

Blackburn Community Association
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2019 7:30 pm
Blackburn Community Hall

1. Call to order @ 7:37pm
2. Minutes from previous meetings
 - AGM January 17, 2019
 - Motion to approve Chelsey Wynne. Seconded Ali Yassine. Approved
3. Budget Review and Approval (Lisa)
 - Amended the following budget items:
 - Added \$1000 expense for Community Potlucks and Outreach
 - Modified Outdoor Rinks expense from \$10,500 to 12,000 due to increased staffing costs.
 - Added \$2,400 expense for benches.
 - Modified Insurance expense from \$700 to \$750.
 - Added \$1,000 expense for volunteer T-Shirts.
 - Motion to approve Ali Yassine. Seconded Don Kelly. Motion Carried with 1 Opposed.
4. Funding Applications (Ali)
 - Tennis Club \$8,000
 - The two courts were last paved in 2008. BCA paid 25% of the cost.
 - Last membership fee increase was last year and is on par with other clubs in the City.
 - Tennis club membership open to anyone in City. Mainly serves the Hamlet and Orleans. Tournaments attract players from across the city and province.
 - The have planned events for Blackburn Retirement Residence and Programs to engage youth in schools and Emily Murphy Single Mothers.
 - When it was under City of Gloucester, repaving was funded by the city. Our Councillor is looking for the City to find a more permanent funding solution for repaving the courts as the current model is not sustainable and there is no guarantee the BCA would have enough funds to assist next time.
 - Recommend that they also ask Friends of Mer Blu for funding.
 - Noted that the board already approved \$2,300 as part of the budget approval.
 - Motion to approve \$5,000 in funding for repaving the two courts Satinder Sahota. Seconded Mark Lister. Motion carried with 1 Opposed.

- Funfair Stage Legs \$1,000
 - Need shorter legs due to head height in tent and to improve sight lines from outside the tent.
 - Looked at tent alternatives – not an option.
 - Why is BCA being asked to for funding? Stage is shared so BCA would also benefit.
 - Motion to approve \$1,000 funding for stage legs Ali Yassine. Seconded Satinder Sahota. Motion carried.
5. BCA Storage.
- We need a dedicated group to work on assembling a formal proposal to meet our storage needs.
 - Motion to create a focus group to address BCA and Funfair Storage Ian Chambers. Seconded by Chelsey Wynne. Motion Carried.
6. Commemorative Renaming Proposal by Doug McQuarry.
- Has a proposal to rename BB Arena to the Lois and Eldon Kemp Arena to recognize their contribution to the community.
 - He will need community support when it is sent to the City and during public consultations.
 - What about other families who have had a similar impact on the community? There is nothing preventing others from requesting another facility to be named.
 - This Is a formal process at the City. The request will be posted publicly and the community will be consulted before going to the Committee for approval.
 - A letter of recommendation from BCA would be welcome.
 - Motion that BCA support the proposal Satinder Sahota. Seconded Ali Yassine. Motion Carried.
7. Meeting dates and location (Lynn)
- June 20 – Library has been reserved. Meeting to run from 7pm to 8:30pm.
 - July 18, August 15 & December 19 – We will keep the hall reservation and plan social, potluck or fitness event on these 3 evenings..
8. Innes Ward Budget (Laura)
- The City is focused on budget consultations. Final draft goes to council for vote on March 6.
 - Eastpark, Anderson Road and St Joseph are scheduled to be repaved.
 - \$2m is still reserved for Arena, but cannot proceed without Fed/Prov funding.
 - \$1.7M allocated for the Environmental Assessment needed to extend Brian Coburn to Blair and widen Blair with a separate bus lane.
 - A slight increase to the 28 bus service once LRT is running will provide one extra run in morning and another in the evening for 28. Will only be kept if ridership increases.
 - Traffic calming budget per ward increased to \$50,000.

- Suggestion for a future BCA meeting – invite our new community police officer.

9. Board Email (Kevin)

- Agreement to move the board email to Free Google Email.

10. BCA Website Wishlist (Kevin)

- Postponed until the next meeting.

11. Membership (Satinder)

- 96 paid memberships. 85% renewals were done by electronic transfer
- Three people have stepped forward to be street captains to increase memberships.
- We will have tables setup at Tennis Club registration and at Funfair.
- Membership benefits include 10% discounts at the Tennis Club and Fancy Nails as well as a \$5 canteen credit with ladies softball.
- Received a Thank you note with one renewal: Thanks to every on for the hard work and devotion to Blackburn Hamlet. Really enjoy reading the Banar always “homey” newsy and informative. PH.

12. Event and Community Communications (Kiel)

- Postponed until the next meeting.

13. Hockey Day and Rink Update (Mark)

- Held on Feb 9th. And had a good turnout despite short planning cycle, cold wind and conflicts with tournaments and other winter events in the city.
- \$900 Under budget.
- Hope to grow event next year with advance planning and more events.

14. Neighbourhood Watch (Don)

- Despite announcements at our AGM and an notice in the BANAR there has been no response for restarting Neighbourhood watch.
- One of the reasons is our low crime rate.
- Will refocus on link to community police and assisting other chairs where areas overlap.

15. Cancer Chase (Lee)

- Lee is unable to lead Cancer chase due to family commitments. Don agreed to take the lead with Lee as Co-Chair.

16. BANAR (Evelyn)

- The April BANAR deadline is March 13. Still looking for a group to deliver by April 1st . Ali may know a group who is interested.

17. Adjournment (Next meeting March 21, 2019, 7:30pm in the Community Hall).

Attendees

Ali Yassine
Chelsey Wynn
Lynn Lefevre
Kendra Brett
Mark Lister
Ian Chamberland
Satinder Sahota
Don Kelly
Kevin White

Dave Garand
Evelyn Budd
Lee Stach

Laura Dudas
Karrie Turner
Doug MacQuarrie
Barb Nolan
Chantal Goyette
Gaston Barban
Mike Murphy

BCA Board

President: Ali Yassine

Vice President: Chelsey Wynne

Secretary: Lynn Lefevre

Treasurer: Lisa Margeson

Parks: Ali Yassine

Rinks: Mark Lister

Membership: Satinder Sahota

Website: Kevin White

Community Safety: Don Kelly

Social: Ian Chamberland

Education and Youth: Kathleen Parisien

Community Relations: Vacant

Community Communications: Kiel Dixon

Environment: Kendra Brett

Standing Committees

Senior Action Committee: Beverly McGrath

Community Beautification:

Splashpad: Ian Chamberland

Transportation: Dave Garand

Operational Groups

Banar: Evelyn Budd

Fun Fair: Brent Lawrie

Community Hall: Auramarina Sawyer

Cancer Chase Lee Stach, Don Kelly