

**Blackburn Community Association (BCA)
Minutes for Thursday, May 17, 2013**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Laura Dudas
Chris Fraser
Sheryl Tracy
Autumn Balnap
Al Ross
Helen Rousseau
Paula Rosenquist

GUESTS:

Caroline Harris
Michel Haddah
Barbara Nolen
Klaus Siemses
Chuck Kennedy
Bill Blatt
Kim Mailhot
Lucie Lapointe
Rou Coyles

CALL TO ORDER

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS:

Caroline Harris is coordinating rain barrels at a discount to Blackburn Hamlet Residents. There will be an add in the Banar outlining all the details. The BCA will subsidize the cost of the barrels in order to lower the price for residents.

The Citizen's Committee gave a presentation with an overview of their concerns and questions about the Waste Digester proposed by Just Food. They are trying to keep an open dialogue with Just Food representatives. They're initiative is to learn as much about this system and seek out answers to their concerns including safety, noise, odours and potential for vandalism. The presentation will be posted on the BCA website (BlackburnHamlet.ca)

Barbara Nolen from the local Tennis club spoke about the club and many of the programs available to members, local schools and clubs. Since 1975, when the courts opened the membership has dwindled from approximately 1100 down to 145 members. They have struggles every year to maintain the courts as city funding is very limited. They are non-profit group that rely on membership to keep the courts running. In the not too distant future, the courts will need repairs costing in the upwards of \$22,000. They're hope is to secure more funding through grants, sponsorships and new members.

Al Ross attended a meeting about the Ash Borer. As we have seen, the community has lost a number of trees lately. The trees on city property will be replaced by the city. But is residents are interested in trying to save their trees, There is an arbourist that will assess the trees to see how viable saving them would be. There are fees and the process can take up to 3 years. (Annual applications) Cost will vary by size of the tree to be treated. More information will be posted on the BCA website for interested residents.

President's Report:

White-Out party update: It was planned to white wash the skate park on May 24th in preparation to the Saturday events. The plans are to have local graffitti artist give the park a fresh look. There is to be food, presentations by local police & Bylaw as well as a demonstration by skateboarders.

Community Hall Expansion Update: As this process has been long and drawn out the city is asking for updated public surveys from the local residents. Quotes will be needed soon in order to see how much is needed to allocate towards improving the kitchen in the hall.

Entry Signs: The sings located at the entrance of Blackburn are in dire need of repair. The BCA will be seeking out quotes to repairs them.

EROC: The BCA will once again sponsor the movie in the park evening as it was a huge success last year. More details to come.

BCA/Fun Fair: The BCA members will be walking in the parade this year and hope to have goodies to hand out.

Inter-provincial Bridge Update: All the details of the latest decisions will be posted on the BCA website.

Website: Helen is working on making our website more smart phone friendly.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm.