

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)

Minutes of the Meeting
Held on
Thursday, June 21st, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE:

Roger Smiley
Charles Kennedy
Iris Phillips
Laura Czekaj
Mike Dudas
Tom Scott
Helen Rosseau
Paula Rosenquist
Evelyn Budd
David Cameron
Rainer Bloess
Suzanne Sanford
Annick Laporte

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Roger at 7:40 pm.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Approval of the April minutes was motioned by Tom, seconded by Charles, carried.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Tom reported on the City's examination of the park trees in Blackburn. The parks have an abundance and most are in good shape and free of damage or disease. Five trees will be planted to replace those few that need to be removed.

5.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

5.1 Roger attended the spring Police Services Meeting. Police are concentrating on youth issues at this time. Extra patrols are being signed to monitor parks. The meeting reported that Break and Enters are down significantly. "Report everything" was the message the police services wished to impart on the population.

6.0 VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

6.1 Charles reports that Tim Horton's is set to break ground shortly.

7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

7.1 Not in attendance.

8.0 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

8.1 The Transit Committee has voted 5-0 that the new inter-provincial bridge be built at Kettle Island. Communities must speak up now regarding the placement of the bridge.

8.2 An initiative to reduce mosquitoes next year using Bti application is proposed. The community would have to pay 15\$ per household and a 60% majority in favour would have to be recorded for it to go through. Pamphlets will be issued on the matter to households shortly.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORT

FUNFAIR

9.1 Jen reports that the Funfair was a huge success. Purveyors of the rides will be back next year with a larger selection of rides and attractions as they made a substantial profit this year. The Funfair committee made approximately \$6,000 in profit. Half will be used as seed money for next year's fair, half will be used for the community.

9.2 Lack of volunteers was a difficult issue. Facilities and tasks may need to be paid for next year.

CLEAN UP DAY

9.3 Paula reports that Clean Up Day had a record number of volunteers this year with over 260 people.

9.4 Rain barrels have all been sold. When Paula has enough requests, she will order more.

PARKS

9.5 Tom has hired Jordan Davidson to provide daily maintenance to the parks. David will also report damages to parks or play structures.

9.6 David will look into hiring a person to do a similar job in Chapel Hill South.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Tom reports that the seniors near Keystone Park have asked if they could have one or two new benches installed at the park. Helen motioned to have the benches purchased and installed. Paula seconded, carried.

10.2 Paula asked about private bushes and trees blocking or obstruction paths and sidewalks. Suzanne suggests calling 311 for such issues.

10.3 The park signs in Blackburn will be changed to the names chosen for them in 2000 by the community and BCA. The BANAR will carry explanations and a history on the names and changes.

10.4 As was once done in the past, it was suggested the BCA sponsor Skate Days or Swim Days for the community.

10.5 Laura pointed out that one of the pathways on Northpark opens up to the street from between hedgerows, making it a danger for children, particularly those cycling, when they cross the road. It was suggested the hedge be trimmed and a barrier, like the ones across the ends of paths at the south end of Bearbrook, be installed.

10.6 Royal dropped in to recommend that the 417 Split restructuring be addressed before the bridge be commenced as the new link would only put additional pressure on that section of roadway when Quebec residents use it to enter Ottawa in the morning.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Meeting was adjourned at 9:05.