

Markham Village B.I.A.
Annual General Meeting – Wednesday November 15, 2006
Duchess of Markham – 5pm



Present: George Traitses, Joanne Olsen, Les Olsen, Wil Pialagitis, Amy Pialagitis, John Barbarian, Beatrice Barbarian, Jan Rapoport, Brad Rapoport, Paul Cicchini, Helen Walter, Keith Thirgood, Barb Tayler, Bill Currie, Brian Price, Phil Nelles, Michelle Sukul-Chan, Julie Christian, Roger Clements, Paul Ewald, John Webster, Jack Heath, Carolina Moretti, Lui Temelkovski, Wally Buczkowski, Janet Hilt, Les Ford, Brad Hainschwang, Nasia Petkova, Wayne Driscoll, Andrew Burdi, Roger Carlsen, Phil Howes

1. Michelle welcomed everyone and reported on the 2006 BIA events and activities, including the Farmers Market, Taste of Markham, Markham Village Music Festival, Markham Jazz Festival, Doors Open, Olden Days Festival and the upcoming Festival of Lights. Attendance at all events was up over previous years.

Michelle had examples of the BIA advertising for people to see.

Phil Howes reported on the newly instituted financial tracking and reporting system. Highlights included the ability to track various categories, ability to reconcile with the data from the town. Phil reported that there could be a deficit in 2006.

Michelle presented recognition and appreciation gifts and certificates to Volunteers.

Michelle initiated the election of Board Members. There were three nominations from the floor in addition to those who had been nominated in advance.

Brad Rapoport, Brian Price, Wil Pialagitis, Joanne Olsen, Phil Howes, Brad Hainschwang, Paul Ewald, Roger Clements, Paul Cicchini, Roger Carlson, Helen Walter.

The individual nominees made short introductory presentations on themselves. Everyone was directed to select and vote for up to eight members from amongst the nominees.

2. Acting Chair Wil Pialagitis, made a presentation of the work of the board.

- rebranding the MVBIA to Markham Village Business Association
- reintroducing committees and block captains
- improve communications
- free up the MVBIA manager's time to visit the businesses.
- lobby for a better retail mix on the street
- improve information on grants and programs available to the members
- pilot a MVBIA initiated and administered grant program

There were some comments and questions from the floor:

- We need a marketing plan
- We need to fill in the gaps on the street

- Members have always been welcome to the board meetings. (emails and the street talk newsletter have indicated this)
- More discussion to take place after the business of the meeting is complete.

3. Election Results: (count performed by Michelle Sukul-Chan and Councillor Elect for Ward 4 - Carolina Moretti)

The following eight persons were selected to serve on the MVBIA Board of Directors. Roger Clements, Paul Ewald, Brad Hainschwang, Phil Howes, Wil Pialagitis, Brian Price, Paul Ciccini, Roger Carlson.

All members are welcome to come to Board Meetings. The next meeting is Dec. 4. Michelle and Wil encouraged all the BIA members to join on a committee and help with the efforts of the BIA.

4. Councillor Webster congratulated the 2006 Board for their hard work and urged the new board and all members to help the BIA move forward.

5. Councillor Elect Carolina Moretti stated her desire to get up to speed. She commented on the following things she would like to see move forward:

Enhancements to the street

Tremont Hotel issue

Town square possibility

She stated she would like to hear from everyone.

6. Meeting was adjourned just before 9:00pm.

Minutes prepared by Julie Christian. Any errors or omissions, please contact the BIA Office at 905-472-2462