

QUEENSWOOD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting 2008

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held 7.00 pm, June 11th, 2008 at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre, Room 3.

Present: Steve Blais, Charlie Orr, Philip Berthiaume, Pete Weston, Al Tweddle, Richard Lalonde, Councillor Monette, Henri Gravelle on behalf of Councillor Bob Monette, Denise Skellington, John Shea, Helen Tweddle, Sue Guarda, Lori Nash, David Lewis.

Regrets: Christine Tetrault, Jeanine Mader.

1. Approval of 2007 AGM Minutes

Moved to accept by Denise Skellington and seconded by Philip Berthiaume

2. Treasurers Report

Treasurer reported revenue and expenses ending on May 31, 2008. Membership drive revenue was not part of the of this statement. Family Fun day 2008 posted a marginal profit.

3. Election of New Executive

The following individuals were elected to the new board of directors.

Philip Berthiaume, President, Secretary, Membership
Charlie Orr, Treasurer
Lori Nash, Newsliner
Pete Weston, Neighbourhood Watch
Al Tweddle, Recreation and Petrie Island
Jeanine Mader, Scouts, Guides
Helen Tweddle, member
Christine Tetrault, member

Withstanding the election, a motion was moved by Steve Blais and seconded by Pete Weston to remove Steve Blais, Charlie Orr and Helen Tweddle as signing officers of the association and to instate Philip Berthiaume, Charlie Orr and Helen Tweddle as the new signing officers of the association. Motion adopted.

4. Newsliner

The Newsliner is being delivered to every household and is being read by the community. Advertising accounts for less than fifty percent of the publication and this results in the necessity of subsidization by the association. Advert rates will need to be increased to end subsidization. The association will also have to canvas new sponsors. Henri Gravelle offered to approach the business community. Helen Tweddle recognized and thanked Lori Nash for her commitment in organizing and assembling the Newsliner. The June edition of the Newsliner will include 20 pages instead of the normal 16 and will feature 4 pages of full colour. Because of the Fun Day festivities and support from the

local businesses and elected officials, the Newsliner for June will not require a subsidy from the association.

5. Recreation and Petrie Island

Attendance at Petrie Island is down considerably withstanding community concern regarding raw sewage entering the river when there is a rain event over the city of Ottawa. Al Twedde will meet with councillor Monette to discuss this issue and Petrie Island Playground equipment. All outdoor sports programs at the centre are functioning as expected but participation in the tennis program can be improved.

6. Neighbourhood Watch

Overall the community remains safe. Over the same time from last year, B&Es and vandalism is considerably down. However, while no vehicles were stolen the year before, this year a total of six vehicles have been stolen. There was one robbery reported and one swarming incident.

7. Family Fun Day 2008

Family fun day was a success and the weather was excellent. The splash pad was functioning and provided a lot of entertainment for the children. Attendance was down from the year before and this accounts for lower than expected revenues. As it is, the event broke even. A final report will be prepared. Attendance was affected by other events being held. It is recommended that community signage be enhanced for next year and that the raffle be advertised more over the Fun day itself.

8. 260 Tompkins

Cumberland Housing Corporation reported the project at 260 Tompkins is underway including soil testing of the site. The deal is not yet concluded and possibly another meeting will be called with the Community Association in July. Dave Lewis submitted a Queenswood Heights Community Association banner from twenty years past. Six banners were made, few remain.

9. Councillor Monette

Councillor Monette and John Shea, Carleton Public School Board Trustee, have been working hard to mobilize the community to ensure that the soon to be closed Queenswood Height Public School remains in public hands after being a part of the community for forty years. The site would be a good location for a resource centre, seniors centre and many other community uses. Councillor Monette is still working hard to have the NCC not recommend a bridge in the East end but rather place it at Kettle Island. Councillor Monette has changed his view regarding a Silo on land that is now part of the new Town Centre. He is now open to keeping it after having spoken with constituents on the matter. The land owner has not yet responded to the councillor's request to discuss.

10. Trustee John Shea

Queenswood public school is slated to be closed. The school will be offered to other school boards, the city, then the province. If the school is still not taken, it will be offered

to the private market for sale.

Next Meeting will set for September 3rd 2008 at 19h00.

Meeting adjourned.