

MINUTES
Camosun Community Association
Zoom Conference
Thursday May 13, 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, Pat Walker, and Angus Whitmore

Approval of Agenda: Lisa and Meralin second

Approval of April 8th Minutes: Lisa with Meralin second

Reports:

President: Lisa

- Sent letter to Saanich re bylaw for food trucks to operate on Mt. Tolmie – 18 residents in a survey are opposed. The CCA does not support and Saanich has withdrawn the proposal.
- Sent letter to Saanich recommending extension of fundraising timeline for Kings Nature Green Space.
- Nominations are due June 1 for Saanich environmental awards in seven different categories.
- Dogs off leash – Saanich’s Parks, Trails and Recreation committee discussed short and long term solutions to mitigate potential negative situations involving dogs. PTR considered pop up dog parks as a research project as part of a comprehensive district wide approach to dogs in parks.
- SCAN – Regarding the Resilient Saanich PowerPoint, Lisa has asked Andrea if she could review and report back at a later time.
- May 26 – Vicki Sanders will present an Zoom heritage talk about significant homes and buildings in our area and answer questions.
- The kick off for our membership drive is now on and Lisa encourages board members to enroll a minimum 5 new members with a goal of 10.

Treasurer: Vernon

- One new member has signed up. Present bank balance is \$2826.04

Communication: Evan

- Evan has made at least seven Facebook postings since our last meeting, including those from Abstract Developments information, SD 61 land sale at Lansdowne middle school, Saanich environmental awards, Vicki Sanders heritage talk, Saanich Housing Strategy and more. Tom has our website postings up to date as well.

- Our last Mailchimp information on developments and SD61 land sale has a 75% response as opened mail.
- Tom and Vernon are updating our membership form for online enrollment and E-Transfer payments.
- We are offering two chances to be entered into a draw to win a \$25 Gift Card to Bolen Books. For a chance to win simply Like and Follow our Facebook page or sign up as a member.
- Discussed the use of surveys on our website for feedback. We could use Google documents with a link provided. Also discussed was linking the open house video from The Abstract Developments McRae/Shelbourne project to our website.

Land Use: Vicki

- Variance requests for garden suites are increasing as more applications are being received.
- No new information on Abstract's Freeman and Shelbourne project.
- Discussion on CAC's as to dealing with builders and the community. See government website here [CAC](#) for a guide on Community Amenity Contributions - The purpose of this guide is to help local governments and others understand the risks, challenges and recommended practices related to obtaining community amenity contributions (CACs).
- On May 12th, Abstract Developments met virtually with the community to provide an update on changes to their proposal for the development of 1647 McRae Avenue. A video of the proposed updates, and Q and A can be seen [Here](#)
- Abstract facilitators extended the meeting to answer questions from viewers Some of the questions were , why six stories in height as compared to the 4 stories outlined in the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan?, community amenities, setbacks, coffee shop or perhaps childcare space on first floor.

CALC (Community Association Liaison Committee) – Meralin

- UVic's Community Associations Liaison Committee works with neighboring community associations to develop mutually supportive relationships, share information and to resolve concerns. Meetings take place through the year.
- Meralin- the addition of a student member to this group will be revisited in the Fall.
- Next meeting is June 17
- Visit the CALC UVic webpage here [UVic in the Community](#)

Shelbourne Community Kitchen: Vicki

- The present 3541 Shelbourne St. location is shutting down June 1 and **renovations at their new location, 3787 Cedar Hill, will continue throughout June.** There will not be an onsite garden at the new site. The Thistle St. plant sale by donation has raised \$2000 to date

Environment:

- Saanich is waiting to hear back from Victoria and Oak bay regarding a request for a donation to the Kings Nature Green Space fundraising campaign
Large private donations have been nonexistent due to the uncertainty of how much green space will be retained if part of the property will be sold, Grants are not available for park acquisition, only for updating existing parks.

New Business:

- The CCA has at our next Board Meeting Thursday, June 10th at 7pm guest speaker Paul Thorkelsson, CAO District of Saanich, to discuss “Density & Neighbourhood Character in the Shelbourne Valley”. Here are the topics that will be discussed:
 - - What are the issues & opportunities.
 - - Understand how Saanich collects survey data from residents for proposed developments.
 - - What documents guide decision-making.
 - - What role do residents and community associations play in this process.
- Reminder about **Better Mobility Saanich**. This 113 member Facebook group is striving to improve safety for all those on foot, bike, scooter, in a wheelchair or pushing a stroller in our Saanich neighborhoods. Join their Facebook group [Here](#)

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: June 10