

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of Meeting
of
Thursday September 21th, 2006

IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Ross
Roger Smiley
Helen Rosseau
Tom Scott
Rainer Bloess
Lynn Leduc
Jan Whitehouse
Sonia Brereton
Sarah Cloutier
Paul Van Bruinessen
Annick Laporte

GUESTS:

Mona Abouhenidy – City of Ottawa Planning and Growth
Management Department
David Hopper of Delcan Consultant and Project Manager
Paul Graham
Angele Charlebois
Dawn Stroz
John Wright
Chris Fraser
William Smith

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Al.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Approval of the May minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Deferred to the next meeting.

4.0 GUESTS

4.1 Mona and David gave a presentation bringing the BCA up to date on the progress and plans of the city concerning the proposed Light Rail route through Blackburn Hamlet.

4.2 Four options were presented for entering Blackburn through and around Cleroux street, including one option to avoid the street by going through NCC land between the street and the Fire hall.

4.3 As they believe it will result in higher ridership, the city prefers to bring the route down old Innes road, so that a station may be built on old Innes southwest of the Bearbrook intersection, rather than using the bypass and putting the station beyond the berm.

4.4 Many in attendance voiced concerns about the city's preferred route and no consensus was reached.

4.5 The city plans to have further open house presentations and meetings to discuss the issue after the municipal elections.

- 5.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
 - 5.1 Tim Horton's have revised their building plan. Handicapped spots have been put back and the drive-through feed has been shortened.

- 6.0 VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
 - 6.1 In response to a Blackburn citizen receiving a very heavy fine from the city for cutting a tree on city property, it has been suggested that a "Bylaw Corner" be added to the Banar to inform the citizens of the Innes Ward of the local bylaws.

- 7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT
 - 7.1 Association is under spent on most items at this time.
 - 7.2 Rainbarrel campaign was an excellent success. All 51 barrels sold.
 - 7.3 Funfair made a \$5,000 profit not including the distribution of shares that will be concluded at an upcoming special meeting.
 - 7.4 Auditor Ray Kayen will be going over the BCA books.

- 8.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - MEMBERSHIPS
 - 8.1 10 canvassers have yet to turn in their collection.
 - 8.2 Total count will be ready for next meeting.
 - 8.3 Scott announced he would not be returning as Membership Director.
 - SENIORS
 - 8.4 The seniors will be having their annual Christmas potluck dinner and have asked if the BCA would be willing to pay for the musicians. The request passed unanimously and the \$210 will be paid from the programming budget.
 - 8.5 A caller wishing to remain anonymous called to point out that president's message in the Banar last month was slanted in support of Rainer and therefore contravened a bylaw.

- 9.0 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
 - 9.1 An accident on the corner of Bearbrook and Old Innes brought out complaints about bad driving in the Hamlet. Rainer has suggested a traffic blitz to get that under control and a countdown light.
 - 9.2 The new 94 bus ridership is growing as is the length of the route. Extra buses are being inserted halfway into the route at peak hours to handle the overflow of riders.
 - 9.3 To make the route faster, the 94 does not service all existing stops along the route. Some adjustments are being made to reduce confusion and optimize which stops it services.
 - 9.4 Sonia mentioned some problems with the route to Lester B. Pearson high school. Rainer will look into it.
 - 9.5 *Greening the City* and *Fall Cleanup* are two new initiatives by the city of Ottawa that need volunteers.

- 10.0 COMMITTEE REPORT
 - FUNFAIR
 - 10.1 Fun Fair went very well. There were no major problems and the event made a profit.
 - COMMUNITY HALL
 - 10.2 The new floors for the Community Hall are in.
 - 10.3 The booking issue with the city has been discussed but not yet resolved.
 - 10.4 The card tables desperately need replacing.

 - BANAR
 - 10.5 Not in attendance.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 An All Candidates meeting was suggested. Sonia will see if she can get the candidates.
- 11.2 Al Ross resigned as Chairperson of the BCA. Roger Smiley will be acting Chairperson until the AGM.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 10.1 Meeting was adjourned at 9:25.