

Southland Park Residents Association

Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2018

1. Review of meeting with city workers
 - Current structure needs to be repainted, maintained; might be difficult to sandblast
 - They do not want to add saucer swings
 - Net climbers are OK, as long as they're all manufactured as individual pieces for safety
 - They are concerned about zip line, could be overused and jammed
 - Potential soccer field
 - o City has extra goal posts and nets and are willing to put them up and paint field if the ground is fairly level and neighbours are OK with it;
 - o City would contact Winakwa CC because our community belongs to Winakwa CC; could be used during the soccer season
 - Condition of trees and soil: City will make a visit in the spring to determine possible soil condition issues and planting opportunities
 - Naturalization would likely be too expensive
 - Path: possibility to get it upgraded; no \$ for this right now but when there is, it can be accessed fairly easily; because there's no \$, we would need to go through the councillors
 - Lighting: \$7000 per lamp
 - Benches and tables: \$1500 gets a bench with a plaque
 - They are prepared to help us through the project; the park is due for an upgrade
 - Jessica is the contact for getting permits for future activities
 - Bulletin board: good to go if we provide a sketch
 - City is willing to look over all the aspects and put together a drawing/budget for the project; will break down costs
 - Touch base early in the new year
 - o City will give an estimate of how much upgrading pathways and lighting would cost
 - There is a certain % requirement of ground-level (accessibility) components in the play ground
 - 1 accessible swing
 - Concerned about fitness equipment – lots of moveable parts and greater potential for wear and tear
 - Basketball court is a good possibility but location needs to be clarified
 - o If basketball court is fenced, recessed hockey nets can be added
 - Provided us a list of grants
2. Michelle has information on different grants – she will provide those to us
3. We need a fundraising plan: We can't start asking for grants before having a good idea of how to fundraise and to have community involvement

4. Survey

- Questions from General Vanier survey can help us create our questions
- Possible questions:
 - o fundraising questions in the survey (membership fees, other)
 - o type of family
 - o What are your priorities (playground, pathway and landscaping (lighting))
 - o How often do you visit and how would this change after improvements?
 - o What elements would you most like to see in a new playground?
 - o Would you support a soccer field?
 - o Are you a Southland Park resident?
 - Answer affects the rest of the survey questions
 - o Additional comments and suggestions
 - o Would you be willing to make a financial donation to the project?
- Mail out the surveys
- Will we go door to door with flyers?
- Review results and alter plan

5. We need to get a website going where we're transparent about steps, minutes, etc.

6. Possibly start with smaller project like a soccer field or basketball court

7. Set up meeting with other architect companies and possible other manufacturers

- Playground manufacturers may have new equipment/discounts in January. We can contact them to come present to us at an association meeting.

8. AGM

- a. Presentation from Playgrounds R Us
- b. What's a good time – April may be a lull between sports
- c. Possible babysitters
- d. Where can we do this? Winakwa?

Next meeting: Michelle's house 131 Blue Mountain Monday, Jan 28th 6:30