

Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes of the Meeting
Held on Thursday, October 18, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE:

Roger Smiley
Rainer Bloess
Tom Scott
Charles Kennedy
David Cameron
Helen Rosseau
Lynn Leduc
Sarah Cloutier
Jan Whitehouse

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Roger at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

One change under heading of "Community Centre" at line 10 "concerns about preciously perched items" should read "concerns about precariously perched items". Approval of the September minutes (with change as above) was motioned by Tom and seconded by David.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Wiring Issue - BCA continuing to pursue - text of article provided by Sarah to Roger for final changes, review and submission to Evelyn Budd.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Roger spent the morning (October 18th) with the city discussing the final agreement regarding community hall usage. His expectation is that a final of the agreement will be forthcoming and review it at either the November or December association meeting.

Two items in the proposed agreement may be contentious; the city want right of 1st refusal for 6 PD days, Christmas and March breaks – compromise has been reached and Jan's workouts would need to re-locate to an agreed upon location 6 times each year. More details on the proposal when the drafts are reviewed.

We have also asked for help with the community hall "rider" so that it can include better language around the requirement for a police check for those that sign on to use the hall.

Storage issues remain. Roger will be examining storage space with the groups that currently utilize storage there and look for alternatives. \$7000 from capital budget is likely available for cage builds to satisfy some of the storage concern. In future years there is unlikely to be a capital budget rather up to \$5000 in direct funding.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Have had some concerns from community about blasting. Phone calls should be passed on to Rainer and they can deal with them. Suggestion from Rainer to have one of the Lafarge staff come and speak when /if required. Rainer / Lynn would be happy to connect the BCA to the Lafarge team.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sent regrets

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RINKS

Tom proposed funding for up to \$500 for art supplies for the schools to paint murals in / on the skating shack.

Moved Tom / Second Helen - passed.

Question of painting the rink base at Emily Carr - what about a white wash suggested by Ted? This process is used on the major rinks. When the white wash is cleaned of in the spring it may provide run-off that the kids may end playing in. Do we really need to paint it? Only a section of it needs painting. Suggestions of a section with the whitewash might provide the least run-off.

Direction from directors is that Rainer speak to Ken for his agreement. BCA rink team will put whitewash down.

WEB

Helen installed a new router - web page performance has increased.

CHAPEL HILL SOUTH

City reviewed Paget and Innes development application. Information sessions have been held - no new news

Chapel Hill association not yet up and running. David has enlisted two interested volunteers.

EDUCATION

Kidsport Fundraiser Sports Marathon took place Sat. Oct.13th. BCA sponsored the event to the tune of \$400. It was a success and raised over \$2000. Considering the weather it went very well. Lynn agreed to supply some pictures to Helen for the association web page.

COMMUNITY HALL (in addition to comments under Chairperson's report)

Jan raised the cleanliness of the kitchen as it is cleaned only once per year. Jan asked if the BCA could fund the cleaning of the kitchen once per year. Bathrooms and floors are cleaned every day. Jan has asked Ted and he requires a work order to come through the city. Rainer will speak with him.

We would like to add a suggestion/ concern / incident report box. Need to ask for this to be added.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Rainer said the Tim Hortons is due to break ground in the next couple of weeks. NCC meeting - 2:30pm November 5th. Roger and Rainer will attend. Proposed use for the greenhouses by a 3rd party and want to consult with NCC and city to ensure that land will remain open to the public. Exploratory meeting only. We need to invite the folks from Tauvette into the process at some point.

Glenn Ogilvie - raised close to \$17000, \$7500 from city for play structure

Hunt Club extension - environmental assessment almost complete. Final items will be put together and then completed in November. Extension has been in the master plan for several years. City council complete some land transfers in the next month which will provide.

Lynn wanted to thank the BCA for the support of kidsport day.

Rainer wanted apologize to the 50+ for being the last man standing and leaving the community hall a tad messy. It was great fundraiser. Well done for a great cause!

FUN FAIR

2007 Chair sent regrets.

Helen asked if the volunteer bbq was to take place - Roger has suggested to Jennifer Cloutier that she take the volunteers be taken out for a small celebration. Jennifer will get back to Roger.

FIFTY PLUS

Sarah has nothing to report.

WINTER FUN DAY

Jennifer/Jeff suggested through Roger that we look at utilizing the newly announced holiday.

MOTION TO AJOURN

Tom made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Helen. Passed.