

MMRA 10 July meeting minutes\_Tranter Chair.txt

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Hi all,

I've put these minutes/notes in an email so no one has problems with attachments. It's kind of long... but I hope it's all there. Send round additions to all. And please pass on to those I don't have emails addresses for.

best,

Jill

Minutes from MMRA meeting on Thursday, 10 July.

In attendance:

Alison Ball (Appleton), Marilyn Anderson (Ramsay), Linda Tranter (Appleton), John Edwards (Ramsay), Tracy and Kim Curran (Almonte), Paul Zollman (Almonte), Arnie Francis (Almonte), George Yaremchuk (Almonte), Jill McCubbin (Almonte)

Regrets: Amanda Gorman (Ramsay)

Didn't send word (but I assume somewhat regretful - but maybe not): Shaun McLaughlin (Ramsay)

Next meeting: July 31, 7 pm at market2world's boardroom in Almonte - Kim Curran, chairing

Notes/(Minutes):

Linda Tranter chaired

Discussion of what MMRA wants to focus on - setting priorities. General consensus is that the MMRA will host educational lectures - a community lecture series in cooperation possibly with Textile Museum lectures and the Appleton Group's lectures

1. Communication / community education around municipal issues/events is still biggest motive keeping MMRA together.

2. Possibly all lectures will be hosted at the Textile Museum. Groups will have separate lectures series under a broader "community" lectures series and will advertize jointly

3. The structure of all MMRA/Appleton lectures will follow this pattern:

>>Early research on the issue - submit article to local papers and send around on email groups

>>Introduce "what has happened in the past in Miss Mills" / historical background concerning this issue as the opening section of the lecture evening

>>State what is the "current state of affairs" in Miss Mills concerning the issue topic of the lecture

>>Introduce the speaker and introduce the possibilities for pro-active change in the future, get ahead of the issue, show leadership, engage residents... the "this is what could be an option for Miss Mills" concerning this topic and something for "us all to think about / work together towards / discuss further"

>>at lecture distribute MMRA "handout" on what else is happening currently in town - "community overview" (bullet points)

>>follow up newsletter, letter to local paper, email summary in communique etc about the lecture

- request residents to get involved

>>keep archives of this for future

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4. John Edwards is coordinating the first MMRA lecture speaker and date - for late September/early October. John is contacting a Waste Management speaker and coordinator from Renfrew. In Renfrew they are achieving 64% waste diversion. This lecture will be hopefully co-sponsored by EAC - John to sort.

5. Jill has sent around the other community lectures schedules - so MMRA etc don't conflict

6. Possible other topics for MMRA/Appleton sponsored lectures (from Linda's agenda and suggestions) We like all of these but need to focus on what people we can book to speak. We think getting interesting speakers is very important to the success of the lectures. So... for reference:

Development/planning issues

Business issues

Environmental issues

Mississippi River protection

Local Health Care/Seniors/Disability issues

Affordable housing

Accessibility/equity

Local service delivery

Agricultural issue

Municipal Taxes

Arts & Culture

Elections issues

Drinking Water/Well issues

Traffic/transportation

Waste Management (recycling, dumps, incineration, sewage)

7. Appleton's first lecture (January is a possibility - arranged by Linda Tranter) is about Human Streets. "Take back our streets". Traffic calming. How to make streets in Miss Mills people friendly and safe.

8. Kim brought up "Clone Town" from a BBC documentary (?). More to discuss on this. Might be a cool lecture topic / discussion for future. Also the community justice system was discussed as a possible lecture/educational topic concerning safety and policing issues in Miss. Mills. Also a program that is starting up in schools about how to make communities safer and more empathetic to all people (Open Doors program?). Another possible lecture topic: Lowest Carbon footprint (Eden Mills community was mentioned - John Edwards)

Conclusion:

The MMRA will continue to publicize these MMRA meeting as open to all who are interested.

We want the MMRA to get out in front of issues... and get into galvanizing residents and educating about what possibilities we should be working towards in Miss Mills...

We had some discussion - about updates to Web site and getting info out and available to all - at the Iron Works pub after the meeting. More to be discussed there. (I'm not sure if anything was really agreed on - suggested as an idea to follow up on - although I thought I was paying attention at the time!)

best,

Jill McCubbin

(PS I'm not taking notes/minutes next time. It's a rotating duty.)

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