

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes for Thursday May 20th, 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Roger Smiley
Sarah Cloutier
Laura Dudas
Paula Rosenquist
Tom Scott
Annick Laporte
Lynn Leduc
Rainer Bloess

CALL TO ORDER

Roger called the meeting to order at 8:00.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

April minutes approved. Proposed by Laura, seconded by Tom, carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

New signs will be made up for next year's Garage Sale.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Roger attended the ARC meeting. That committee is down to 5 options. Jackie Shaw wanted the BCA to put forth its point of view or preferred choices. Roger communicated to the committee that Blackburn parents don't want their kids going downtown to Rideau to go to school.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PARKS AND RECREATION

The BCA came out in the black on this year's rinks maintenance. The surplus will go into the account to cover any shortfalls on rinks next year. There were 5 applicants for the park maintenance job. Tom bought new gloves but the rest of the equipment was ready to go. The city does not want found needles to be picked up and disposed of at the pharmacy anymore. The city is to be called and they will come pick it up.

MEMBERSHIPS

Helen sold memberships at the Clean-up day. The 50+ Club will sell memberships at the Funfair. The \$500 Plasma screen TV will be drawn on Thanksgiving Weekend.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

The 94 bus will now run at 5-8 minute intervals at rush hour and will run later into the evening. Other changes include the amalgamation of the 25 into the 28 route. The new 128 loop will incorporate parts of the old 25 route and now run

every 15 minutes. The new 133 which will serve the Renaud, Page, and Navan roads will pass through Blackburn and connect at Blair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNFAIR

Funfair committee is ready for the June 6th Funfair.

COMMUNITY CENTER

June meeting will be the last crack at getting input on the Community Center design/proposal.

BANAR

The Tai Kwon do students will deliver the next BANAR and include their own flier with the delivery. They will be asked not to place the flier inside the publication. Most of Chapel Hill will be covered.

NEW BUSINESS

Loeb has long BBQs for sale at a reasonable price. They would, however, be hard to store.

Lawn damage complaints were addressed. The resident in contact with the BCA received an apology from the city but the city will not pay for repairs to the sod created by the thawing of lawn exposed to the cold by the new machine. Areas that have been gouged will be filled and seeded. BCA resolved to write a letter to the city requesting that the blade of the new machine be raised to help prevent thawing of the sod during next year's winter months.

The east Gateway Sign is falling in disrepair. The city has agreed that they are responsible for the sign upkeeps but the budget does not allow for any repairs to be done until the 2010 budget. The BCA will pay for the repairs now to prevent further, costlier damage. Annick will contact the original contractors and obtain prices for the repair and preventative maintenance of all three signs.

To relieve congestion and the possibility of accidents during the annual Garage Sale it was suggested that the main crescents, such as Southpark, Centerpark, and Westpark be made into one-ways for the morning.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10