

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes for Thursday October 22nd, 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Roger Smiley
Paul Mallet
Trisha Cloutier
Sarah Cloutier
Laura Czekaj Dudas
Charles Kennedy
Patrick Kahtouni
Al Ross
Evelyn Budd
Jan Whitehouse
Annick Laporte
Lynn Leduc
Rainer Bloess

Guest:

Jean-Paul Parent and Mario Drouin
Paul Mallet

CALL TO ORDER

Roger called the meeting to order at 7:30.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Jean-Paul Parent and Mario Drouin

Jean-Paul Parent owns a property on the north side of Old Innes east, across from Budd Gardens. He wishes to develop it with Mario Drouin into rental housing for elderly, low-income residents, using a government initiative, the Affordable Housing Program, which would subsidize both his building costs and the rental units themselves. He is seeking rezoning of the property to achieve this and was seeking the BCA's support in obtaining it. Mario Drouin of RMJ Properties, has built a similar facility in Limoge. The proposed building would have 3 stories, of which 2 and 1/2 would be visible from street level, would have a frontage of 280 feet, would be accessed from Innes road, and would contain 30 units.

There is currently no way to obtain rezoning with a guarantee that the land be used for a particular initiative. If this rezoning were allowed, Mr. Parent or a subsequent owner could develop the property into a less desirable type of housing. As Blackburn Hamlet already has a stable blend of low-income and upper-income housing, it was decided that supporting this project could lead to an upset in the balance.

Roger will email Mrs. Parent and Drouin the BCA's decision.

Paul Mallet

Paul Mallet attended the Ottawa "Futures Forum" meeting which focuses on the sustainability of Ottawa areas. The NCC, the City, the Chamber of Commerce, the city of Gatineau, and various Ottawa community groups were represented. Paul would like the various east end community groups to work together to conceive a united vision for the east end. He believes a common objective and a unification of the many voices in the east end will be necessary as city planning considers changes for the area. A focused list of priorities could help prevent unwanted changes. There are approximately 16 potential goals that require prioritization consensus, such as living local, jobs, green initiatives, growth, etc. Roger suggested using the Community President's group to begin the process.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Changes in the September minutes: Al asked that the wording be changed regarding the liability insurance. Laura motioned that the minutes be approved, Annick seconded, carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The cheque for Steven LeGrow, owner of Blackburn Tae Kwan Do has been cut.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The East Ottawa RC center is looking for exposure. Roger asked them to send information and an article to be published in the BANAR. Roger met with Kelly Roberts regarding the changes in city funding. The city is trying to streamline community funding across the city. This will likely impact the BCA.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MEMBERSHIPS

The draw for the Membership Drive was made. The winners will be announced in the BANAR.

BANAR

Evelyn will not be charging for an add in the next BANAR as it concerns a bereavement.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

The NCC has appointed a new group to assess the future location of the inter-provincial bridge. Public Meetings are in the works.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNFAIR

Trisha Cloutier is the new Chair of the Funfair. The last meeting had 15 members and planning is underway.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Charles will write an article in the BANAR dedicated to obtaining public feedback on the Community Hall development. He will be applying the Six Sigma System to the endeavour. Suggestions so far have been incorporating the local library, a pre-school center, a youth group, small meeting rooms, and a community kitchen.

Roger announced that the city wants to revise the rates for the Community Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

The LCBO, which issues Special Occasion Permits, told Sarah that, in addition to the \$25 "SOP" required for serving alcohol, liability insurance costing \$108 was also mandatory. The BCA voted to pay the extra fee for the Seniors Pot Luck Dinners.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20

Next Meeting, November 19th.

Roger will be absent

The December meeting will be the holiday meeting.

The January meeting will be the AGM.