

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of Meeting
Of
Thursday Nov. 20, 2003

In Attendance:

Al Ross
Chris Noyes
Gord Hawley
Monica de Romer
Roger Smiley
Jessica Tranquilly- Doherty
Michael van Aanhout
Sarah Clouthier
Caroline MacDonald Harris
Paula Rosenquist
Jan Whitehouse

Rainer Bloess
Suzanne Sanford
Evelyn Budd

Iris Phillips

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Al Ross at 7:36 pm.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2003

Moved by Mike van Aanhout, seconded by Jessica Tranquilly-Doherty that the minutes of Oct. 16, 2003 be accepted.

3.0 Business arising from the minutes

3.1 Missing key has been found by the Scouts

3.2 Tree planting meeting scheduled for Oct 24th. Mike reported there are a number of programs available (Commemorative Tree Program, Trees in Trust, Community Partnership Program). As per Rainer Bloess, submissions can be made but results will possibly be affected by the current budget review.

Moved and carried by all the following 2 resolutions:

- 1) that the BCA support in principal the upkeep of trees planted
- 2) that the BCA submit a proposal for planting trees under the community Partnership Program

4.0 New Business

- 4.1 Caroline MacDonald Harris proposed BCA send a letter to the education Minister requesting any decision on the closure of Emily Carr School be delayed until more planning has been done on the issue. Letter to be copied to Mssrs Kennedy, McNeely and McGuinty. Seconded by Jessica and carried. (Rainer to follow with Mr. McNeely on the same subject)
- 4.2 Sarah Clouthier reported an information session for seniors was being scheduled for April 25, 2004 to discuss safety and security issues. Police have indicated their willingness to be involved.
- 4.3 An alarm system is coming for the Community Hall In January (Gord)
- 4.4 Caroline and Paula to organize purchase of rain barrels and sell at a reduced cost to BCA members. First purchase to be for \$1000.
- 4.5 Fun Fair 2004 meeting for volunteers is scheduled for Nov. 23, 2003 at 7:30pm.(Gord)
- 4.6 Recreation Projects grant deadline is Dec. 11, 2003 for winter program.(Suzanne)
- 4.7 Banar issue distributed successfully the weekend of Nov. 8. (Evelyn)
- 4.8 Bulletin Boards in the Community Center are now available and are being monitored by Gord and Jan.
- 4.9 New coat racks are going up in Community Center cloakrooms (hangars needed)
- 4.10 Theft – Moved by Roger, seconded by Jessica and carried that the TV and VCR stolen in a robbery be replaced. Al authorized to spend up to \$500. Equipment to be donated to the city so it will be on their asset list and therefore covered by their insurance.
- 4.11 AGM has been scheduled for Jan 22, 2004 as it was too difficult to schedule close to Christmas. As well, next meeting has been advanced a week to be held Dec. 11, 2003.
- 4.12 Jessica to chair committee (volunteers- Al, Gord, Roger, Rainer) to review criteria for and selection of volunteer awards.

5.0 Report of the President

Discussions ongoing with city on policing issues in Blackburn. Citizens to be reminded to report all incidents even if minor.

City has responded to BCA's concerns about setting precedents on zoning by supporting the zoning change on height restrictions for 2536 Innis. City has confirmed that each zoning application will be reviewed on its own merits and therefore there is no concern about setting precedents.

6.0 Report of the Vice President

Norman Johnson rink work is now complete.
Rink maintenance grant totals \$5760 for the winter (2x \$2880) and the city has committed to plowing and flooding – for this season. 6 or 7 kids needed to be rink monitors and are invited to call Chris.

7.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm.