

Beasley Neighbour for Neighbour Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 27th @ 7:30 PM
Beasley Community Center

In attendance: Angela, Tom, Judy, Mary, Isabel, Charlie, Harold, David, Brandi Frazier, Joanne, Joel, Ian, Janet

Regrets: Matt (Bennetto Recreation Meeting)

1. **Neighbourhood Watch Meetings:** Neighbourhood Watch Meetings will be held once a month as sub – committee meetings. **Joel** proposes that we continue them throughout the summer as that’s when we encounter a lot of issues. **Joel will act as chairperson for Neighbourhood Watch Meetings (group approves).**
Brandi will ensure a police representation at Watch Meetings.
2. **Asset Mapping:** Charlie acts as facilitator for this portion of the meeting
Code:Projects are rated by **Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (S-W-O-T)**
G= Green sticker= go!
Y= Yellow sticker = proceed with caution
R = Red Sticker= something to be concerned about
 - ? **Ideas for Projects:**
 1. Movie Night- (Drive- In, Bike- In) **G-G-G-G**
 2. Youth Drop-In with Dances **Y- Y-G-R**
 3. Celebrations for Major Festivals (ex. Halloween get- together)
G-R-G- G
 4. Open Air Skating Rink in Beasley Park
 5. Ballroom Dancing (Fred Astaire)
 6. Ballroom Dancing Contest and Etiquette Lessons
 7. Support Local Businesses Restaurant Night
 8. Library/ Recreation Center/ Multicultural Center
 9. Community Garage Sale/ Swap
 10. Computer training and Access Sites
 11. Mural Art Project
 12. Park Safety Program
 13. Neighbourhood Walks
 14. Music Lessons
 15. Neighbourhood Choir/ Orchestra/ Drama Group
 16. “Lights- On” Safety Measures from certain times
 17. Homeless off of Ferguson Avenue North
 18. Youth Sports Programs
 19. Haunted Hamilton Tours of the City
3. **Asset Mapping Action Items and Notes:**

Harold will look into the recreation center to see if it is going into the new school, and will start thinking about book donations for the library.
David Derbyshire will head- up the outdoor movie committee with a screen and sound system. **Isabel** and **Ian** and **Joanne** will also be on the committee. David

is currently looking into getting a giant inflatable screen, and Ian has access to a video projector and sound system from his work.

Janet Hillen will contact Ballroom Dancing Instructors.

Isabel is interested in working with the youth; **Becky** is interested in helping out.

4. Presentation from **Joanne** at the **Early Years Community** Development group at Wellesley Center

Contact: (905) 521- 0926, ask for Joanne she is not always at her desk so its best to ask for her. Her extension is #230.

There was an anonymous donation from a couple- 1.1 million to an Early Years program at Beasley. It is a school- readiness program at Dr. Davey that partners with Public Health. Most of the donation money is going to programming at the Beasley Community Center. Joanne estimates that the money will last about 3 years. Some of the money may go towards ‘capital expenses’, finding a new building in the area. The Beasley Community Center space booking policy is going to stay the same

Q& A Session

Capacity of Beasley Community Center= approx. 40

How many 0- 6 year olds in the area= (not sure, should be looked into)

Outreach Efforts= a suggestion for an article and an advertisement in the Beasley Badger

How can the community help out/ be involved? Tell people about the program, Joanne can give a tour of the Queen St. Early Years facility, they will start a **Program Advisory Committee** for families in the area.

5. **Closing Items:**

Thankyou letter to Beasley Donors: Janet Hillen passes a card around to the meeting attendees.

Janet will draft a letter from Beasley Neighbours for Neighbours to the Editor of the Spec.

6. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Joel will talk to Brandi and they will have an update for the Neighbourhood Watch Committee. Drug incident on Ferguson and incidents on John are briefly discussed. Joel is the chair of the BN4N Neighbourhood Watch group.

Next Meeting: Wednesday July 11th at 7:30 PM, Beasley Community Center

Newsletter Meeting: 5PM tomorrow at FRWY Cafe