

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of the Meeting
Held on
Thursday January 25th, 2007
Annual General Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE:

Roger Smiley
Al Ross
Evelyn Budd
Helen Rosseau
Tom Scott
Jan Whitehouse
Charles Kennedy
Sonia Brereton
Rainer Bloess
Paul Van Bruinesson
Jennifer Cloutier
Dawn Stroz
David Cameron
Angele Charlebois
Phil McNeely
Francois Robichaud
Royal Galipeau
Laura Czekaj
Robert Paiement
Annick Laporte

GUEST: Phil McNeely

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Roger.
- 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - 2.1 Approval of the November minutes was motioned by Helen, seconded by Charles, carried.
 - 2.2 Approval of the December minutes was motioned by Helen, seconded by Annick, carried.
- 3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
 - 3.1 Al reported that the card tables are not yet purchased as the new style presents storage problems. He will continue to look into finding appropriate replacements.
- 4.0 GUEST
 - 4.1 Phil McNeely delivered the Queen's Park Report for the BCA. He addressed the following Fall Legislative Bills:
BILL 124-Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act-Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.
BILL 43-Clean Water Act-Ministry of the Environment,
BILL 52-Education Amendment Act (Learning to 18)-Ministry of Education,
BILL 148-An Act to Amend The Highway Traffic Act (Seatbelts)-Ministry of

Transportation.

All bills received Royal Assent.

- 4.2 The following Bills will be debated in the Spring Session:
BILL 155-The Electoral System Referendum Act-Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs and Democratic Renewal,
BILL 150-The Long Term Care Homes Act-Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care,
BILL 165-Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth Act-Ministry of Children and Youth Services.
 - 4.3 Phil will be touring the province to listen to people's opinion, particularly the northern communities where there is a lack of support for civil affairs.
 - 4.4 The Environmental study of the 417 split is finally complete. There will be a public assessment March 2nd.
 - 4.5 The city has been given provincial funds to make proposed changes that include: Adding a lane going east on 417, close the exit at St-Laurent when travelling west, close the St-Laurent on-ramp to east 417 except to buses and emergency vehicles, extend the lane that once exited at St-Laurent on 417 West all the way to Metcalfe.
- 5.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
- 5.1 Roger delivered his Annual President's Report. In it he mentioned the BCA's participation in consultation sessions on the LRT, the Walkey/Innes interchange, the Navan Dump, area policing, local zoning and signage issues, and the cooperation with other east end associations to maintain and maximize the welfare of east end communities.
 - 5.2 Other points addressed included the development of the Community Hall expansion plans, the expansion of the BANAR to Chapel Hill South, and the down-sizing of the 2007 Fun Fair.
 - 5.3 Roger also thanked members and volunteers for their hard work in the community.
- 6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT
- 6.1 Al presented the BCA Consolidated Balance Sheet for Dec 31, 2006, The Profit and Loss Statement for 2006, and the Interim Budget for 2007.
 - 6.2 Al also reported an increase in Community Hall revenue and a decrease in Community Hall expenses.
 - 6.3 The BCA is in need of new programs to devote funding to. The planned expansion of the Community Hall would allow for an expansion in programming.
 - 6.4 Ray Cayen, CMA, who looked over the BCA books last year, issued a statement in favour of the bookkeeping and management of the BCA accounts.
 - 6.5 Evelyn requested that the next audit include the BANAR books.
- 7.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- SENIORS
- 7.1 Sarah suggested selling memberships at seniors events like the potluck dinner, and the upcoming cribbage and euchre tournaments.
 - 7.2 Sarah also mentioned that the seniors have an outing planned with Amica to a maple farm in March.
- 8.0 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
- 8.1 Rainer informed the BCA that Tim Horton's will be resubmitting their site plan due to changes imposed by the owners of the Shopper's Drugmart.
 - 8.2 Joe's Auto expansion to auto sales will comply with the restrictions the BCA asked for regarding number of cars and signage.
 - 8.3 The hockey boards purchased recently are up at Longleaf Park but the requested puddle rink will require more volunteers to create.

- 8.4 The City budget will be coming up shortly. The BCA will have an opportunity to review it during the second week of February.
 - 8.5 Two additional Park and Rides are to be installed in the east end to prepare for the new transit corridor which includes expanding the 94 route to two-way service and adding off-peak buses.
 - 8.6 The pipeline at the Navan dump has been put in, which will remove the need to truck the leachate along Innes when it becomes functional.
 - 8.7 The Trail Road Dump takes 1/3 of the city's waste. The Friends of Mer Bleu have asked the city to seek an alternate site.
- 9.0 COMMITTEE REPORT
- FUNFAIR
- 9.1 Jen reported that Funfair is shaping up but is in strong need of more volunteers.
 - 9.2 All three museums will be coming out to the event, as will the Mayor.
 - 9.3 Carnival Funfair and Ambridge will be providing the rides and Midway.
 - 9.4 As it is the 40th anniversary of Blackburn Hamlet, the committee is looking for historical material from residents for the theme and will be honouring the senior residents of the hamlet.
 - 9.5 Funfair date is June 2nd, 2007.
- COMMUNITY HALL
- 9.6 Roger got a note from the city saying they will be putting in strapping to chain the upright tables when in storage as a safety precaution.
- BANAR
- 9.7 The next BANAR will contain a request by Jen for good, used toys to send to children in Afghanistan. It will also contain a thank you to Loeb for their many contributions over the years to the community's events.
- ICE RINKS
- 9.8 Paul reports the rinks briefly had ice on New Year's Eve and that he currently has three dedicated waterers working to keep ice available to the community. He asked if the BCA would consider an honorarium for these volunteers. The BCA will consider the honorarium.
 - 9.9 Vandalism and poor timing by the city's waterers have caused problems at the rinks. Paul has emailed the city asking that they not water on warm days.
- 10.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 10.1 Roger suggested a plaque to offer sponsors to supplement the certificate Rainer's office sends.
 - 10.2 David Cameron was nominated as representative for Chapel Hill South.
 - 10.3 Motion to re-appoint Evelyn Budd as BANAR editor was moved by Helen and seconded by Charles. Carried.
 - 10.4 Motion to re-appoint Jan Whitehouse as Community Hall coordinator was moved by Sonia and seconded by Sarah. Carried.
 - 10.5 Motion to officially appoint Jen Cloutier as Funfair Chair was moved by Annick and seconded by Helen. Carried.
 - 10.6 Motion to renew membership fees at the current rate of \$10 was moved by Sonia and seconded by Helen. Carried.
 - 10.7 The following was added to the by-laws of the BCA: "Subsequent to Article 9.1, be it moved that, in an emergency, directors may be polled by email and a vote taken with 48 hours notice." Moved by Charles, seconded by Sonia. Carried.
 - 10.8 The annual elections took place with the following results:
 President: Roger Smiley
 Vice President: Charles Kennedy
 Secretary: Annick Laporte
 Treasurer: Al Ross
 Civic Affairs: Jessica Tranquilli Doherty
 Youth Director: Sonia Brereton

Seniors Director: Sarah Cloutier
Education Director: Paula Rosenquist
Environment Director: Caroline Harris Macdonald
Business Director: Laura Czekaj
Web Page: Helen Rosseau
NCC and Greenbelt: Michael Van Aanhout
Recreation and Parks: Tom Scott

10.9 All other positions remain vacant.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Meeting was adjourned at 9:26.