



Tanglewood Hillsdale Community Association
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Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes
Held March 25, 2019 – 7:00pm

Residents may attend by advising president@thca.ca
Residents may add agenda items by advising president@thca.ca

Present: G Roderick, President; G Kong, Vice-President; D Orozco, Director;
V Keaney, Secretary

Absent: L Mangone, Treasurer; D McColeman, Photographer/Membership Chair

Guests: N Mintenko, Program Manager (Ext)/Events Manager; H Ali, CDF Rep; R Awni,
NROCRC Rep

WELCOME

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| 1. Approval of draft agenda | Approved w Additions |
| 2. Approval of February 25th Minutes | Approved w changes |

2.1 Business Arising

1) CDF 10-month initiative:

- H Ali has met with members of THCA and TPCC. V Keaney remains.
- She is here ½ a week for 11 months to advise on problems experienced in obtaining volunteers/partnerships. She has recommended outreaching; the need to show more, promote and increase volunteerism. She also recommended a “**SEARCH ENGINE**” on the website; review and renewal of web forms; reviewing the Neighbourhood Watch Program on how it is presented and discover why the low response.
- She will be viewing all in the light of benefits for all residents.
- She will work on a common statement – when and how.
- She reported that there will be a table displaying a logo set up at the Arbor Day festivity. It was suggested that information sessions be given on safety and invite security resources and include an event around safety.
- It was also recommended that a presentation on “Scams” be held for the Young @ Hearts Group and neighbourhood residents during the day.
- She recommended a “workshop” be held in order to see how best to engage people more effectively. Workshop would be by enrolment. **THIS IS TO BE ADDED TO THE PROGRAM INSERT.** Keep records of attendee questions. Also use this to increase enrolment in the Neighbourhood Watch Program. It would be best to include online information coupled with door-to-door activity and special events.

- H Ali will use Arbor Day to obtain responses to a survey she will create. Incentives to complete the survey will be given. She wants to hear what people want, ideas are being sought.
- An info session on “volunteerism” will be held and include a Guest Speaker from Volunteer Ottawa.
- G Kong suggested an open house to introduce programs and NROCRC.
- R Awni suggested using youth who are looking for school required volunteer hours.
- **April 26th, Arbor Day Festivities,** will also include **registration of soccer, t-ball and gardening.** This time period will also be used to introduce the Board. It is hoped that there is a good turnout from residents and newcomers.

*****Placing a Search Engine on the THCA.ca website is NOW a PRIORITY.**

G Roderick to speak to P Budd.

- It was suggested that a pot luck dinner be had for the Community Garden albeit the pre-garden season.
- A “Volunteer and Help Around the Community” sign will be used.
- As a CURBEX sign will be used, G Roderick asked that the NROCRC “hands” be added.

2) **NROCRC Tornado Responses:** R Awni advised:

- there would be a free workshop for adults on Tuesday, April 2nd in the Trend Arlington Community Building to discuss how to emotionally deal with the tornado of September 21st, 2018. The session was to be led by educator R Lira. For those who need someone to speak to, they are invited to call NROCRC at 613-596-5626 ext 245 to make an appointment.
- NROCRC will be bringing flyers which indicate what service is provided to help those suffering physical and emotional damage.

3) **Medhurst Park Basketball Court Revitalization:** G Kong will meet with the City of Ottawa to review the court and discuss improvements and costs.

4) **Hydro1:** There is to be a meeting to discuss Hydro1 intervention and restoration in the Tanglewood-Hillsdale area. G Roderick and V Keaney on behalf of THCA will attend as well as G Lavigne, President, CCC83.

5) **Banner:** the vinyl banner 6’x3’ will cost \$174.51.

Expenditure Approved

3. Portfolios

3.1 Community Concerns: G Kong

- Return of the bike parking rack by the volley ball court in Medhurst Park –**
G Kong will speak to the City of Ottawa to ask if the parking rack will be returned and if it can be made permanent rather than seasonal.
- External Bulletin Boards:** problems are being experienced with the current bulletin boards at the Centre and Medhurst Park. G Kong to speak to A Deering and the City regarding repairs.
- THCA Header Sign for new external bulletin board:**
Similar sign from Orion Signs to that which is in use. **Approved**
- Bus shelter, Merivale & Woodfield:**

A **Motion** was made to request the City reinstall the bus shelter. **Carried.**
Councillor K Elgi's office to be contacted. **G Roderick to Action**

3.2 TPCC March 12th Meeting

- 1) An **Interior Programs task group** has been formed to include A Deering as Chair, G Kong and V Keaney. The 1st Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 3rd.
- 2) **Rink Season** – skater hours were higher in 2019 than 2018 - 4107 vs 2584; maintenance hours were 1,840. **ALL RINK HELPERS FOR 2019/20 WILL REQUIRE A CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK.** There will have to be a closer connection with TPCC (name, contact info) due to liability insurance issues. Currently, the system is too informal.
- 3) **Sound System** – Approved and purchased. This system will also be used in cases of Emergency.
- 4) **Kitchen Renovations** – Completion anticipated by end May.
- 5) **Arbor Update** –
 - There will be a plaque commemorating the loss of trees resulting from the tornado of September 2018. It will be placed on one of the planters at the Medhurst Park. The question is, must it be bilingual.
 - Flower boxes in Medhurst Park – Councillor Keith Egli will contribute \$80 for flowers.
 - N Mintenko advised that there will be an assortment of visitors and activities occurring such as the
 - attendance by Councillor Keith Egli, Kandra Labrosse (Forestry Services)
 - “Rays Reptiles”,
 - “face painting”,
 - special guests,
 - Librarian for a children’s reading corner,
 - an NROCRC table,
 - a garden registration table coupled with Neighbourhood Watch,
 - unveiling of the plaque for trees lost in the Medhurst Park,
 - a food vendor with Bratwurst and Sausages. (G Roderick suggested that J Sieman from General Burns be contacted regarding food vendors as he was responsible for these for the 150th Anniversary events held in 2017 adjacent to the Howard Darwin Centennial Arena.
 - It was suggested that 2 **CURBEX** signs be rented with 1 being placed at the Community Centre and 1 placed near Woodroffe and Dalehurst . N Mintenko requested \$500 for the signs. D Orozco made the **Motion** of \$300 (\$200 from the budget and \$300 from the reserve). **Approved.**
- 6) **KMC Workshop on Facility Management & Interfacing of Programs** – it will speak to best practices in property management, renovation, promoting the facility and scheduling the facility. An example on renovations in facility centres in Manordale, Fisher Heights and Greater Avalon is the use of sound baffles. Perhaps they could be used in our large hall. More info will be sought but the concepts for the Centre is **accepted.**
- 7) **Parking Lot Expansion & Sign for Overflow Parking behind the Brick** – discussions will have to be held with the City of Ottawa to inquire about the parking lot expansion.

It was requested that a sign be placed for overflow parking behind the Brick, however, as a result of the expansion beside the Brick, overflow parking may be denied.

G Roderick to Action

3.3 Community Garden – D Orozco will again be requesting approval for funds from Just Food. He also raised the possibility for variation in size for the new boxes. Plans will be required to have City of Ottawa approval.

Currently 9 of 16 boxes are rented. Info on registration will be included in the SC newsletter. Some activities to note:

Mar 26th – Workshop: How to Start a Community Garden

Mar 27th – Generation Climate Event

Mar 28th – Great Big Crunch Event at schools across Canada

Apr 2nd – Community Garden Development Fund Applications Open for 2019 – Plan for your Community Garden

Apr 13th – Capital Bees: Lear Beekeeping at the Just Food Farm

Apr 13th & May 11th – Urban Organic Growers Seminars

Apr 13th & Apr 27th – Ottawa Seed Library pick-up locations at Earth Day Celebrations

Apr 24th, May 9th, & Jun 20/21st – NCC: various upcoming Urbanism Lab Events

Apr 26th – Gloucester Emergency Food cupboard Milestone Event & Celebration

May 3rd – Ottawa Food Bank food sort challenge

May 12th – purchase rain barrel from Just Food

May 28th – Ottawa Horticultural Society Public Event: Lost Lamarck Legacy Fruit trees

For more information, please contact tanglewoodgarden@thca.ca.

3.4 Membership/Volunteers – H Ali will be concentrating on this subject.

3.5 Safety/Security –

1) Neighbourhood Watch – measures are underway to increase visibility.

2) Traffic Calming – it has been noted that OC Transpo's white multi-purpose vans are going from Baseline Station to Colonnade OC Transpo Depot and visa versa and are traveling through the Tanglewood-Hillsdale neighbourhood on a regular schedule. Vans have been observed exceeding the speed limit by some 20k/ph and often times no one but the driver is in the van. This is absolutely unacceptable as Tanglewood-Hillsdale has been dealing with traffic issues for over 30 years and the idea of having HuntClub Road was to deter this traffic. THCA wants to reduce thru traffic. In this instance, it was found that the frequency of daily trips of OC Transpo seems an abuse of our neighbourhood. OC Transpo was contacted, however, their response was not helpful.

THCA President, G Roderick, has asked Councillor Keith Egli for help.

Also requested will be "No Thru Signs 7-9AM and 4-6PM". There is discussion to remove "no parking" signs on the major streets in the neighbourhood.

3) Repair of Street Name signs – in T-H, Street name signs will require repair and/or replacement.

G Kong to action

3.6 Communication –

1) Staying Connected Newsletter – it is proposed to be distributed in the neighbourhood by the end of April.

2) CURBEX and other signs – a larger use of CURBEX and other signs advertising events will be considered for use.

