

MINUTES
Camosun Community Association
Zoom Video Conference
Thursday October 8, 2020 7 P.M.

Call to Order: 7:08 PM by Lisa Timmons. Present - Vicki Sanders, Meralin Young, Leigh Urquhart, Vernon Lord, Lisa Timmons, Andrea Gleichauf, Sandi Menzies, Angus Whitmore, Brodie Porter (MTCA)

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Meralin, second by Lisa.

Approval of Minutes: From September 10th. Motion by Meralin, second Lisa

Special Presentation: From **Abstract Developments** concerning their *1661 and 1163 Freeman St. Townhomes*. Representatives were Bryce Devereau (Development Coordinator), Devin Skinner (Development Manager) and Teresa Sullivan (Senior Manager)

- The presenters outlined their proposed 9 Townhome project comprising 3 stories, 3 bedrooms with parking for 14 cars. An online Open House for this project will be held October 27th at 7PM – details and invitation info will be posted on the CCA website.
- The developer showed graphs and research relating to demographics and gave *their* opinion as to how the project was in line with the 2008 Overall Community Plan (OCP) and the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan (SVAP). Details of architecture, energy conservation, parking, storm water retention and landscaping were brought presented.
- **CCA board questions:**
Lisa queried that street parking might be overloaded, why not build 2 stories? How affordable are the units? What about traffic calming concerns as additional traffic is coming to Freeman. There is a lack of sidewalks on Freeman St. presently and they should come with the project *Vicki* questioned the driveway access, shadow studies and that sidewalks should be built on Freeman as one of the Community Amenities. *Brodie* asked if internal floor plans are available.

Reports:

Treasurer:

- Bank balance remains the same as of September meeting - \$2991.12
- Vernon is requesting a complete updated membership list with dates that memberships were paid. Board members to follow up with information that they have.

Developments:

- Vicki noted that 1899 Townley is going to a Public hearing next and would like to have the neighbours concerns updated before the hearing. She has had no response from Saanich on the CCA letter regarding The Shelbourne/Freeman project by Abstract Developments.
- Vicki, Lisa and Andrea met with the developer of the proposed Richmond Rd and Allenby Townhome project – calls for 3 bedroom, 2 ½ stories, no onsite parking. The developer is Urban Thrive and they stress homes are for people not cars. A ride share car and bike storage are offered. This be their first project, see details here [Urban Thrive](#)

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- Meralin – Construction on dormitories and Cafeteria are ahead of schedule. The extension of the Engineering building and the Law building are in the works. The Farquhar building will undergo seismic upgrading. New bike baths and traffic signals on campus are being developed.

New Business:

- The board discussed the Ernest Ave. homeowners application to Saanich for a rock pit to handle water for their proposed new build. Applicant has canvassed neighbours inquiring about interest in a shared cost local improvement to connect to storm sewers. Angus supplied info on his experience in the same neighborhood re flooding. Vicki suggests we may conduct an electronic survey of neighbours to submit to Saanich regarding this area that is in flooding distress.
- Lisa has contracted Glenys Berhulse , a Climate Incentive Program from Saanich to give a 20 minute talk at our AGM.
- Discussion of Abstracts presentation and the need to have our membership form on all surveys and information letters.
- October 27 – Abstract Developments will host a Community Consultation for their proposed 1661 Freeman Townhomes. This will be a public online Microsoft Teams event accessed by sending a request to Abstract for an invitation.

Adjournment Motion:

- Meralin and seconded by Lisa

Next Meeting: November 12th