

Donovan/Elm West Community Action Network
Meeting #3
September 27, 2007
Croatian Hall

Present at the meeting 21 individuals (see attached sheet).

Welcome by Councillor Evelyn Dutrisac and Co-Chair Irene Larocque & Don Brisebois.
Recording secretary Lori Wall.

CAN Committee Structure (operating guidelines) was handed out for people to read on their own time.

CGS Waste Management Programs:

Guest speaker Carrie Anne Marassato spoke on how we could improve our neighbourhoods by :

- promoting pride
- cleaning up our home properties
- City offers initiatives to achieve these goals i.e. 3 garbage bag pick up, bulky items, free tipping fees in the spring and fall at advertised times
- toxic taxi available for disposing of gasoline, batteries and propane and paint cans etc. (anything combustible).
- adopting a road program in your area
- accessibility of four (4) landfills in the area: some of the landfills are producing methane gas which can be re-cycled
- spoke on solving the problems of garbage at the curbs by calling 311
- for loose garbage the landlord is responsible for clean up
- the City will pick up only if they are bagged properly
- **PLEASE CALL 311**

Ms. Marassato informed the committee that the City is distributing 300 uniform containers throughout the City. Part of the containers will be for litter and the other side for re-cycling. The City is also looking for a bigger blue box with a lid.

Councillor Evelyn Dutrisac emphasized that a lot of the problems could be solved by properly placing your garbage in green garbage bags and for any other concerns **CALL 311**.

Lucy Quesnelle suggested that re-cycling magnets be left with landlords in apartments to encourage re-cycling with new tenants.

The Executive thanked Ms. Marassato for her time and information which was appreciated by those in attendance.

Minutes from the June 28th meeting were read by the Executive. Amendment was made with regards to Community plan to be available for next meeting as Jim Ilitski had requested this at the June meeting. Jeff Pafford will follow-up on the Community Plan for October Meeting. Minutes approved by Lucy Quesnelle and Mark Rastin as amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don Brisebois discussed his concerns about Anthwerp and Jean Street being unsafe as far as emergency exits. The exit lane is too narrow especially in winter times and parking creates congestion in the area. 4-hour parking is official in the City yet Lori Wall stated that no official signings are up. Councillor Dutrisac will look into this matter.

Report on Surplus Billboards:

Mark Rastin announced at the next meeting slogans will be displayed and the Committee will decide which ones will go up. Mark stated that the owner, John Squarebriggs, is willing to donate the billboards free of charge. Unfortunately, no time limit was given by owner. Mark asked if the City will help fund the art work or slogan to be put up.

Irene requested that we have a written notification as to how long we can use the boards before any investment is made towards this project.

Diana Mulcahey was a strong supporter of beautifying the area by upgrading the billboards. Irene is opposed to spending money on the billboards if there is no guarantee. This information was differed to next meeting. Councillor Dutrisac will also be contacting Mr. Squarebriggs.

Report from Clean Up Committee:

Beatty /McNeil park, Heritage park, Selkirk park, Little Britt. Mark thanked all the people who came out this past summer to help paint the parks. Mark suggested that we post pictures at the Heritage Park for the families to get to know their park area and take pride in keeping it clean and free of graffitti. **SEE ANYTHING CALL 311**

A question from the audience with regards to the Heritage Plan Fund: "is there still money from the Heritage Fund". This Heritage Fund had been brought up by Jim Ilnitski. Jeff Pafford will look into this matter.

Draft CAN Terms of Reference package distributed by Jeff for participants to be informed:

- Terms discussed by Jeff
- City responsibility as to funding, volunteer insurance coverage, extra staff members (presently have 3-co-ordinators, 12 staff members to work with Communication Network Committee)
- recommended changes can be brought to next meeting

EDUCATION:

Councillor Dutrisac is meeting with St. David's school on October 26 and Landsdowne sometime in November with CAN members to have an information day regarding the needs of the students. **What do they want to see in their neighbourhood?**

Councillor Dutrisac would like to introduce re-cycling and cleaning the environment to the students mentioning that she has promising funding of \$100,000.00 is being offered by Alain Michel Sékula to the CAN Committee for a water park or skateboard park. This will be

determined after speaking with the schools.

Jim Ilnitski suggested we invite the local churches, businesses and ethnic communities to participate with CAN.

Councillor Dutrisac introduced the **Directory Booklet Community Network** and is looking for input from the group. Discussion took place and at everyone's best interest, it was differ to next meeting.

Flyers will be going in the Northern Life regarding the COP program. Looking for volunteers to participate. If interested make contact with Irene Larocque, Co-ordinator.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday October 25 at 7:00 P.M. at Croation Hall