

QUEENSWOOD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting

Minutes of board meeting held 7.00 pm, March 5th, 2008 at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre, Room 3.

Present: Charlie Orr, Philip Berthiaume, Pete Weston, Lori Nash, Al Tweddle, Richard Lalonde, Sue Guarda, Jeanine Mader, Francois Robichaud on behalf of MP Galipeau, Henri Gravelle on behalf of Councillor Bob Monette.

Regrets: Christine Tetrault, Denise Skellington, Chris Rowlan on behalf of Councillor Jellett.

1. Approval of Agenda

Item not addressed as minutes from previous meeting not yet presented.

2. Play Structure for Kindergarten at Our Lady of Wisdom School

Lina Belanger of Our Lady of Wisdom had approached councillor Monette's office seeking financial support to help raise \$15,000 for the purchase of a play structure. Councillor did commit to helping out and also referred Lina to the association to see if it could assist as well. After discussion it was concluded that the school would be invited to participate and raise funds at the Family Fun day event held this coming June. The Association would also advertise the school's intent for doing so in the Newsliner. The association proposed that the school approach its parent committee for additional help, its school board and the city. Our Lady of Wisdom committed to participating in the Family Fun day.

3. Family Fun Day

Richard Lalonde has made himself available to chair this years event, effectively ensuring the occurrence of the event. A father of two, resident in the community and former president of the of the School council at Reine des Bois, Richard brings the necessary skill and attitude that will make the Family Fun Day for 2008 a success. Richard asked the association to allocate seed funding to allow for the organization of the event. Al Tweddle moved, seconded by Pete Weston, to make \$3,000 available to the organizational committee for Family Fun Day. Motion was carried. Richard indicated that M&Ms had offered to contribute food to the event. He also announced that the principal for Reine des Bois had agreed to be a willing dunk tank candidate. Requests were going to be made to other principals and elected officials. Enbridge would be approached to provide a kitchen and Team Ottawa Orleans was providing a 40' x 40' tent. First aid volunteers would be sought to cover the event. Lori and Charlie Orr will compose report to city as required with awarding of Family Fun Day \$1,000 grant received for 2007.

4. Treasurer Report

Charlie Orr issued financial statements showing the current state of the Associations fiscal standing. Treasurer discussed the statements item line by item line, making

updates where necessary. The statements included March edition of Newsliner expenses. Charlie was going to look further into the Anniversary book account and report at next meeting. Association donations should be discouraged until financial health of the Association improves.

5. Newsliner

March version of the Newsliner cost \$2,500 and advert revenue totaled \$1,400. Lori is thinking about reconsidering the rate card to generate additional revenue in order to maintain non advert content in the Newsliner to 50% or over. Currently advert space accounted for 40% of the Newsliner. Transcontinental and MPP McNeely elected not to continue with adverts. Mailing costs by Canada Post are 10.8¢. Help is required to find more sponsors for the Newsliner.

6. Membership

Philip Berthiaume is in process of negotiating printing costs and letter folding for a membership letter to go out to the full community of 4,000 households. Expected positive return is 1%, which would cover approx half of printing and mailing costs. Unless otherwise negotiate to better terms, costs are expected to be just under \$1,000.

7. Recreation and Petrie Island

Beachhouse funding was approved by city council and a master plan for designated use of the Island will be starting in the immediate future. Spending on snow clearing of the rinks was high. The bridge at Petrie Island issue is still ongoing with round two consultations ongoing by the NCC to determine a location for a new inter-provincial bridge. Round two did include the consideration of fish habitat which appears to be a new consideration.

8. Neighbourhood Watch

Pete Weston submitted latest statistics of crime in the community. Everything appeared normal with the exception of a recent rash of automobile thefts.

9. Scouts and Girl Guides

Jeanine reported that the scouts were well organized and the executive had needed number of people serving. Guides will participate in Family Fun day by providing face painting as they did last year and the scouts will run mini-put.

10. MP's Report

MP Galipeau will host a volunteer appreciation night on April 30th and is asking the association for a nomination. The Vice President has a strong candidate in mind and will make a recommendation. Details for the event will be made available once known.

11. Councillor Monette Report

Due to time constraint, Councillor Monette's report will be postponed to the following meeting.

Next Meeting will be April 2nd 2008 at 19h00.

Meeting adjourned.