

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes for Thursday, June 17, 2010**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Roger Smiley
Sarah Cloutier
Laura Czekaj Dudas
Charles Kennedy
Lynn Leduc
Rainer Bloess
Tom Scott
Paula Rosenquist
Annick Laporte
Helen Rosseau
Sheryl Tracy

GUESTS:

Nathalie Steele
Tony Branco

CALL TO ORDER

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved. Motioned by Laura, seconded by Tom.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Laura spoke about some ideas she has to get more kids involved in the community. She proposed a contest where kids would have the opportunity to choose the theme for the next Fun Fair.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Helen announced that the BCA is now on Facebook and a link has been placed on the BCA website. She has been working on improving the website to make it more 'user friendly' for people.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Rainer mentioned that he has been approached by some of the local skateboarders who are asking for improvements to the skateboarding parks. He will be meeting with them to discuss it further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUN FAIR

The Fun Fair was a success despite the rainy weather that resulted in closing down some of the events on Sunday. There were plenty of volunteers. Next year there will be some tweaking on the event timing but over all things went smoothly.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Helen moved that the drapes in the community hall be cleaned. Roger seconded the motion. Carried.

Results have been tallied from the community's input about the hall expansion. Larger meeting space and better kitchen facilities were among the suggestions given.

NEW BUSINESS

Nathalie Steele – Spoke about the Survey results from the EORC. Return rate of the survey was about 6.7% of the 200 that were distributed. Of the Residents who returned the survey, the majority were over 40 years of age. Topics from amenities, public services, crime rates, vandalism and youth were some of the common themes. Nathalie says she will try to find ways to get more feedback from the youth in the community.

She is planning focus groups within the community to help create community programs.

Tony Branco – Tony is redeveloping the site located at 2744 Innes Road. His team gave a presentation showing plans and ideas of how to improve the lot and have it fit into the neighbourhood.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. By Laura, motioned by Tom and seconded by Roger.