

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of Meeting
of
Thursday January 24th, 2006

IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Ross
Jessica Tranquilli Doherty
Helen Rosseau
Tom Scott
Roger Smiley
Sarah Cloutier
Paul Van Bruinssen
Michael van Aanhout
Annick Laporte

GUEST: Suzanne Sanford

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Approval of the December minutes moved by Helen, seconded by Jessica, carried.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Sarah's senior's group will pay the new tariff for the use of the community hall and be reimbursed by the BCA.

3.2 Jessica and Suzanne state that there is approximately \$10,000 dollars in minor capital appropriation allocated to the project to add benches in Blackburn Hamlet. As placement of the benches has proven problematic and caused the endeavour to be put on hold, the BCA will use these funds to provide one or more Blackburn parks with handicap access and handicap-accessible play-structures.

3.3 Suzanne will provide a brochure of what is available in terms of structures.

3.4 Excess money will go toward improving the skateboard park.

4.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

4.1 The Petrie Island Advisory Committee is meeting next month and has asked if a member of the BCA would care to be present and act as a liaison between the two groups. Annick will go for the first meeting on February 21st at 7pm at Centrum.

5.0 V-CHAIR'S REPORT

5.1 Trillium will be approached as a source of funding for the Community Hall expansion, with an emphasis put on the benefits to the community this expansion will provide. Roger, Charles, and Suzanne will look into the proposal.

6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 The 2004-2005 budget will be posted on the website. A balance of \$100,753, most of it earmarked for the Community Hall expansion, is currently held by the BCA. Costs for Badminton, Landscaping, and the Outdoor Rinks are due on that amount.

6.2 A motion to pay for an "Auditor's Review" as a preventative measure was put forward by Roger and seconded by Michael. It was carried.

- 7.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - ENVIRONMENT
 - 7.1 Paula Rosenquist's resignation is declined. The BCA will accommodate her inability to attend meetings.

- 8.0 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
 - 8.1 Not in attendance.

- 9.0 COMMITTEE REPORT
 - MEMBERSHIPS
 - 9.1 Tom Scott is still waiting for some canvassers' results. Stale-dated cheques have been a problem.
 - BANAR
 - 9.2 The Banar will be getting an assistant for book-keeping and management tasks.
 - WINTER FUNDAY
 - 9.3 Michael reports that most required activities have been booked for the Winter Funday. The Banar will publish the time and day and highlight the events.
 - 9.4 Michael will obtain last year's signs from Rainer.
 - 9.5 TMSI might open the dome for activities.
 - 9.6 Sarah reports that the Chili contest is ready to go. She was still soliciting judges.
 - COMMUNITY HALL
 - 9.7 Diane van Aanhout, through Michael van Aanhout, suggested including a coffee shop, which would offer employment opportunities for students, and a commercial kitchen as part of the Community Hall expansion. This was very well received with several suggestions developing from the original idea and its applications.
 - 9.8 These include the kitchen being used by organizations in fund-raising, potlucks, to offer cooking classes, and by corporate team-building seminars.
 - 9.9 Mrs. van Aanhout is invited to join in the upcoming special meeting to discuss the expansion details. AL, Roger, and Charles will attend. The date is to be announced.

- 11.0 NEW BUSINESS
 - 11.1 Al informed the board that Tim Horton's has applied for a site plan for the Loeb Shopper's parking lot.
 - 11.2 Mr. Lou Frangian, pharmacist at the Blackburn Pharmacy, proposed offering a \$1000 dollar scholarship for students pursuing a science degree. The BCA supports this endeavour.
 - 11.3 Paul reported that it had been a bad winter for the ice rinks. There is a full contingent of kids managing the rinks but more floodings and appropriate weather is needed.
 - 9.10 Suzanne stated that the city would not turn over the full responsibility of the outdoor rinks to a municipality or association unless that entity had the infrastructure necessary for self-management already in place, which the BCA does not have at this time.
 - 9.11 The board of directors will stay as is and will try to recruit new members in the next three months.
 - 9.12 Al has stated his intention to step down as soon as a member is willing to replace him. Jessica will assume some of the Civic Affairs duties that he has done in the past.

- 10.0 ADJOURNMENT
 - 12.1 Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.