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Camosun Community Association Board Meeting – Zoom March 14 2024

Call to Order by Lisa: 7:00 PM. **Present** – Lisa Timmons, Leigh Urquhart, Meralin Young, Vicki Sanders. **Absent with regrets:** Mike Kory, Jamie Dopp, Evan Fryer, and Angus Whitmore. Welcome to guest presenter Mike Jones.

Approval of the Agenda: Meralin moved and Vicki seconded.

Approval of February 8 minutes: Meralin moved and Vicki seconded.

Presentation: Mike Jones – Construction manager from SEBA Construction regarding a proposed 8 three bedroom Townhome project at 1899 Cochrane.

- o The design calls for 2 blocks of four, 4 bedroom Townhomes. Three full bathrooms and powder room in the studio. Large tree on corner will be removed for bicycle lane access on Dean. Each has a studio apartment (not a suite) accessed from the garage. Units are 1500 sq ft. in three levels. There will be a community amenity contribution of approximately \$1 per sq ft up to 1000 sq ft and \$5 sq ft for each sq ft above that, so approx \$3500 per unit. Car and bike chargers will be built in. Next step will be door knocking with flyers to homes within 250 meters. The SEBA will host an online presentation around April 24th. The CCA will advertise the event on our social media.

Reports:

President: Lisa

- o Update on the closing of Shelbourne Medical center. Lisa is in contact with Murray Rankin's assistant in trying to facilitate a meeting with Dr Jonathan Fer from Comox, Island Health, Mike Ranfft (concerned resident), the CCA and Mayor Murdock. More to follow hopefully by our next meeting.
- o Replied to Stephanie from the Bowker Creek Initiative regarding the CCA participating at this year's Bowker Creek Biodiversity Day.

Treasurer: Jamie

- o **TREASURER'S AND LAND USE REPORT FOR MARCH 14, 2024**
- o The main financial news is that I submitted the application for our Community Association Operating Grant on March 7. To fill out the form I needed to confirm

the expenses and revenues for 2023. The report, then, serves also as a yearend statement of our finances for 2023. I've attached copies with my email.

- o Thanks to Leigh for keeping track of the information I needed to catch up on the book-keeping.
- o Since January 1 of this year, the only financial transaction has been a \$10.00 membership deposit. The balance in our account, then, is \$281.53.
- o **LAND USE REPORT:** Jamie
- o Vicki and I met with Mike from SEBA Developments on Monday March 10, 2024 to discuss a proposed development for 1899 Cochrane (the corner of Cochrane and Dean). This was a first meeting at which SEBA wanted to share its basic concept. The plan, at the moment, is to build eight townhouses in two rows of four with a driveway between them opening on to Cochrane Street. The lot is about 12,000 square feet in size—a double lot. Vicki and I raised various issues for them to think about and Mike plans to attend our meeting on March 14th briefly.

SCAN: Jamie

- o REPORT ON SCAN MEETING FOR MARCH 6, 2024
- o The meeting was chaired by Hollis Hodson, from the Carey Area Residents Association, who has taken over from Trevor Barry, from North Quadra CA.
- o Much of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of the SCAN terms of reference. The basic philosophy of the group is to be a place to share information. SCAN does not take stands on specific issues or lobby Saanich council. The structure remains semi-formal, in keeping with an organization that is not incorporated under the Societies Act. The group agreed to keep the terms of reference more-or-less unchanged, with minutes still supplied to create a historical record of discussions.
- o An item leftover from the last meeting (which I could not attend) had to do with the Community Associations Operating Grant. Should we ask Saanich to increase the amount? The large majority of members were neutral on this question. How do we feel about it at the CCA?
- o The discussion of the grant led to quite an interesting go-round the table about finances. It seems that most Associations generate additional money through an annual outreach event. Most of the events are “Music in the Park.” Support and coordination for the organizing of such events is available through the Saanich Legacy Foundation, which helps to manage donations etc. Is this something we would like to look into?
- o Other than that, the reports dealt with recurring concerns about safety and the pace of development. There is a division at SCAN between associations like

CARA who are keen to see their parts of the city redeveloped (and tend to be frustrated at how difficult this seems to be) and others who are anxious about radical changes in their neighbourhoods. One side effect of the new provincial legislation about housing, apparently, is that a number of members of Saanich Council are wondering what their purpose is, now that a key function of council traditionally (the approval of developments) will soon be dramatically curtailed.

Next meeting April 11, 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM