

Cardinal Creek Community Association

Minutes of Public Meeting held at the
Fallingbrook South Community Association
998 Valin Street, Orleans
February 1, 2007

Meeting started at 7:05pm

CCCA Board Members Present

- Sean Crossan, President
- Sandra Anthony, VP
- Momeo Herwi, Treasurer
- Michèle Jodouin, Director
- Dale Porter, Director
- Kyle Templeton, Director
- Stephen Belanger, Director

Special Guests

- Constable Walter Duhme, City of Ottawa Police Services
- Peter Weston, Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer Co-ordinator, Queenswood Heights
- Yvan Tanner, Fire Prevention Officer, City of Ottawa

Agenda

Neighbourhood Watch Program

- Constable Duhme and Peter Weston explained how to set up a neighbourhood watch and shared many crime prevention ideas for home owners. For more information, visit the Ottawa Police web site at www.ottawapolice.ca. Peter's presentation is also available at cardinalcreek.org.

Graffiti Program

- Constable Walter Duhme gave an overview of the Orleans Graffiti pilot program which took place in 2005 and 2006 and was very successful in decreasing the amount of graffiti found in our community.
- He explained what is graffiti, what motives young people to do it and how parents can be more aware of signs that usually exist within the home to indicate that a youth is involved in graffiti.
- Councillor Bob Monette has been personally involved in the graffiti program and fully supports it. Councillor Monette's assistant indicated that a graffiti wall is being built in Orleans next to the skateboard park to give kids a place to focus their artistic talents. This approach has been successful in other cities.
- Residents should report graffiti to the utilities companies or the City of Ottawa as soon as possible. Call 311 to report graffiti. It is usually cleaned up within a week or two, depending on the weather and access to the site in question.

Fire Prevention

- Yvan Tanner gave a very informative session on fire prevention in the home.
- Tip: smoke alarms should be vacuumed once a year and replaced every ten years
- Tip: residents should always test the battery in their fire alarms when they return from an extended absence of 2 weeks or more. The battery may have died out and although it emits a signal when it is weak, the resident may have missed it during his/her absence
- For a home fire hazard checklist and other interesting tips, see the City of Ottawa web site, under "fire" at www.ottawa.ca

Ultramar Gas Station

- Sean Crossan reported that Councillor Monette's office has confirmed that the owners of the new Ultramar Gas station have agreed to enhance the sound barrier walls that are surrounding the station.

Cardinal Creek Tribune

- The newsletter is ready and all sponsors have been secured.
- It will be distributed to 2,200 households in the Cardinal Creek area in February.
- The Board of directors would welcome feedback from residents on this first release of our community newsletter.
- A big thank you to Sandra Anthony for a job well done.

Next meeting

- The next public meeting will be held in the same location on Thursday March 1, 2007 from 7 pm to 9 pm
- The objective of the meeting will be to determine the community priorities for the coming year. All residents are invited to attend and bring their teenagers and children. It is important that we also hear what they have to say.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.