



Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 21st, 2017

SCHEDULE

CLC Meeting 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m. (Refreshments & Dinner will be provided by LOFT Kitchen)

Special Guest: Greg Rogers will be joining us to talk about the Culinary Training Program that was introduced at CONC in July 2017, in partnership with Ontario Works, Toronto Employment Social Services (TESS). [Sub for Chris Iantorno, CONC's Employment Program Supervisor]

In attendance: Greg Rogers, Alison Sproat, Dianna Cochrane, Karen Haberman, Cam Gilmour, Dermot Grove White, Jason Burke, Nico Mirante, Angela B., Charlotte

Facilitator: Samantha Vite

Minutes: Raisha Karnani

AGENDA

Community Update:

1. Welcome & Review of July 24th 2017 meeting

- Welcome Charlotte! She works at Sistering and she and Sam were thinking of starting up a CLC over at Sistering. Four participants of Sistering sit on their board of directors, multicultural groups. Sistering opened 35 years ago when a lot of mental health facilities shut down. Conversation about a new CLC grew out of a meeting with different organizations to figure out how to tackle the increase in people using Sistering.

2. Update on Shelter and Drop-in operations

- Shelter Manager Greg reports that CONC is helping two people a month on average find secure housing. CONC also has a new volunteer.
- The basement is leaking, so renovations will soon begin.
- Rafael went back to his former employer and got seven gym memberships that the residents can rotate.
- Greg read Robbie Robertson's biography and discovered that he lived in the Bathurst-Bloor-Christie area. He got Samantha to find Robbie Robertson's manager and lawyer and asked them for money to purchase TTC tokens for residents – getting money for tokens is CONC's biggest priority right now.

3. Culinary Training Program Information

- Run through TEST
 - Helps people on OW learn culinary skills
 - 11 weeks in length – in-class training in the morning.
 - The CTP also serves as an ESL program as well.
 - Going to different restaurants in the area and asking them if they need unpaid interns for 3 weeks – interns have to be approved by OW.
 - First intern in the program was hired today by a restaurant – Julio. Congratulations!
 - CONC is not training them to be chefs – the training is for entry-level service in the food industry. Next month, there will be a report about how many have been hired and how many people have passed the Food Handler’s Certification.
 - Applications for the September 25 round have just opened up.
4. Committee Member Forum for questions or concerns relating to shelter operations
 5. Scheduling and review of plan for September year-end review meeting
 - Do we want to merge Sistering and CONC’s CLCs, or have separate meetings?
 - Angela: Sistering needs to ease into starting CLCs – they may have different people to provide services to, and different services to provide. CONC is very positive, as is their liaison committee, but maybe Sistering needs their own concept and direction.
 - Charlotte: Maybe we need a town hall of sorts for the whole community.
 - Possible community meal?
 - Sam’s opinion: having forums means less back-and-forth – committees allow everyone to voice their opinions and make decisions together. We should use our momentum to help Sistering start their own CLCs, but we could also have our own meetings.
 - Need a central group for complaints to go to – that way, everyone feels listened to.
 - Sam: one or two residents should take charge in recommending resources and directing other residents who to talk to.

- PRESTO: no plan for people who pay with cash or tokens. Prepaid PRESTO cards with the value of 2 tokens? Maybe paper tickets? Half-price PRESTO cards? Need to talk to Mike at City Council. End of 2018 release?
- Sistering AGM: September 13th

- Sistering “Town Hall Meeting” in October – calling into Councillor’s office for assistance.
- Figuring out September meeting –September 25th? Tentative. Review and need ideas of how to move forward. Ideas for improvement are welcome. Why do you think people stop coming? What do you want to see more of?
- Maybe there’s value in having a subcommittee between Sistering and CONC to come together and consult with each other about merging their efforts.

**5 Minute Break*

Community Integration:

6. Final planning for Bloorcourt Summer Festival

- August 26th (Saturday)
- Colored marker donations
- Need someone who can do face-painting, otherwise we might have to cancel it.
- Two music sets, dance lessons
- Have playlist ready for the day
- Reporting on Me to We campers from Peterborough – making shelter sandwiches, then lunch, and then they made the signs for the festival
- Volunteers for OPCC open house
- CONC should get in touch with Gordon Reid about social media.

7. Closing Remarks

- Next meeting Monday September 25th 2017, will be a year-end review and plans for going forward