

BHCA MEETING MINUTES



Date: Feb 25, 2026

Time: 6:40 pm at Cuppa Chico

IN ATTENDANCE

Julie Valiant-Saunders, Donna Kind, Mike Hood, Nancy Westran, Cass Ryan, Marie Sievers, Janis-Parry Hood

ABSENT

Nancy Robertson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nancy W. reviews minutes prepared by Anton Kirei (volunteering as secretary). Nancy R. will post minutes on BHCA website, section "About Us".

AGENDA

Quorum reached (more than 25% present). Agenda adopted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1) Initiate a poll for the Neighborhood watch event: how many people are going to join.

Neighborhood watch: pick a small area first. Learn from the existing community watch @ Montreal & Harbour cres. how they organized that. Assign watch block captains & observers. Nancy W. could become a block captain for her street, Julie for her street. Everyone voted for.

2) Walking club, 1st draft proposal created. There is a volunteer coordinator, need volunteers for walking club organizing. Walks starting point: around Cuppa Chico area. Starting date: when it's warm enough.

3) Website progress: gradually developing into something we'll see more traffic on. 23 new memberships over January. Julie to send the Member List to Nancy W.

FINANCIALS

As of Feb 25: \$14 888 total budget.

Sponsorship letters to be written by Nancy W. Park rental for July 1: booked, a cheque for \$277.14 sent as final payment for July 1st rental of Eastvale Park. \$325.78 paid for three rental dates at the BHNCC - June 30th BHCA AGM, July 1st Party in the Park and Oct. 31st Halloween Party. Nancy W. purchased 3 shovels and 3 trash cans for the three rinks for \$182.20. A total of \$263.36 spent on timbits and hot chocolate for rink fun on Jan. 28th and Feb 14th.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Eco chair: Marie asked about presentation of horticultural processes and invasive species removal (strangling the vine prior to seed release). A presentation was drafted, awaiting feedback before presenting.
- 2) Donna and Nancy W. to work on a sponsorship document. Plus a Flier to design & present. No updates.
- 3) Crime Stoppers community engagement: set a date based on popularity and availability, to check with Brad. More people to be invited.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) [Julie] Idea for the warm seasons: walking club, 5-6km routes to develop and mark. Most attendees voted for the walking club and are going to join it. Fee: \$2-3 per walking session (printing signs, extra water bottles, etc.). There might be an existing walking community in the area on FB.
- 2) [Julie] Idea – organize a dog club, polite interaction training for dogs.
- 3) [Julie] Idea: setting up a lodge for Jasmine park.
- 4) Summer garage sale event planning, date to pick. Julie suggested June 20th. Signs are to be distributed and put up in advance. Be careful to ensure no sign pollution, some people could also place signs on their lawns. Signs we have in stock: up to 100. Could also ask local businesses to put up these signs, as printouts in transparent files. Also potentially spread information as electronic fliers and ask people involved in the sale to print out. Julie can print out the required materials free. Unanimously voted for June 20th. Julie will count the signs and we'll get them refreshed with tape, we'll pick them up from Julie's place when the snow is gone (April). Note: date-wise, we don't want to intersect with the Glebe Garage sale (Robert Hopkins?), the Fun Sale, or the Celebrate Summer sale. Garage Sale preparations - graphics for online advertising, etc.
- 5) Community event promotion via Facebook ads, for this specific area / postal address scope. A pilot campaign for an even to check the response rate. Anton to try. Majority voted in favor - to investigate focused ad localization.



ADJOURNMENT

- Adjourned at 7:47 pm.

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting is Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:30 at Cuppa Chico.

MISC. ACTION ITEMS

- 1) The Constitution to be changed and uploaded to website, plus the leading positions to discuss with the Board, election based on votes. In addition, there are 2 openings, plus the Secretary.
- 2) Nancy W. and Donna to finalize and send out a sponsorship document.
- 3) Request to Brad (community building): venue arrangements for the AGM on June 30th. Prior to that: a board meeting on June 24th to prepare for AGM.