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Camosun Community Association
Zoom Conference
Thursday June 10, 2021 7 P.M.

Call to Order: 7:00 PM. Present - Vicki Sanders, Meralin Young, Leigh Urquhart, Lisa Timmons, Andrea Gleichauf, Angus Whitmore, and Carol Ann Welch

Approval of Agenda: Meralin and Vicki second

Approval of May 13 Minutes: Meralin with Vicki second

Guest Speaker Presentation: Paul Thorkelsson, CAO District of Saanich, will discuss “Density & Neighborhood Character in the Shelbourne Valley”.

Paul has spoken to 10 Community Associations since March. In the role of CAO he is responsible for 1400 municipal employees in the operations and direction of Saanich.

The following are notes from his talk:

- Saanich has various densities of developments including urban, suburban and undeveloped.
- Current projects include “**Resilient Saanich**” a new environmental policy framework which through council appointed 10 member committee (Resilient Saanich Technical Committee) will create goals and objectives that will guide the development of all new and improved environmental programs and policies in Saanich. The committee will report back in one month and the process is to be reviewed by KPMG in July. Another project is a new **Housing Strategy** which essentially is a 10 year plan to increase density and supply. Paul reiterated that Saanich is presently built out and now has to plan around small subdivisions or redevelopments.
- The board asked about Saanich policy on **Community Amenity Contributions** (CAC) as applied to allowing additional building height. Paul noted that in the past the CAC has never been clearly defined or exercised, however now builders are *pushing the envelope* and that council will vote on changes after receiving comments from the community. Therefore he said we need definitions and an interim policy is being considered while a consultant is hired and public input is considered. Saanich should have a full policy in 2022. Lisa said that it is not the role of the CCA to decide on an amenity for a developer’s new building zoning request. Cash contributions towards housing and park has been most common in the past said Paul and that the communities should use their own area plans to help clarify CAC’s and that livability must come with density.
- Carol Ann Welch a local resident near the Abstract Development proposal for Freeman/Shelbourne strongly voiced that is not suitable for various reasons.

Reports:

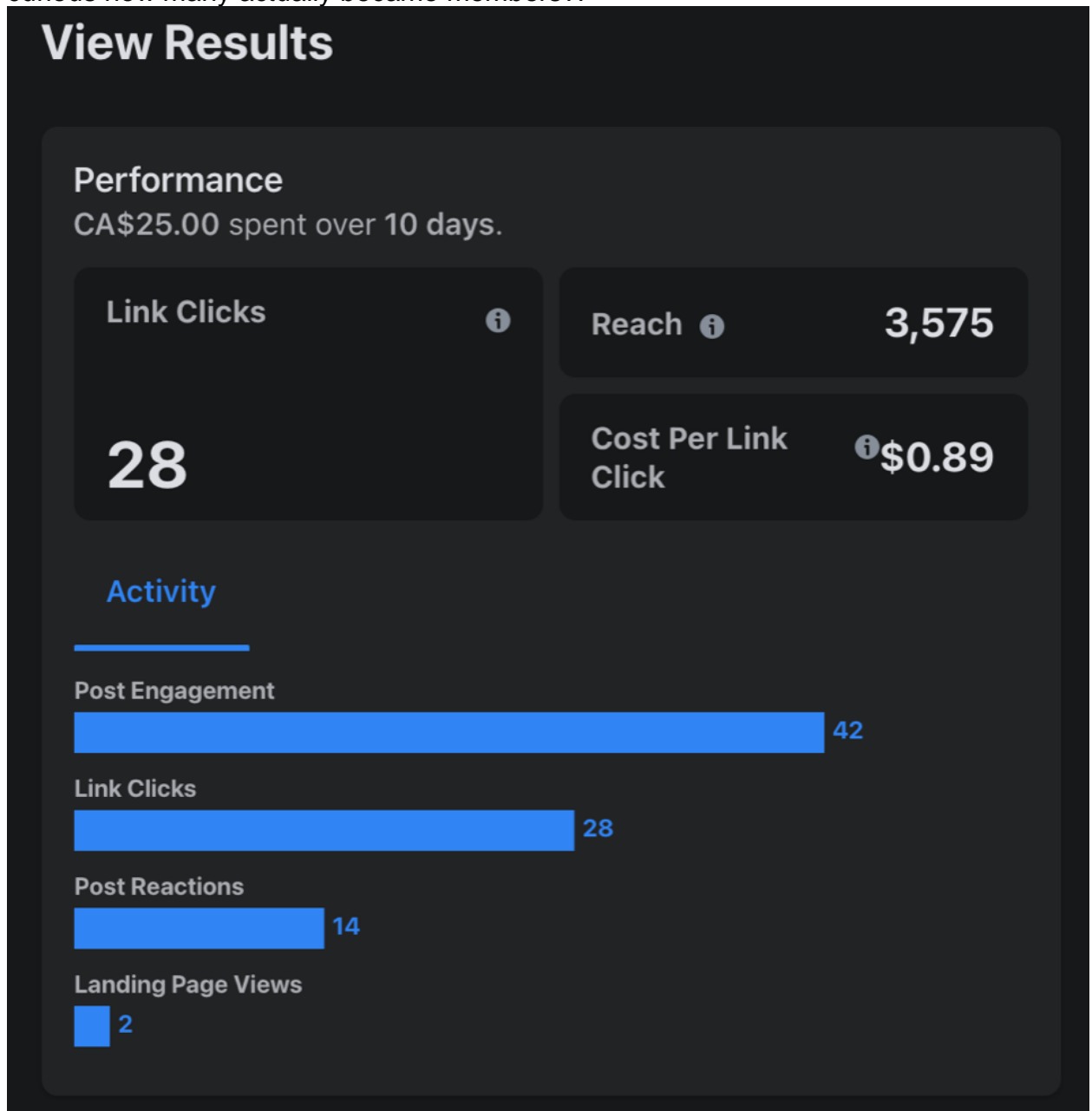
President: Lisa

- Andrea and Lisa distributed a survey to neighbors near the proposed Freeman/Shelbourne condo-Townhome project. Six surveys have been returned and a report will follow on the results.
- We received one email from a McRae resident very concerned about increased traffic as there are already issues. Lisa will make that concern known to Saanich.
- SCAN report. The June 16 [Advisory Design Panel](#) is cancelled. Change to Saanich bylaw which will reduce from ten minutes to six, the time allowed for Community Associations to speak at council.
- Received emails pertaining to creating Happy Dogs off leash designated space in Saanich.
- Lisa asked Evan to follow the Friends of Bowker Creek and Cedar Hill Park [weed and invasive species pulling committee](#) for any updated we can post on our Facebook page.

Communication: Evan

- Our \$25 advertisement on FB finished a few weeks ago. I have attached a picture that summarizes how many people viewed/interacted with the post. It seems 28 people went to our membership page on our website, now I'm just

curious how many actually became members?!



- Membership drive continues until end of June, where winner will be announced for \$25 Bolen Books gift certificate. To be entered into the random draw, like/follow our FB page and/or become a member of the CCA. At some point close to the end of June, I will have to see a list of all new members for the months of May/June so I can enter them into the draw.
- Facebook posts continue and directors are encouraged to forward me anything that they think would be good for the FB page .

Land Use: Vicki

- Conversation about garden suites and present and requested variances, although Saanich has no firm policy or information at this date to share.
- Regarding development at McRae/Shelbourne – Lisa will forward the finalized survey to Andrea who volunteered to distribute.
- Mt. Tolmie sent a letter to Saanich with concerns over the Freeman project and she encouraged the board to obtain and read their letter.
- Meralin noted that the subdivision on Dean and Townley seems to be moving ahead as some of the trees have the do not dig protective fencing around them.

CALC (Community Association Liaison Committee) – Meralin

- The next meeting is coming up on Thursday. A [new car share company, Evo](#), has arrived in our area with the feature of being able to drop the vehicle off within a City of Victoria prescribed area plus two satellite locations, one at Camosun College Lansdowne campus, and one at UVic.

Shelbourne Community Kitchen: Vicki

- Renovations proceeding toward an expected opening date at 3787 Cedar Hill Cross Rd in Late August.

Environment:

- Andrea spoke on the money raised by the community - \$36,000 towards the Kings St. Nature Green Space as well as the hopeful large contributions asked for from the City of Victoria and Oak Bay.

New Business:

- Comments about the SD 61 sale of Lansdowne school property must be submitted to Saanich by June 14. Meralin expressed her concern over the loss of green space and flood plain especially with global warming and potential overflow of storm drains.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: October 14