

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of Meeting
of
Thursday November 17th, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Ross (proxy Charles Kennedy)
Jessica Tranquilli Doherty
Helen Rosseau (proxy Tom Scott)
Evelyn Budd
Iris Phillips
Paula Rosenquist (proxy Caroline Harris-McDonald)
Jan Whitehouse
Sarah Cloutier
Sonia Brereton
Annick Laporte
Rainer Bloess

GUEST: Royal Gallipeau

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Al at 7:40 pm.
- 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - 2.1 Approval of the September minutes moved by Al, seconded by Charles (proxy), carried.
 - 2.2 Approval of the October minutes moved by Jessica, seconded by Helen, carried.
- 3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
 - 3.1 Blackburn Garden Tour money, \$3,000, transferred to the BCA account. It will be used in beautifying projects throughout Blackburn Hamlet.
 - 3.2 Sonia announced that the Youth Forum would be held at 7:00 at the Community Hall on December 9th. BCA members were asked to attend.
- 4.0 GUEST
 - 4.1 The Blackburn Hamlet Library usage is down which endangers the library's continued existence.
 - 4.2 Royal suggested Stephen Fanjoy, a Blackburn Hamlet resident who sits on the Public Advisory Committee, be invited to join the BCA.
- 5.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
 - 5.1 The Blackburn Hamlet Preschool has donated 75 daffodil bulbs to the Blackburn Community. Bill Smith and Julie Babcock will plant the bulbs at the base of the signs at the entrances to Blackburn.
 - 5.2 Janice Johnson sent an email regarding the placement of new benches in the community. The email will be forwarded to Jessica who will answer.
 - 5.3 The new rates for the Community Hall will go into effect January 1st, 2006. A new \$5.00 per event fee will help cover the expenses of replacing the aging Hall chairs and other refurbishing.
 - 5.4 The new rates were approved by the BCA.
 - 5.5 Sarah will request an exemption for the 50 Plus club as a non-profit organization.
 - 5.6 Al received an email from Robert Paiement of the Riverwalk Community Association. That organization is seeking support to fight a zoning change in

their community that would allow Ashcroft developers to erect a high rise. The BCA will support the Riverwalk community Association. Al will email a response.

- 6.0 V-CHAIR'S REPORT
 - 6.1 Not in attendance.
- 7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT
 - 7.1 The City funding is in. Al Ross gave the financial report.
- 8.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - ENVIRONMENT
 - 8.1 Paula spoke for the Environment Committee stating that it is in favour of pesticides for non-cosmetic uses.
 - 8.2 The committee is looking for new initiatives.
 - SENIORS
 - 8.3 The Pot Luck Lunch for the 50+ club will be on December 4th, at 6:30.
 - YOUTH
 - 8.4 Sonia announced that there will be a meeting for the youth, at the Community Hall on Dec 9th to discuss youth programs.
- 9.0 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
 - 9.1 The 2006 Draft Budget was tabled. It has no noteworthy impact on Blackburn Hamlet.
 - 9.2 The city council pesticide debate engendered a motion put forth by Rainer; that the Federal Pesticide Management Review Agency be required to update its testing and regulations on available pesticides. The motion was carried unanimously.
 - 9.3 Rainer met with Robert Paiement of Riverwalk Community association to discuss the zoning change from commercial/industrial to residential. The issue has been put off until the by-election in Orleans takes place.
 - 9.4 The trajectory of the East West Light Rail corridor is still under debate. Steve Fanjoy from Blackburn is on the committee.
 - 9.5 A new 90 series bus will be added to the new corridor by September 2006. It will go from Trim Road to Blair to Hurdman to Baseline, bypassing the downtown core.
 - 9.6 A Slow-Down Campaign is currently under way in Blackburn Hamlet by the Ottawa Police, which explains their heightened presence in the area.
 - 9.7 New lights are being installed behind the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool, behind the arena. These will be monitored downtown as are the ones already in place at the Blackburn Pool.
 - 9.8 The Vice-Principal of Emily Carr is looking to adopt the outdoor rink/basketball area near their school. By having kids take ownership of the site and keep it clean the principal expects to reduce current and future vandalism of the area. This project is in progress with Rainer.
- 10.0 COMMITTEE REPORT
 - BANAR
 - 10.1 The BANAR will go out on November 25th and January 27th.
 - 10.2 The November issue will carry the information regarding the many services offered by the Blackburn library.
- 11.0 NEW BUSINESS
 - 11.1 Al Ross presented Sonia Brereton as Director of Youth Activities. Sarah seconded, unanimously approved and carried.

- 11.2 Sonia reported that Mark Godbout's office would be offering bilingual information sessions for seniors planning to retire. His office should be contacted for further details.
- 11.3 Helen reported that the BCA website now has a link to the Blackburn Hamlet Living website as well as various upgrades to new school links.
- 11.4 Businesses outside the community have requested links on the site but have been turned down. The site will continue to offer free links for local businesses only.
- 11.5 Annick mentioned some Valewood crescent residents had complained that the parking lights at the Louis Riel school parking lot shone brightly at the houses of the residents backing on to the school. Rainer will look into having baffles installed on the lights.
- 11.6 Al will contact Edna McCallion of the Community Foundation of Ottawa regarding obtaining funds to make one of the Blackburn Hamlet parks accessible to handicapped children and to possibly update the skateboard park.
- 11.7 Should a Federal election occur in the near future, the BCA will host a Meet the Candidates night.
- 11.8 Jessica will work with Suzanne Shapiro to see what can be done to improve park access for the handicapped.
- 11.9 Jessica will also look into what improvements can be done to the skateboard and the access for the handicapped

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 12.1 Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

There will be a General Meeting in January during which the elections for the board members will be held.