

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of Meeting
of
Thursday February 16th, 2006

IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Ross
Roger Smiley
Sonia Brereton
Helen Rosseau
Tom Scott
Charles Kennedy
Lynn Leduc
Rainer Bloess
Evelyn Budd
Annick Laporte

GUESTS:

Edward Bustamante
Royal Galipeau

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Al at 7:35 pm.
- 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - 2.1 Approval of the January minutes moved by Roger, seconded by Charles, carried.
- 3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
 - 3.1 Al called his accountant in regards to obtaining an auditor's review for the BCA books. The accountant will look over the books next week.
 - 3.2 Sonia will join the Trillium grant approval committee. The BCA will not be submitting a proposal for the March 1st deadline.
 - 3.3 Regarding Lou Frangian's proposed monetary award for science students, the BCA could help with advertising, Charles suggests Lou be made aware of StudentAwards.com. Al will talk with him and Helen will investigate the site and sites like it.
- 4.0 GUESTS
 - 4.1 Royal Galipeau's office will be on Centrum boulevard at the old Cumberland City Hall. The phone number will remain the same for now: 590-0999, and the email will be galipr@parl.gc.ca.
 - 4.2 He thanked the BCA for organizing the All Candidates meeting.
- 5.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
 - 5.1 Signage issue will be passed on to Jessica. See Councillor's Report.
- 6.0 V-CHAIR'S REPORT
 - 6.1 Roger will coordinate with Charles this week regarding plans. They will confer with Suzanne.
 - 6.2 The proposed kitchen will entail additional costs and concerns including insurance, maintenance, and health issues.
 - 6.3 Getting the land space (moving the soccer field) is still an obstacle.

- 7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT
 - 7.1 Al prepared and presented a profit-loss sheet and a consolidated balance sheet. It will be posted on the site and printed in the BANAR.
 - 7.2 The City grant has been approved for 2006 with 1 2.1% inflationary increase. \$5,336 will be added to the minor capital appropriation fund.

- 8.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - MEMBERSHIPS
 - 8.1 As new membership cards aren't ready, old memberships will be sold at the Winter Fun Day.
 - YOUTH
 - 8.2 Sonya is waiting to hear if the youths want to go ahead with an open-mike or a youth summit.
 - SENIORS
 - 8.3 The Seniors' St. Patrick's Day Potluck dinner will have step-dancers as entertainment. A request for \$150 was made to the board to pay for the dancers. Sarah motioned, 2nd by Tom. Carried.
 - 8.4 A new survey inquiring about support for a health meeting will be sent out to seniors.

- 9.0 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
 - 9.1 Lynn reports for Rainer that the temporary sign ban was close to passing in council but the City Legal Department doesn't believe the By-law will stand. It did not carry. The Business Advisory Committee wants to know what the position of the local businesses is. Notices have been sent out to them, but the lack of response (only one business responded, favourably) is inconclusive. The motion will go back to the Emergency and Protection Services Committee after the business are more appropriately polled.
 - 9.2 Charles will poll the Blackburn Hamlet businesses and return with the responses.
 - 9.3 Lynn will obtain pertinent information such as the amount of the by-law fine.
 - 9.4 Jessica will coordinate the BCA business regarding temporary signs

- 10.0 COMMITTEE REPORT
 - COMMUNITY HALL
 - 10.1 Jan did a count of the chairs and tables and found several missing. Card tables are old and need replacing. Replacement models are being sought. Al will research.
 - 10.2 The storage room needs cleaning and organizing.
 - 10.3 Security needs to be looked at.
 - WINTER FUN DAY
 - 10.4 Winter Fun Day signs are up, the dates booked. The City has provided a prize package. Helpers should show up at noon. Royal will attend.
 - FUNFAIR
 - 10.5 Al and Roger would like to address some Funfair issues. Al would like a better financial statement and a meeting with one of the directors.
 - BANAR
 - 10.6 Evelyn will have an audit done on the BANAR books. She reported that Jonathan Bell's transactions were always paid to her in cash and that subsequently wrote personal cheques to deposit the money for bookkeeping purposes.
 - 10.7 The BCA will pay the additional cost to deliver the BANAR to Chapel Hill South at key times, such as the issue promoting the Funfair.
 - 10.8 The BANAR rates will not be raised at this time.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Charles reports he has replied to a Carleton journalism student's request for information on the proposed sign ban.
- 11.2 Tim Horton's site plan was unveiled at the meeting. The BCA will respond to Tim Hortons favourably with the following conditions:
 - 11.2.1 That the size of the individual parking spaces not be shrunk.
 - 11.2.2 That the handicapped parking be kept in front of the Shopper's Drugmart.
 - 11.2.3 That the signage and proposed landscaping not obstruct the view of oncoming Innes traffic for motorists turning out of the parking lot exit on that street.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 12.1 Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.