Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association

Agenda – Executive Meeting

27 August 2013

Open Meeting at: 7:08 pm

1. Review Agenda – John Schmuck
2. Treasurers’ Report – Dodie Fraser

* Funds available to the Association:  $ 8,163.63

1. Present Minutes – Karen Dearborn

* Minutes from the previous meeting distributed

1. Membership Report – Rikki Bowman

* 153 active members

1. September Meeting

* Steve Wallace will be speaking at the September meeting
* Merie to send him off some suggested topics
* He will have 30 minutes to speak, followed by questions for 15 minutes
* Merie to chair
* Chris will put coffee on and get snacks for the meeting

1. November Meeting

* John proposed asking the Mayor to come speak
* John will approach him to speak
* Merie would like to see someone come and talk about aging oil tanks
* We will explore getting someone from Saanich to come talk about the issues around oil tanks

1. Website

* Merie to take on the site
* Karen to provide content

1. Newsletter

* Need to send one out - soon
* Ed will do the page set up and the photo for the front page
* Content
* John to produce upcoming events – we’ll all contribute
* Steve Wallace will be speaking
* John will produce a President’s message
* Distribute
* Lana feels that we should go back to hand delivery
  + - We will discuss in more detail at the next Exec meeting
* Karen to contact Canada Post for delivery for September

1. Sunfest Picnic in the Park

* It was a great success
* Revenue was $1,869, with expenses of $1,648
* Food being by donation (no expectation of how much) work fabulously
* Merie and John will co-chair the 2014 event
* Proposal is to go with the same Sunday next year
* Popcorn was great – 300 bags handed out
* Obstacle course bouncy castle booked for next year

1. Area Director Reports

**BRAEFOOT:** Bob Trotter (John reported in Bob’s absence)

* The Braefoot Community Association wants to put a temporary module at Braefoot Park to house users of their facilities. We have been asked to provide input.

**CRAIGMILLAR:** Karen Dearborn

* Tattersall and Kathleen – neighbourhood meeting is being held to discuss duplexing of the site on Tuesday, September 10th at the Salvation Army Citadel from 7pm to 10pm.
* John has been talking with neighbours and most seem to be OK with the proposal. They see it as an improvement on the current site.
* The site is getting unsightly and we may have to ask to have it cleaned up.
* The property will be lived in by members of the family that own the property.

**REYNOLDS / QUADRA:** Chris Bartlett

* 1280 / 1282 Union
* Full development – 7 homes are going in on the site
* One of the neighbours is concerned about dust on the site
* The older house will be coming down after all
* 3974 Cedar Hill X Road
* John and Chris will be meeting with the developer meeting to be held at Cedar Hill Rec Centre on September 4th on 3pm
* Single family zoned to be developed into 4 unit townhouse
* Annie townhouse / condo development
* Went to Council last Monday – passed unanimously to move on to the public hearing stage.
* The Royal Woods Strata President called John the night before the meeting to state that ‘everyone in the strata is against’ the proposal – this was their first time expressing concern.
* Many neighbours got up and spoke in favour of the proposed development.

**CLOVERDALE CORE: *Volunteer needed***

* Cloverdale / Inverness:
* Main structure is now up – 5 stories.
* The project manager lent some of their space for MIP storage
* Inverness / Glasgow:
* The proposal is for a 2-stage development: phase 1 is 43 condos; phase 2 (going up Inverness) will be developed next with 48 units.
* It will be a ‘basic’ development aimed at ‘affordable’ housing.
* John approached one of the developers about what the green aspects of the development will be and they have responded favorably with details.
* Quadra / Inverness:
* No start date announced.

**CEDAR HILL:** Lana Burns

* 3745 Ascot subdivision
* Neighbourhood meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11th at 7pm at the Cedar Hill Rec Centre.
* 5 strata lots proposed.
* Garry Oaks preserved.
* No variances being requested – so Committee of the Whole meeting.
* There will be a covenant applied to 11% of the lot area because of the King’s Pond flood plain.

**COOK / TATTERSALL:** Ed May

* There’s some interest in redeveloping the BoM / medical clinic site; commercial on the ground with residential above.

**COOK / TOLMIE:** Eric Higgs (reported by John in /Eric’s absence)

* 1241 Maywood
* 2 lots to be subdivided into 3 lots – longer, skinny lots with development restricted at the rear due to environmentally sensitive Peacock Hill area which abuts the lots.
* Neighbourhood meeting set for Wednesday, September 4th at 12:10pm with the family.
* Previous proposal was not well received by the neighbours.
* Quadra and Tolmie – Kool Aid has ‘acquired’ the 2 vacant lots adjacent to Decora Tile. Will meet with us Sept 13th at 3:00 pm.

**QUADRA / SWAN LAKE:** Merie Beauchamp

* Greenridge paved – much smoother.
* Quadra and Falmouth – both lots are for sale.

1. Hot Dog Fundraiser at Uptown

* It went well – our share is $269.
* We ran it in conjunction with the Mt. View Colquitz Community Association.
* Uptown Plaza sponsored the event – thank you Travis Lee.

1. Mural – corner of Tattersall / Quadra

* Will be completed “this season” as promised by the artist.

1. Swan Creek Restoration

* Information distributed – they are looking for volunteers.
* Leads into Swan Lake and there are issues with oil leakage.

1. Cedar Hill Clay Court Tennis Proposal

* Art Beck, Susan and Peter Haddon here to present their issues – as neighbours of Cedar Hill – with the tennis court proposal
* Art presented on Finances
* He’s a retired CA and has been looking at the CHCCS finances
* Questioning their estimates to put in the courts; comparing it with the courts put in in Central Saanich
* Thinks our Association should be asking Saanich what happens when the society goes over budget
* Questions around can CHCCS really operate for 8 months a year
* Questioned what the players bring to the partnership
* Says that clay courts are expensive to maintain
* Susan
* Proposal doesn’t conform to the vision of the 2012 Saanich Master Plan – when people were asked for input on the plan, tennis court facilities weren’t a significant part of what people wanted in their park places.
* The land is being turned over for a single use – it will be unusable for any purpose other purpose than tennis.
* Drainage issues and the Bowker Creek Initiative – the BCI report have enormous concerns about the proposal; response from CHCCS was not responsive enough.
* The visual impact of the facility – from many different perspectives – is significant; the green space will be lost – it won’t be green space ever again.
* The future development of the Art’s Centre will be compromised if the facility goes ahead.
* Peter
* Didn’t really pay enough attention when the proposal was first put forward – felt that Saanich Parks “would have our backs”.
* Doesn’t feel that building at the Rec Centre is the best place for the development.
* Wants all options to be considered for the ball field – wants Saanich to listen to what the community wants for the site.
* Supports our recommendation to get community involvement into the decision-making process.
* Feels that Parks showed consideration for this proposal when it came forward. Doug Henderson expressed this.
* Why would Parks make a decision to promote this proposal? The benefits of the proposal are attractive to Parks – revenue, facilities, programs. He sees Parks as a partner in this facility.
* If Parks stands to gain these benefits, why should Parks present themselves as facilitators? Parks chose not to be up front and transparent with their intentions.
* Parks should be clear to the community that they will get benefits.
* Ed – they have been clear about it
* Parks does not seem to want to open up the discussion to other options for the parkland; Parks is not keeping up with their oft stated commitment of getting public input. They are not meeting their duty to serve the public.
* How do we find our way out of this?
* Agree to a process that we want to follow in consulting the community.
* Peter proposes that “we want a full on survey of the population” to decide what to do with the land.
* John met with the Mayor to discuss next steps; along with the two neighbouring community associations (Camosun, Mt. Tolmie). The Mayor mentioned getting a third party involved to facilitate future input – paid for by the CHCCTS.

Close Meeting: 9:25pm