

QUEENSWOOD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
Board Meeting

Minutes of board meeting held 7.00 pm, November 7th, 2007 at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre.

**Present:** Steve Blais; Pete Weston; Christine Tetrault; Lori Nash; Philip Berthiaume; Al Tweddle; Francois Robichaud on behalf of MP Galipeau; MP Royal Galipeau; Henri Gravelle on behalf of Councillor Bob Monette.

**Regrets:** Charlie Orr; Sue Guarda; Chris Rowlan on behalf of Councillor Jellett.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Al Tweddle, under section 7 Petrie Island, change the phrase 'still has not put up parking signage' to 'still has not put up *adequate* parking signage'. He also indicated that the RFP is asking for a year round Café and not a restaurant.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

Unused funds from the \$2,000 allotted to a graffiti wall project from Councillor Monette in the amount of \$600 will be sent back to the Councillor. A cheque of \$250 must be made to the city to cover the association's insurance coverage.

**3. Newsliner**

The newsliner will be going to 16 pages. Top of the Hill Bakery will be the business profile and will include a little on the history of the police station. There will be an article asking for volunteers to help run the hockey rinks. Lori is looking for a personality to feature from the community. Association is not soliciting for additional advertising as 50% newsliner space is reserved already for advertising. It is felt that a higher portion of advertising may alienate some readers to see so many advertising. The deadline for the most recent publication was November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be sent out November 30. The president's and vice president's messages were replaced by community columns.

**4. Membership**

The vice president requested a list of last years members. He will create a letter and mail requesting renewal. Membership renewals can be mailed in or picked up by Pete Weston and Henri Gravelle. The association will approach M&M to see if memberships can be dropped off and paid there.

President is proposing a voice mail message delivery system to approach many of the Bell subscribers who reside in the community. The cost per message is 6¢.


**5. Recreation and Petrie Island**

There are proponents who have come forward for the Petrie P3 initiative. The MPP Phil McNeely has promised to provide \$1.5 Million to construct a Petrie Island facility and may alleviate the need for a P3 partnership. Hockey rink boards are being erected.

Association is looking for adult part time help to supervise and maintain the rinks. Compensation is minimum wage for supervision and a little higher for maintenance. An advert will be run in the newsliner looking for help. City provides \$14,000 to assist the running of 3 rinks. It is expected that the Ray Friel ownership transfer to the city will be resolved on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. General meeting of the recreational various groups was help. Softball is running well. Tennis and basketball is having difficulty and will review operations. The city Auditor General has indicated that he will review community associations and how they run city owed facilities.

## 6. Neighbourhood Watch

The below was submitted by Pete Weston. Pete also indicated his feeling that a lot of graffiti is not being reported. A person on Sault indicated that they are prepared to start a neighbourhood watch.

Zoom Out | **Queenswood Heights Neighbourhood Watch** 

**2007**

Location	Street	Sector	Date	Time	B&E	Vandalism	Auto	Description
Block of					6	58	2	
1600	Marcooux	12	07-Oct	10:40		1		House and garage were egged
1700	Turnberry	13	09-Oct	11:51		1		Vehicle hit with paintballs overnight while parked on street
200	Cote Royale	2	18-Oct	12:08		1		Ongoing issue of youths drinking partying and breaking bottles
Prestwick/Lafrance	10	29-Oct	16:33			1		Graffiti to green cable box
300	Kennedy Ln E	2	31-Oct	22:27		1		Youths in costume blowing up pumpkins with fireworks returned to parents
<b>2007Yr</b>	<b>Concluded</b>		<b>31-Oct</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Stolen Vehicles</b>
<b>2006Yr</b>	<b>Concluded</b>		<b>31-Oct</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Stolen Vehicles</b>
300	Cottonwood	11	01-Nov	17:46		1		House and two vehicles egged

## 7. Association Governance

The president would like to set up an annual plan that maps out the year. This will facilitate a membership drive and will strengthen the advocacy image of the association with the community. This will allow for thought toward regularly scheduled events. The plan will be submitted to the association at the next Association meeting. Any ideas can be emailed to the president. Ideas include events for seniors during the day, with information sponsors, a movie presentation at 255 Centrum. Service Canada can make presentations of interest. These events can also generate media interest with the local papers. A survey can be constructed to gauge public interest. The president will write the survey.

## 8. Schools and closings

Currently the public school board is considering the closing of Queenswood public school or Dunning Faubert. Both schools are under attended. It was suggests that the association must take a position to support the continued operation of the Queenswood Public school. The school board says that the association was invited to participate in the debate, however the association has no record of an initiation. Reasons for this support of Queenswood Public though it is less modern include the history it has in the community, it houses programs for the Hub day care centre and it has steady enrollment as opposed to declining levels like Dunning Faubert which is forecasting a 25% decrease.

## 9. Councillor Monette Report

City will begin working on leveling catch basins on Tenth line to help reduce vibration

issues with surrounding neighbours' homes. Demolition is almost done at 260 Tompkins. An RFP will be issued in December or January for the building of subsidized housing. Budget consultations will happen on Nov 20 at 255 Centrum at 19h00. Also on Nov 20 will be a Interprovincial Bridge update meeting at the NCC HQ at Elgin on the third floor.

#### **10. MP's Report**

MP Galipeau hosted a Passport open house where 230 people came to renew and obtain a passport in Orleans on a weekend. It was very successful and another session is scheduled for November 24<sup>th</sup> at 255 Centrum.

Next Meeting will be February 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 19h00.

Meeting adjourned.