

QUEENSWOOD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting

Minutes of board meeting held 7.00 pm, September 3rd, 2008 at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre, Room 3.

Present: Denise Skellington, Lori Nash, Sue Guarda, Charlie Orr, Philip Berthiaume, Pete Weston, Al Tweddle, Henri Gravelle on behalf of Councillor Bob Monette, Councillor Monette.

Regrets: Christine Tetrault, Jeanine Mader, Alain Belle-Isle.

1. President's and Membership report

The president happily announced that Alain Belle-Isle will be joining the association and assisting with bringing the website up to date. The recent membership drive has resulted in 239 residents joining the association as members. This is very good news and the next direct mailing for membership for 2009 will go out early next year. The membership will be invited to participate in board meetings by way of email. Certificates will be designed and mailed to members as thanks and proof of membership.

2. Newsliner

New sponsors for the Newsliner are required to make the publication economically more viable. The president has committed to visiting local business to find more sponsors. Their will be a focus on the Queenswood united Church and a story on an author who wrote on an interesting story regarding minorities in Siberia Russia. A family fun day write is needed. The next Newsliner is released in December and the deadline is November 2nd.

3. Treasurer's report

Current revenues are shown to be quite healthy though certain expenses were shown in previous statements will corresponding revenue was shown currently. Final figures will presented for the family fun day, however certain figures may be modified withstanding information given to the treasurer by Lori Nash based on her arrangements from Fun Day 2007.

4. Neighbourhood Watch

Pete Weston released the latest numbers on reported crime in the community. The numbers show an overall increase in all crime categories from this time last year. There is an epidemic of car thefts. Residents are leaving cars unlocked. There has been recent media stories on this issue including the local Star and Ottawa Citizen.

5. QHC Monument

Withstanding the destruction of the Queenswood heights brick entrance sign, recent feedback from the councillor's office indicated that \$20,000 set aside for its reconstructions appeared not be enough by \$10,000. The councillor Monette offered to increase funding from his personal budget and asked the association if it could provide

the balance. The association did not have the resources available and the association felt that the cost appeared to be too high for a community sign. Councillor Monette felt the same way. The association feels that the money can be used for lower grade signage at multiple entrances to the community. The fear however is that the signage will be prone to vandalism. Councillor Monette has set up a meeting to discuss with trades persons to see if an entrance sign can be built for the moneys set aside. It was discussed that the funds could also be used for another project other than for entrance signs. There is a small chance that the funds set aside can be partially removed from availability and as such, a decision should be determined with a reasonable period of time. It was determined that the community would be asked the following questions to gauge response. Should the original entrance sign be reinstated for as much \$20,000 can get, or should multiple lower grade signs be put up for the same price, or signage not necessary to demarcate our community.

6. Guides and Scouts

Jeanine reported by way of email that Scouting and Guiding are again doing registration at the same time, on Monday Sept 8 from 6:30 p.m at Our Lady of Wisdom School and that she will be able to report how many kids have registered in the next few weeks.

7. Councillor Monette's Report

The recent announcement of the Cite Collegiale to establish a new campus in our community is very good news and will enhance the economic growth in Orleans and Queenswood Heights. The senior's park is soon to be under development and councillor Monette will present the park's concept at the next association meeting. The Mural on the 174 was redone with cooperation between a contemporary artist and a graffiti artist. There was a pitbull issue in Queenswood Heights. Pitbulls were running lose in a backyard next to neighbours with children. The parents were frustrated with response from Bylaw services and appealed to Councillor Monette and MPP McNeely. Under new provincial legislation, Bylaw can only summons the dog owners and if guilty, will lead to the extermination of the dogs. As such, Bylaw is very apticular as to where it will issue summons. Councillor Monette wrote a letter to the Provincial Governemtn asking that the law be amended where by the owners of the dogs can be punished for bad decision making rather than destroying the dogs that were not aggressive towards anyone. The three levels of governemtn have come together to provide \$100 million to greatly reduce the spillage of raw sewage into the Ottawa river. Orleans is now home to a Junior C hockey team and councillor Monette is encouraging the community to support the team. They play out of Ray Friel. The team was recently named as the Cumberland Barons.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday October 1st 2008 at 19h00.

Meeting adjourned.