

## CROWN POINT COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM

May 15, 2017

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### Location of this meeting:

1130 Barton St E - Hamilton and District Labour Council

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**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

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6:30 pm Open House and Welcome Tables

Castle Project

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6:50 pm Call the meeting to order – Sean Hurley

Circle Time: Attendance & Introductory Question

7:00 pm (Tabling: April's meeting minutes) Review May's Agenda - Motion to accept agenda: Julie Gibson, Tony Lemma – Motion Carried.

### Annual General Meeting

A. Brief Treasurers Report for 2016 by Nancy Reyes

One of the co-treasurers is sending the monthly treasurers report/update to a co-secretary to be added to month's Meeting Agenda. Since May's 2016 election, the co-treasurers have been able to clarify which funds are for/from The Point and what are the Crown Point Planning Team's funds. From the funds received from City Councilors over the last few years (we've received \$700 in total) we've used \$400 in the last year and we currently have a balance of \$140.40. The water barrel fundraiser in the spring of 2016 raised \$940 and after the costs associated with the sale, there is about \$400 left over. Two Small Grants were approved in 2016: Legal Holistic Woman's Clinic \$1500 and Delight \$1500. In 2017, so far we have the DePave Project small grant which is \$1500 and the Legal Holistic Woman's Project small grant for 1280.00.

B. Executive Nominee Speeches and Voting – The number of people nominated for the positions was the number of people needed for the positions. Each candidate was elected to their respective position by default.

- Co-Chair – Nancy Reyes and Christine Gordon
- Co-Treasurer – Fatima Mesquita
- Co-Secretary - Sean Hurley

C. Community Developer for Crown Point

- Sean Hurley: The hiring committee for Crown Point's new community developer was created and met today for the first time with Al Fletcher and Sara Glenn. The Neighbourhood Action Strategy would only be hiring a community developer for 6 months so we may not get the best candidate or the one we want and we could lose them come December. The hiring committee proposed that we temporarily hire one of the existing Community Developers: Matt Thompson. He has been filling in CD positions in other hubs. Sean proposed that we say "Ye" to this proposal and arrange to have a meeting with Matt and ask some interview questions. Sean mentioned that we started this process some time ago and now we are almost ready. He suggested that we proceed with Matt Thompson as our CD for now and then with the new Neighbourhood Action Strategy.
- Motion: to hire Matt Thompspon for our CD from now until December 2017 – Seconded by Elizabeth Seidl, Tammy Heidbuurt.
- Cat Maracle, Tony Lemma and Christine Gordon – specifically endorsed this suggestion and spoke a little about their positive experiences with Matt Thompson in the hubs of Hamilton.
- Results:
  - In Favour – Majority
  - Against – No one
  - Motion – Passed
- Bev Wagar - Suggested the hiring process for the next Community Developer (to replace Matt at the end of his term) be started in November.

#### D. Updates:

Neighbourhood Action Evaluation Focus Group Mention - Robyn Ocean: last hear a number of people participated in a focus group. We will be doing it again this year as an update to our action plans. The Neighbourhood Action Strategy will be changing and they want to figure out what we have completed and have not completed. We will have this focus group during our July Team meeting (Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00- 7:00). The Karam Kitchen will be providing dinner and childcare will be provided. She mentioned that this may or may not happen each year depending on what the group wants. Some neighbourhoods have discussed having 1 year plans rather than 5 year plans. They will be giving our group a \$300 honorarium to show appreciation for our time. Bev Wagar is asking if someone could phone the participants who participated in each action item to see if they can attend the focus group in July.

#### Legal Holistic Project for Woman - Small Grant

Sean Hurley: the grant committee met again and reviewed the resubmitted proposal. Total score was 77 / 80. The grant has been approved in principle. Today, Nancy Reyes proposed approval of the grant, Magda Wierzbicka seconded. Majority in attendance approved.

#### Bayfront Industrial Area Renewal Strategy

City of Hamilton

Christine Newbold, Manager, Community Planning & GIS Planning Division.  
Eniber Cabrera, Planner, Community Planning with City of Hamilton

- The idea of a Bayfront plan / strategy has roots back to the mid 2000's. When Ontario was identifying employment areas in Hamilton. Our area was deeply shaped by what was happening in the Bayfront area at that time. Today it is still home to 18,000 jobs. It once housed over 50% of Hamilton's employment and it generates a large tax base for Hamilton. They recognized that the future of steel production in Hamilton may be somewhat uncertain and there are perceptions that the industrial area is under-performing. They did case study reviews of other similar communities (ie Pittsburg).
- Phase 1 of the study identified opportunities and challenges that the Bayfront presents. See Bayfront Industrial Strategy Report May 15, 2017 for its outcome. It was determined that the Bayfront needs to have a new vision. The Bayfront area is a very important employment area and we should not be assuming that it will be changing to a residential area
- Jochan Brezner mentioned that it seems curious that industry is the only business considered in Phase 1 and in Phase 2 they are now going to be speaking with residents.
- Christine Newbold said that the Phase 2 will be working with citizens and any residents that would like to have input. The strategy will be to connect with the community to connect back to the neighbourhoods. There will be a series of smaller strategies and programs. She said the City is specifically looking at employment – they are looking beyond the regulation of a planning period. This area is designated as an employment area. The Province is very sticky about taking land out of the employment plan. The long-term vision is something beyond the planning period. In such a large area you can have different visions.
- Eniber Cabrera let us know that they are now moving into Phase 2 – this is creating the vision and action plans. They will start with developing a vision. The first Phase indicated the short term focus will be employment – and perhaps after a number of years things could happen. This summer they will be working with the residents, non-profit and for-profit businesses to provide their opinions. If the long-term vision in a specific area is going change to something different, they will explore how to get there. This fall they will work with the residents etc to do some visioning. With a public information session, this June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Eva Rothwell Resource Centre. The website is [www.hamilton.ca/bayfrontstrategy](http://www.hamilton.ca/bayfrontstrategy). Eniber said: to clarify, residents are considered to be stakeholders. Christine Newbold offered to continue to come back with updates. The vision they have is that it is an employment area – it will remain an employment area for the near to mid future.
- Eniber – let attendees know that there is very specific language about employment areas in Hamilton. That can be reviewed every 5 years. A municipal comprehensive review is required in order to revise employment areas.

#### Emissions and Steel Update

Jochen Bezner: has been sitting on the Community Liason Committee (CLC). It is mandated to meet 4 times a year (with the Port Authority, Environment Hamilton & the City of Hamilton). The company passes on information that they deem is important for residents and stake-holders. They talk about exemptions from current air emission rules. The last meeting occurred in April – someone from Environment Hamilton stressed the process of Confining. Jochen had a picture of a plume of smoke going into the air and he let us know this his isn't supposed to happen but sometimes does and it can happen several times a day. The plumes/clouds are visible

as far as Memorial School and other areas – there was an article in The Hamilton Spectator about it this week. The general consensus is that residents are fed up with the pollution. The company has been required to make improvements since 2009 but we haven't really seen a big change. 10% of production previously confined, now it is 5%. Jochen mentioned that residents can get involved and suggested we email Councillors Matt Green or Sam Merula. We can also write to the MPs and MPPs, since safety is one of their mandates. We can take a picture and email to Ministry of Environment – they have to do a formal investigation once they receive a complaint. Odours come mainly from the Coke making facilities. Regarding odour investigations – it is best to call right away so an investigation can be done.

In trying to step up community effort the Coalition Against Pollution, Hamilton, was working along with the late Kate Andrus's efforts. Within the next few weeks they will begin to meet again. Jochen suggests that calling our elected officials has more effect than complaining to the Ministry of Environment.

#### Trees Please

Juby Lee – works at Environment Hamilton on a project called Trees Please. There are 2 elements to this project. 1. They have air monitors that measure levels of particulate matter. 2. They take inventory of trees and collect data about various trees. It gives Environment Hamilton a snapshot of the trees in the area and their condition. They want to be able to identify some hotspots. They are approaching different neighbourhoods and she is here to let us know that EH is in Crown Point this year taking data. They are looking for volunteers to do air monitoring or tree tours.

#### Womanist

Sarah Jama – Deferred.

#### Small Grant Ask

486 Ottawa St N (the buildings just north of Walmart) Matthew Thompson proposed this through Sean Hurley. Three residents are applying for a small grant to fund a barbeque for the residents of the building. Tammy Heidbuurt, Bev Wagar and Elizabeth Seidl will be reviewing the grant. Nancy Reyes asked if one of the residents could come to a Crown Point meeting.

### E. Networking and Social Time

8:30 - Motion to Adjourn: Nancy Reyes makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Tony Lemma. Approved by majority.

\*\*\*Reminder to all Crown Point members, team leads and service providers to submit requests for open house tables for the July 17th, 2017 meeting to Crown Point Executive by email to Sean Hurley at [cyberfarer@gmail.com](mailto:cyberfarer@gmail.com) or Laura Vandette at [lvandette@gmail.com](mailto:lvandette@gmail.com) by July 10th, 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.\*