest in working on this action item.

E. Endorsements & Other Motions:

- Lyna Saad - Centre on Barton and community input/space (she isn't looking for an endorsement at this time). The Centre on Barton has a lot of retail space that isn't being utilized. Trio Vest (property managers) want to take some time to discuss options for empty spaces. For the next two months Trio Vest is proposing to use/re-vitalize / re-animate the space and get some small pilot projects going in the Target space. ie, New Home Bikes will try using the space for a day. 101 Day Project may try to use the parking lot space outside the Target area. A sign up sheet is available. Lyna: they are going to have a community input event in April (possibly the 8th). They are hoping to try to use that time to practice using that space and get the community involved in using the space. From now until the end of May she is going to speak with people who might be interested in the space to explore what it might be used for going forward. By the end of the two months, (May 31) she is going to put a proposal together to suggest ways that the mall might be able to be better integrated into the community and the City as a whole. Pop-Up trial period will be the end of May. Fatima: suggested a movie night. Nancy Reyes asked who is offering the space? Lyna said it's the managers of the Centre on Barton offering the space. Target has been sitting empty for 2 years and several other stores recently closed. For them (property managers), they are thinking this outdoor shopping space is an outdated model, and they wonder how they could create a community space.
- Jeremy Freiburger from Cobalt Connect – he works for a non profit organization (Arts non profit) taking underutilized space and turning it into usable space. One of the things they do is study BIA's. To better understand the role they play in cultural spaces. They create affordable space for the arts and they have secured a space on Ottawa St – 30,000 sq ft in the wallpaper store. They have a great relationship with the building owner. 2000 sq ft will be a pottery studio on the ground floor. (Cobra – is looking at having a space here, a microshop is thinking of joining in as well as some retail and a gallery shop. Second floor – a performing art school, music school. Third floor is 3000 sq ft and will be open space. This project will help to drive traffic to Ottawa St. They hope for a 5000 sq ft roof top garden in the future. Rent for the space will be very affordable. Plus there is 5000 sq ft of basement. The building needs some work so a renovation budget will be proposed.
- Proposal – Crown Point planning team meeting format. Sean Hurley suggested that the planning team meetings are too long for new attendees it may be intimidating. What we (the executive) are suggesting is to streamline the meetings. What we thought of was a compromise – is basic reporting will be put online and in print – for people to read. One month we'll do the Action Team Items in detail, the following month, we'll have the community conversation. Motion: Tony Leema and Fatima Mesquita. Trial for four months was suggested by Cynthia. Approved: Majority voted in favour. Carried.
- A brief announcement was made about nominations for the executive positions which will be held in May along with the AGM. People were invited to make nominations.

2 7:30 – 8:30 Community Conversation:

- Review of the action plan draft – handouts given
 - People in the neighbourhood were asked what they want to start, stop or keep in the neighbourhood. The data was put into multiple spreadsheets and themes were identified.
 - We'd like to have a conversation about what is on the list and what is not. People are welcome to make a note on the hand out and pass it back this evening to Cynthia.
 - Tony Leema said he likes the handout format because it is broad. He really likes goal C.
 - Nancy Reyes wondered if they could possibly add the cultural piece ie DeLight Festival.
 - Fatima Mesquite suggested DeLight be put under Economic Development and perhaps link Culture and Art to Economic Development.
 - Lyna Saad – she feels like the Economic Development – broaden the goal ???
 - Discussion occurred around the goals – feedback was provided by several people and Cynthia made notes directly into the goal document.
 - Robyn Ocean: inclusion was mentioned as a reminder.

- Rising Star: A workshop will be held on April 13th at Evergreen re Supportive housing at 294 James Street N

3 8:30 - Motion to Adjourn: , 2nd:

***Reminder to all Crown Point members, team leads and service providers to submit requests for open house tables for the April 17th, 2017 meeting to Crown Point Executive by email to Laura Vandette at lvandette@gmail.com by April 03, 2017. If you are reporting from one of the Action Plan Teams or have a current small grant, please confirm to the co-chair prior to the meeting that you will be giving an update, thank-you.*