

MINUTES
Camosun Community Association
Royal Jubilee Hospital RM. 801
Thursday January 09, 2020 7 P.M.

Call to Order : 7:00 PM by Sandie Menzies. Present were Sandie Menzies, Vicki Sanders, Meralin Young, Leigh Urquhart, Vernon Lord, Lisa Timmons, Andrea Gleichauf, Peter Gallagher, Gareth Rees, Lauren K.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Lisa, seconded by Leigh

Approval of Minutes: From November 14, 2019 Motion by Meralin, second by Vernon

Reports:

President: Sandie – Happy New Year to all. There was no CCA meeting in December, but a well attended Xmas dinner at Romeo's was held. **SCAN report.** SCAN met in December and it needs more volunteers to fill chairman, vice chairman and treasurer positions. No meeting in January.

Treasurer Report; Vernon signed paperwork as our new treasurer January 8th at Coast Capital Savings and he will give a report at the February meeting. We have one invoice from Island Hosting for domain name \$30.24 - Meralin motioned to pay and was seconded by Andrea. Presently we have in excess of \$2000 in our account.

Membership and Volunteers: Peter – Total membership at end of 2019 was 84 with an extra \$110 donated. Donations from the CCA to SCK exceeded our \$500 target for 2019. **Strategy and Ideas for 2020**

- Update CCA website to make our membership form prominent and allow online payment (PayPal- Etransfer)
 - Retention of current members and recruit additional in 2020. Encourage present members to recruit.
 - Special newsletter blitz 3 weeks prior to May 7 AGM
 - Volunteers – 7 names forwarded to SCK, 3 for summer picnic, 9 for flyer delivery, 2 for emergency preparedness (Saanich will put on a workshop)
 - Saanich volunteer Services wishes to give a presentation. After discussion the board felt this is more suitable for our summer picnic or AGM meeting.
- Vernon suggested each board member contact 7-10 present members to keep them informed, either by phone or email.

Communication:

- Discussion around sending an email to all members at least every three months outlining our current new, issues and past achievements.

- Vernon suggested the board brainstorm between now and next meeting for possible improvements to our website (i.e.E transfer, PayPal), Facebook page and starting a Twitter account linked to our Facebook page. Ideas should be emailed to Vernon.

Development: Vicki

- **1899 Townley St.** Notice of public meeting Feb 4 at Knox Church to discuss rezoning from RS6 – RD1 to create one additional lot for single family use resulting in two lots. Variances for setback and lot depth are requested. The CCA will speak at this meeting. Vicki and Angus have previously met with Jamie Gill the developer’s consultant.
- **3821 Cedar Hill Rd.** To rezone from RS-6 (Single Family) to RT-FC (attached housing 4 corners) to construct 4 new homes (2 singles and one Duplex) Vicki has spoken with neighbors and will report back on application progress
- **1647 McRae Ave 3226 Shelbourne 1641 McRae St.** To rezone from RS-6 Single Family Dwelling to construct a six storey 86 unit residential apartment building. Vicki and Sandie attended a hastily announced meeting (only 20 attended) with neighbors and Abstract Developments manager, initial feeling is that the developer is unsympathetic to neighbours. This due to Abstract not willing to hear questions or comments. Abstract is asking for Saanich planners to comment on this application Vicki will inform council of the neighbors response. Lauren points out that in the 2017 Shelbourne corridor plan that this area is only designated for 4 stories not 6 and is concerned of setting a precedent. **Note-**Vicki and the CCA will organize another meeting with the neighbors which she will chair with a survey to follow.
- **3385,3399,3401,3405 Shelbourne St.** Abstract Development to rezone from RS-6 (Single) to a New Comprehensive Zone to construct a 99 unit condo and 6, 3Storey Townhouses. Application in progress. The board notes that this area is designated for a maximum 4 story building. Additional stories may be considered by Saanich depending on amenities offered, however neighbors in one story homes will be dwarfed.
- Abstract conducted multiple neighborhood meetings regarding their proposed developments during the week before Christmas.

Saanich Community Kitchen:

Vicki said that the nonprofit is closer to finding a new location, but are unable to make an announcement at this time.

UVic Community Associations Liaison Committee: Meralin – Discussions involved new UVic website progress, neighbors complaint of noise from new power plant and the new 6 story civil engineering building. The Mt. Tolmie Community Association hosted a burger/beverage night at a pub and retained 50% of the proceeds.

Meralin will be the new co chair for 2020.

Kings Nature Space: Recent CRD meeting held to discuss Saanich's request for \$2 million grant from the Parks budget- CRD Director Gary Holeman requested that the CRD consider purchasing a portion of the Kings Nature Space, at a cost up to \$2M to build affordable housing. The CRD board voted to push Director Holeman's request to September 2020 when it will be again raised for discussion. Andrea noted this motion was in complete disregard to the presentation (45 people present) given by the Friends of Bowker Creek

- Vernon said that the Kings Rd fund raising committee has always advocated for a green space only with the retention of the existing house for community use. Fundraising efforts are hampered by conditions being put on the property said Vernon.

New Business:

Teal Phelp Bonderoff has offered to give the board talks about free libraries, rogue traffic safety and gas leaf blowers. The board would welcome such talks at our AGM .

Next Meeting: February 13, 2020

Adjournment Motion: Leigh, seconded by Sandie