

Hastings Park / PNE Community Advisory Group
Tuesday, November 5 2019
5:15pm – Hastings Room

MINUTES

In Attendance:

PNE STAFF
Jeff Strickland: Co-Chair
Whitney Law: Co-Chair
Kimberly Way: Administrative Assistant

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS
Andrea Dowd-Dever
Darci Swinton
Patricia Barnes
Sal Audia
Steve Canofari
Linda Shuto

1. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

- Previous Minutes distributed earlier by Whitney Law

2. Topics to Discuss

2.1 Harvestland - weather was challenging and attendance was lower than anticipated. Community ice users noted challenges getting to the Agrodome, which we would need to address for next year. Pumpkin Patch school events will help decide the future direction of the event. Darci Swinton states there have been some concerns about the continued use of the Sanctuary for various events. Linda Shuto asked about the Masterplan and whether creating a more concrete events space might work.

2.2 Fright Nights –no major concerns.

2.3 Pumpkin Promenade –Sal Audia asks how was the event was marketed. Ideas included handing out letters for neighbours to tack up for trick or treaters to see. Perhaps include a pumpkin carving contest. Perhaps set the time later for folks to get home, get the kids packed up etc. Get schools involved with pumpkin smashing physics.

2.4 Aurora Winter Festival –gate fees? Will there be a train/shuttle to move folks around the grounds? There was a neighbourhood promo code sent out. There is a staggered opening in regards to the Sanctuary, with activation starting at 4pm. New synthetic ice surface was purchased.

3. For Information

3.1 Tree Planting at Hastings Park –Jeff spoke to the fruit trees that are planted on site, there are fruit trees planted in the Italian Gardens. Darci asked if there will be more trees and green spaces

incorporated into the grounds. Jeff spoke to daylighting the stream from the Sanctuary to New Brighton Park, as well as developing the Amphitheatre. ACTION: invite John Brodie to next meeting.

3.2 Community Skate – can we use Aurora skates/sharpener for community skate? CAG thought the themes are great! ACTION: WL email poster out to CAG.

3.3 CAG Application Deadline/CAG Debrief – Steve asks can a city councillor attend the CAG? Andrea asks can we offer more regular updates in regards to the Masterplan. Also, how can the CAG help communicate events updates within the community? Steve asks if the Youth Council attend a CAG meeting. How much is each of the buildings being used each year and how? Linda would like to see smaller scale events ie; Farmers Market. Darci says it's commendable all the work that the PNE is doing to bring family events to the grounds. Andrea suggests artist/murals to brighten up old walls and buildings. Culture Crawls?

3.4 Upcoming Community Events-please see slides.

4. Questions/Community Feedback –No additional questions or feedback.

This meeting concluded at 6:45pm

Next Meeting: TBD