

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of Meeting
of
Thursday May 19th, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tom Scott
Roger Smiley
Jessica Tranquilli Doherty
Paula Rosenquist
Annick Laporte
Charles Kennedy
Sarah Cloutier
Michael Van Aanhout

GUEST:

Suzanne Sanford
Rainer Bloess

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jessica at 7:37 pm.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Approval of the minutes was left to the next meeting as several members, including the president, could not be in attendance.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Rainer met with the Paxton Lane residents about the Louis Riel Dome. Compromises made by the school include using the rear compressor during summertime, and the building of the berm and landscaping to mask noise and hide the bulk of the structure.

4.0 VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT

4.1 Roger has acquired and looked at various Community Hall plans and now has the pertinent drawings, city plans, land lease, as well as expansion ideas to share with Jan Whitehouse and the Community Hall committee. A meeting on the subject will be scheduled next week.

5.0 BUSINESS REPORT

5.1 Charles was asked by Isabelle Hubble for bike racks to be installed at all plazas. Charles and Rainer will contact plazas owners to see about putting BCA-owned bicycle racks on these properties with the property owners signing off on liability.
5.2 Discussion regarding the placement of the BCA-ordered benches is still ongoing.

6.0 MEMBERSHIP

6.1 Scott reports that 145 of the typical 700 membership have been sold. He will contact the local school students for canvassing help.

7.0 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

7.1 The latest ward boundaries proposal going to council has no changes being made to the East boundaries, which maintains the desired status quo.
7.2 Rainer met with NCC representatives about the path currently being completed from the Hornet's Nest soccer fields to Tauvette Road. The path will include a connection to the Green's Creek parking lot, featuring a new bridge for cyclists

and pedestrians. It is hoped that this will help alleviate traffic congestion during events at the soccer fields by providing alternative places to park a vehicle.

- 7.3 Blackburn residents and BCA members expressed concerns about having Mews Chevrolet hold their automobile sale in the Hornets Nest dome. A legal opinion was obtained and indicated that such events are not allowed as per TMSI's agreement with the city. The signs have been taken down and Mews will not hold another such event at the Dome.
 - 7.4 Also raised as a concern by Paula is the price of using the dome for community organizations and sports clubs. Louis Riel is currently less expensive and compromises are sought.
 - 7.5 The representative for TMSI will be present for the next BCA meeting.
 - 7.6 Rainer would like to see more emphasis put on recognizing volunteers. The members agreed that the Funfair Chair and volunteers should be nominated for civic recognition awards.
- 8.0 GUEST: SUZANNE SANFORD
- 8.1 To harmonize various city facilities and their policies, the city would like the BCA to adopt the city's standardised policies and rates. Fees are based on the facility's amenities, capacity, etc. Suzanne left a list of the policies with the BCA.
 - 8.2 Of particular importance are the Teen Dance Policy and the Municipal Alcohol Policy.
 - 8.3 These policies are a baseline/guideline provided for harmonisation. The rate increases are not compulsorily.
 - 8.4 The city no longer has a "special event" grant so accommodations regarding the funding of the Funfair are still in discussion. The city is providing the arena free of charge and is looking into purchasing toys/equipment for the Bearbrook Pool. Choices are yet to be made on the pool equipment. Suzanne will meet with AI to discuss this further. Charles suggested a gazebo-type shade structure over the kiddie pool. Options should have the BCA's visibility in mind.
- 9.0 SENIORS
- 9.1 Seniors would like to have a meeting with the MP or MPP to discuss healthcare issues, nursing staff shortages and related concerns. The BCA could organize a health care meeting with federal and provincial reps in the fall. Roger suggested inviting a representative from the Monfort Hospital. Rainer will talk to Marc Godbout and Phil McNeely about it. He will see about getting a panel of representatives together, including someone from the Nurses Association.
- 10.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 10.1 Sarah mentioned a concern brought up by a resident who feels the burm between the skateboard park and the parking lot is too high as she cannot watch her child from her vehicle.
 - 10.2 Paula stated that eleven of the thirteen rain barrels for sale at the clean-up day barbeque were sold. The turn out, despite the bad weather, was around 170 people and the clean up was a great success.
 - 10.3 The Garage Sale was also a big success.
- 11.0 ADJOURNMENT
- 12.1 Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.