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Camosun Community Association

Zoom Conference – May 18, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 PM. **Present** – Lisa Timmons, Meralin Young, Leigh Urquhart, Vicki Sanders, Mike Kory, Jamie Dopp, Angus Whitmore, Pat Walker.

Approval of the Agenda: Leigh motioned and Mike seconded.

Approval of February 9 minutes: Meralin motioned and Lisa seconded.

Reports:

President: Lisa

- Twenty plus Zoom participants for our Patrick Condon talk, and we received very positive feedback via email to CCA. The recording is up on our Facebook and CCA website Discussion ensued around the fact that just building more housing units does not help affordability.
- Ben Volker , manager of storm release water at Saanich Engineering has agreed to speak at a Fall AGM .The exact topic will be announced. Vicki will call him and arrange the topic and details. The amount of overland flooding is increasing and is of high concern to Camosun residents.
- On May 31 Saanich is hosting a workshop to discuss the draft Official Community Plan and is asking up to two registrants from each community Association to attend. Amber Walker from Saanich planning is hosting. The CCA expects to send representatives. Location, Howard Johnson hotel.

Treasurer:

- Lisa motioned to send an honorarium to speaker Patrick Condon – the amount being \$150. Motioned seconded by Mike and the motion was passed.

Communications:

- Our shared Google drive is being well utilized. Evan continues content uploads to Facebook and Tom does the same with our CCA website

Land Development:

- Our Save Lansdowne School South greenspace committee (Leigh, Meralin, Vicki and Pat Walker) met with Mayor Murdock on April 28th. They informed the Mayor of the importance of the Bowker Creek Blueprint, and all the previous studies and work that has gone into preserving this land parcel for greenspace and flood mitigation. Also overland water flooding on the Mt. Tolmie slope was

discussed. The committee will continue to follow up with Saanich and keep the neighborhood informed.

- The public hearing on the Freeman and Shelbourne St. 95 unit development has been postponed to June 20. Board members will share the research on all aspects of the project and create a report. June 10 is the deadline for research to be complete. Discussion around creating a small flyer to advertise the upcoming public hearing.

Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN): Jamie

- May 1st meeting had no speaker, just a regular agenda with roundtable discussion. Discussion around a presentation to council regarding small apartment complexes and the reduced required number of parking spaces- down to .5 of the total units.
- Discussion of the consent agenda (items considered not controversial are packaged together for one vote and without discussion) It requires two councilors vote to have an item removed from the consent agenda. Also, the council discontinuing the phone in option at council meetings due to the newer technology such as Microsoft Teams. All in all the feeling is that the community is being less heard all the time and this is causing anxiety. This will be the main topic at the next meeting.
- Discussion is scheduled at the next meeting about the disparity of various community association's finances and how fundraising can help i.e.: through advertising in newsletters.

Shelburne Community Kitchen: Vicki

- AGM is coming up. The capital fundraising. campaign is progressing. The kitchen is a good model for other organizations who are taking interest in its operation.
- New kitchen is close to completion.

New business and Action Items

- The AGM is scheduled for November 16 – one week after our regular meeting.
- Talking points for June 20 public hearing by June 10.

Adjournment

Next meeting is June 8 by Zoom Conference and then summer break until September 14.