

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of Meeting
of
Thursday September 15th, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Ross
Jessica Tranquilli Doherty
Beverly Hobbs
Helen Rosseau
Tom Scott
Evelyn Budd
Rainer Bloess
Charles Kennedy
Sarah Cloutier
Annick Laporte
Gord Hawley
Ben Charlebois

GUEST: Suzanne Sanford

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Al at 7:30 pm.
- 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - 2.1 Approval of the June minutes moved by Al, seconded by Tom.
- 3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
 - 3.1 Sarah would like to have the proposed health care meeting between the seniors community and federal and provincial reps (item 9.1 from the May 2005 minutes) looked into before the next seniors meeting on the 19th of October.
- 4.0 GUEST
 - 4.1 Suzanne presented and explained the new 311 City Services available in Ottawa.
 - 4.2 The BANAR will print this information for the community.
 - 4.3 The city is offering the Community Hall the free use of a 580 prefix number. This number would include an answering service. It's not yet certain if the number can also be answered directly at the Hall. The BCA will ask Janet Whitehouse if she feels the Community Hall can benefit from this service.
- 5.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
 - 5.1 Outdoor rinks will be managed as in the past.
 - 5.2 The Rain Barrel Program has gone well with 57 barrels sold. Saturation for the area may have been achieved.
 - 5.3 Marcel Bisson on the City Committee for Forestation Problems called and would like a meeting to discuss any problems with Blackburn area trees. Annick or Michael Van Aanhout will call to get any particulars and schedule a meeting.
- 6.0 V-CHAIR'S REPORT
 - 6.1 Not in attendance.

- 7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT
- 7.1 There is an unaccounted for \$93.63 in the bank account. Its origin is being sought. (This has subsequently been identified as money deposited by the Badminton Club)
- 8.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- TRILLIUM GRANT STATUS
- 8.1 Charles reported that a proposal that requested the funding for two community barbeques, a \$10,000 venture, was refused. Charles will refine and resubmit the proposal November 1st, 2005 and March 1st, 2006. The criteria for the grant are being investigated and will be discussed further at the next meeting with Phil McNeely.
- 9.0 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
- 9.1 Throughout the summer, signs have been a source of complaint from private citizens as well as businesses in Blackburn Hamlet. The BCA voted a motions to re-instate the moratorium on signs in the Blackburn Hamlet community.
- 10.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS
- FUNFAIR
- 10.1 Bev Hobbs and Ben Charlebois presented a financial report to the board which outlined expenses and revenues. Beverly reported that the Funfair reserve was exhausted and that the Funfair did not have the funds to pay the shares expected by most volunteers and exhibitors. Due to the extreme heat of the weekend the Funfair suffered from lowered attendance. The higher cost of rentals and police services also contributed to the drain on the reserves. The Funfair Committee asked that the BCA help with the approximately \$8,000 grant which represents \$70 a share. Jessica motioned that the BCA give \$7,150 (representing \$65/share) to the Funfair. Tom seconded. Motion was passed.
- 10.2 Al pointed out that the BCA had already advanced \$2,000 to the Funfair and asked if the intention was to add the \$7,150 to the \$2,000. The board said that was the intention, bringing the total BCA funding level for the 2005 Funfair to \$9,150, plus the chair's honorarium of \$500.
- 10.3 Beverly will sell Funfair key holders at the Winter Fun Day to recoup some costs.
- 11.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 11.1 Emails were sent to the BCA's attention during the summer requesting that one or more of the parks in Blackburn Hamlet be made accessible to handicapped children. Jessica will organize a meeting with the persons requesting the park and the BCA will look into so converting one of the parks.
- 11.2 Requests were made for park benches to be placed around Blackburn to provide resting places for seniors wishing to go for extended walks. Jessica will look into this project.
- 11.3 Michele Hare emailed the BCA asking to restart the defunct Blackburn Hamlet Youth Association. Gord will contact him.
- 11.4 Jessica suggested an advance green be requested for the Bearbrook/Innes intersection as traffic has increased there and the planned Tim Horton's may worsen congestion.
- 11.5 There was no Garden Tour this year. There is a balance and Evelyn asked that it be placed in the BCA account and used for community landscaping projects. Al will keep it in a separate account.
- 11.6 Throughout the summer, signs have been a source of complaint from private citizens as well as businesses in Blackburn Hamlet. The BCA passed a motion to

re-instate the moratorium on signs in the Blackburn Hamlet community. The motions is as follows:

WHEREAS The City of Ottawa Temporary Signs on Private Property By-law (2004-239) Section 33 states "...Council may prohibit temporary signs within a specified area of the City subject to such conditions deemed necessary by Council including consultation with the local community."

AND WHEREAS the Blackburn Hamlet residents have approached the Blackburn Community Association with objections to the clutter of temporary signs in their community,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council enact a moratorium on temporary signs in Blackburn Hamlet.

Moved by: Charles Kennedy Seconded by: Helen Rosseau Motion carried

12 ADJOURNMENT

12.1 Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.