

MINUTES
Camosun Community Association
Zoom Conference
Thursday April 8, 2021 7 P.M.

Call to Order: 7:00 PM. Present - Vicki Sanders, Meralin Young, Leigh Urquhart, Vernon Lord, Lisa Timmons, Andrea Gleichauf, Evan Fryer, Sandie Menzies, Dustin Stevenson, and Angus Whitmore

Guest speaker: Dean Murdock

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Meralin, second by Vicki

Approval of Minutes: From March 11th - Motion by Meralin second by Vicki

Presentation by Dean Murdock former three term Saanich councilor

- Dean presented to the board his vision on active transportation titled *Better Mobility Saanich*. Visit *Facebook page* [Here](#) .The focus is on improving transportation safety by foot, bike, scooter, in a wheelchair or pushing a stroller in our Saanich neighborhoods. A first meeting with 50 attendees has been held with no actions set to date, only priorities. Themes will relate to accessibility, equity, education, road designation, sidewalks, crosswalks, signal timing, lighting, regional connectivity as well as traffic enforcement and school safety.
- At the next meeting, participants will be invited to join smaller groups to work on pilot projects and Lisa asked for an example. One such initiative would be traffic signal times allowing walkers an extra 6-7 seconds to cross Dean emphasized how a collective voice can help with agendas and issues for all of Saanich.

Reports:

President: Lisa

- The board welcomes new member Dustin Stevenson who said he wished to become more involved in the community.
- Lisa spoke on need for a vehicle speed reduction project for our neighborhood and cited much info available from Saanich.
- Lisa is working on a review of our membership for the upcoming May-June membership drive.
- Vicki Sanders will give a Heritage talk about the Camosun area on May 26th via Zoom. To attend the CCA event, please e-mail camosunca@gmail.com for registration information.
- SCAN – Christmas Ave. property issues are ongoing a many residents wish the property become park space.

Treasurer: Vernon

- As of today \$2796.06 in our chequing account. Saanich community association grant amount is still unknown for 2021. Vernon has activated payment by E-transfer to our bank account with funds coming through our Camosun email.
- Vernon recommends we budget \$700 - \$800 on advertising this year.

Communication: Evan

- Lisa motioned that the communication director, treasurer and secretary have access to our Camosun email – Leigh seconded and motion passed
- Evan said he has an abundance of data to post on our Facebook site and has been making regular weekly posts if not more. We have 20 new followers and over 200 people watching.
- The board is working on creating a survey/newsletter regarding flooding issues on the Mt. Tolmie slope.
- April 30 is deadline to submit to Saanich survey on Housing Taskforce Strategy.

Land Use: Vicki

- **Re Community Amenity Charges (CAC)** We received an email Adam Cooper Director of Development for Abstract Developments asking the board to inquire as to what type of community amenities they would like to see. A discussion followed on how to reach out to neighbors for suggestions whether the contribution be placed in a cash trust for future use or earmarked for a specific community project – no consensus was arrived and the board will need more time to research both the community's wishes, Saanich CAC guidelines and even our need to be impartial in this matter. *Dustin* suggested a Facebook questionnaire. *Sandi Menzies* suggested more outdoor notice boards be made, for example in Browning Park and to refurbish the present one in Allenby Park. As possible amenities. *Lisa* would like to see research on how other Community Associations are dealing with developer amenity contributions. *Angus* reiterated the concern that new building projects often project their parking needs onto local streets.
Andrea mentioned that the recent 4 story condo project on North Dairy was supposed to have had a fire pit created as an amenity but that does not appear to have happened.
- Four surveys were returned for the proposed Allenby Richmond 9 Townhome project- visitor parking was mentioned repeatedly as an issue.
- Discussion on garden suites and the need to survey surrounding residents – who will conduct? The developer or the community? Many garden suite applicants are requesting variances.
- Vicki noted that Mt. Tolmie drainage issues and solutions require proactive neighborhood group involvement. Saanich engineers have suggested large storm drains and water re –direct methods.

CALC (Community Association Liaison Committee) - Meralin

- Attended March 18 Zoom meeting. Queenswood property redevelopment was brought up - unused buildings to be torn down and a new UVic daycare centre built.
- Meralin told the board about the desire for some UVic students to become Community Association board members, possibly from the undergrad student society.
- UVic would like to have a committee formed comprised of 12 students and 12 community members in order to be in touch with the surrounding communities.

Shelbourne Community Kitchen: Vicki

- They remain at the Shelbourne St. location. A contractor has been hired for the new location build. The kitchen has some new grants coming in.

Environment:

- Andrea said the Bowker Creek initiative greenway committee is being resurrected in able to secure grants for Reach 17 and Richmond School (now Lansdowne South Middle School) day lighting of Bowker creek. Invasive species at Kings Nature Space remain as it is not a designated park. The CRD is hiring four staff for invasive species removal.
- Kings Nature Space – Three motions introduced by the Friends of Bowker Creek will come before Saanich council shortly, one that the deadline for fundraising be extended to March 31 2022, second that Saanich should reach out to Oak Bay and Victoria to contribute to the fundraising and thirdly, to use the funds from the sale of property at Willis Pt. to the CRD towards the fundraising.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 13