

## **Queenswood Heights Community Association**

Minutes of the meeting held 7:30 p.m., December 6, 2006, at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre

**Present:** Steve Blais; Christine Tetrault; Denise Skellington; Pete Weston; Lori Nash; Al Twedde; Philip Berthiaume. Guests Patricia Sommerville, Scouting; John Shea, Trustee English Public School Board; Derek Johnston and Sidney Mariani, concerned residents.

**Regrets:** Russ Benner; Jeanine Mader; Royal Galipeau; Darryl Martella; John Morgan; Sue Guarda; Mark Leahy; Bob Monette; Helen Twedde

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

Under Other Business: Town Centre Development: D Johnston and S Mariani

**2. Approval of November Minutes.** Minutes approved.

### **3. Treasurer's Report/Budget**

RE Membership: very close; some streets still to come in though.

RE Newsliner: See Handout. Net loss, but three bills not yet collected.

Donations: need more info as discussed at a previous meeting; but should be able to make donations this year.

### **4. Committee Reports**

a. Newsliner

L Nash distributed copies of the current issue, December 2006; this is being distributed by Transcontinental, in the Weekly Journal. If a QH resident does not receive it, he/she should contact Transcontinental. This issue cost \$2424 to produce. Revenue \$2206 generated through advertising; all advertising generated through volunteers.

c. Scouts.

P Sommerville: Almost 80 Scouts; had two camps and one Beaveree. A Christmas potluck is planned, as well as Carol Singing at OLV School. Cubs recently had a day at Petrie Island. Numbers are about half those of five years ago; reduced because of increased costs. Idea: since February 2007 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting, write an article for the Newsliner. She will write it, including photos.

**Neighbourhood Watch.** See handout

Date	B&E	Theft/Lost & Found	Vandalism	Auto	Assault
30 Nov 06	26	n/a	103	2	1
30 Nov 05	33	n/a	116	9	n/a

He drew our attention to the article on NW in the Newsliner, RE block of approx 200 homes. Const Duhme takes photos of graffiti; can often identify the perpetrator through "tagging". Ten new drug offices across city; hope to close down several grow-ops very soon.

d. Recreation

A Tweddle met with Coun Monette RE E coli counts at Petrie Island; will ask for status report.

RE dogs in Ravine Park: QHRA has not been consulted. (Off-leash: no lights at night). He feels, better to put lights at Centennial Park.

Rinks: getting ready for season; need Supervisors.

Ray Friel: ongoing.

## **6. Other Business**

### a. Town Centre

S Mariani: in 1986, "Town Centre" proposed by Cumberland Township. Hi-rises of up to 14 storeys were proposed, there was a public outcry. Result: limit of 6 storeys.

Handouts: one piece of land. Corner of St Joseph/Tenth Line Rd. See "Proposed Building S"; proposed 14 storeys. S Blais spoke to Coun Monette re this, this morning; Planning meeting December 19. Present bylaw allows for 10 storeys only. Existing building is four storeys. Opinion is that the level of ground needs to be taken into account also. Condo will be hi-end, \$300-400K per unit. S Mariani wondered what other buildings are planned. Concerned that nothing is being done RE parks, recreation etc. He questioned the concept of Greenspace there. Also the reduced parking requirement.

S Blais: if there is re-zoning, then City must post sign and inform residents within 120 m. He thinks people generally don't pay attention as it's often too technical. P Sommerville: requested that results from Dec 19 meeting be put on website. P Berthiaume: these projects are generally 2 - 3 years. There is another meeting January 9.

### b. Schools.

L Nash: QPS and DF schools involved in re-location studies. School Board trying to solve problem of low numbers. One solution is to run JK - Gr 3 at QPS, and GR 4 - 8 at DF; both French Immersion/English programs. Children bused. Problems: would split families with children in different grades; older children cannot walk younger siblings. Another solution: close one school. However, this might lead to lower property values; fewer young people moving in; therefore older population. Over the years, boundaries have become smaller.

J Shea: Catholic Board gets about double funding of Public Board because of extra programs eg Religion. Need to look at all possible solutions. He feels that Community cannot support two separate schools any more. Need to close one school by 2010 unless

bus in more children; cannot afford this, and is non-sustainable to bus them in from far away in the long term.

L Nash: either school cannot accommodate all the students, except for portables or addition to school. Some Daycares dependent on local Public School. Boundary Review to be done in 2008. She will make Presentation on behalf of QHCA at Board meeting on Dec 13.

J Shea: would like to continue for one more year; have consolidation study in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.50 pm.

Next meeting 2007; TBA.