

Sibelius Square Working Group Minutes

April 18, 2007, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Present: Angela Kinnear, Chris Ronson, Nena, Fred, Kristina, Gillian, Mike, Tom, Ginny, Patrick

1. Prior to the meeting, members of the SSWG met with Parks staff (Carol Guy, David Chapman) to outline the boundary for the proposed **temporary off-leash dogs enclosure** in the southern quadrant of Sibelius Square.

2. **Minutes** of March 7 and March 28 and **Agenda** for this meeting approved (Fred / Mike)

3. Brief update on **Design Process** - SSWG waiting for Adam Vaughan to meet with City's Procurement staff to discuss different models for involving the community in the process of designing and evaluating an RFP to select the design consultant for the square.

4. **Community meeting - May 15, 2007**

- (a) Meeting Plan as set out in March 18 minutes approved, except that:
- the question relating to renovation or redesign of the park should be moved to be the first question in the "Other Design Objectives" section.
 - The WG agreed that their role in the meeting (item #7 in the Community Meeting Plan) would be "A neutral supporting role; informational only (similar to the role of a chair in a group)"

(Fred / Mike) **PASSED**

(b) It was agreed that all of the break-out groups would discuss off-leash dogs as the second issue, with half starting with playground issues and the other half starting with other design objectives

(c) Gillian is looking for +/- 12 facilitators - any ideas are welcome; SSWG members not to act as facilitators unless there is a shortage; SSWG members to neutrally float among groups and to try to get an overall sense of the discussions; SSWG members to also act as information source, where appropriate

5. Other

(a) Chris to look into options for preparing western area as **playing field** over summer, if temporary off-leash dogs enclosure approved

(b) Ways of **evaluating** the effectiveness of a temporary enclosure were discussed.

- (b) April 28, 4:00 - 5:00 - informal SSWG **Q&A session** at Sibelius
- (c) "**Napkin Drawings**" to be posted on web-site, after community meeting
- (d) Angela to find out **status of DIPS**
- (e) **Fund Raising.** Chris notes that a separate reserve fund could be set up to receive funds raised in the community for Sibelius Square. Chris to provide Tom with information about fundraising at Kew Gardens.

6. **Next meeting** - May 2, 2007