Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association

Annual General Meeting

25 March 2014

Open Meeting at: 7:05 pm

1. Review Agenda – John Schmuck
* Rob Fleming
* Election of officers
1. Annual Review – John Schmuck
* Development initiatives
* 4 multi-family buildings
* 4 subdivisions
* 1 townhouse development
* 1 office / restaurant development
* 15 projects that we’ve been actively been involved in
* Cedar Hill Clay Tennis Courts proposal – two year process; turned down by Saanich
* Sitting on SCAN
* Bowker Creek Restoration initiative
* Hot dog fundraisers
* Playfair Picnic in the Park – in 2014, there will be two concerts at Rutledge Park with one held at Braefoot Park
* Music in the Park
* Community Dinner at Cedar Hill Golf Course
* Pulling Together at Playfair Park
* Elizabeth May came out to speak
1. Treasurers’ Report – Dodie Fraser
* Funds available $2,432
1. Present Minutes – Karen Dearborn
* Minutes from the previous meeting are available, please see Karen at the break to request a copy
1. Membership Report – Rikki Bowman
* 102 paid members
1. Pulling Together – Pam Sinclair
* Had several work parties over the Fall and Winter
* Real progress is being made on clearing “Pam’s Meadow”
1. Cloverdale Traditional School – Michelle Piasta
* All the money has been raised for both playgrounds at CTS
* Thank you for all your support
* Selling potted plants / hanging baskets as fundraisers for Mother’s Day
* Will be holding another scrap metal drive – Saturday, May 24th at the school
1. Newsletter – Peter and Susan Haddon
* Welcome and thanks for volunteering
* Questions and a good discussion about how best to reach neighbours in the community
* It’s expensive to distribute our newsletter by Canada Post
* The website, Facebook and our e-mail distribution list each contain less than 200 names – we have close to 15,000 homes in our Association’s area
* All ideas for how to improve our reach are welcome and open for discussion
1. Website – Kevin House
* Welcome and thanks for volunteering
1. Local Area Plan Updates – Kevin House
* All of the plans are being reviewed in Saanich
* More consultation with Community Associations in the redevelopment
1. Area Director Reports

**BRAEFOOT:** Bob Trotter

* Braefoot Park – modular building
* No update on the installation date

**CRAIGMILLAR:** Karen Dearborn

* 1206 Tattersall (at Kathleen)
* Approved by Saanich Council to go to Public Hearing

**REYNOLDS / QUADRA:** Chris Bartlett

* No news.

**CLOVERDALE CORE:**Kevin House

* Inverness / Glasgow:
* Still in the review process by various committees
* The Shire at Quadra and Inverness:
* Site clearing underway
* Midtown Park at Cloverdale and Inverness:
* Building nearing completion – sales have been a bit slow
* Accent Inn
* Thursday, April 3rd open house for the public to review the plans
* Restaurant proposed on the main floor with office space for the Accent Inn Head office on the second floor

**CEDAR HILL:** Lana Burns

* 3745 Ascot subdivision
* Residents of Ascot have been looking very carefully at the plans for the 5-home subdivision
* 95% of residents are not in favour of the density of the subdivision and its potential impact on the wetlands
* The residents have formed a group called Save the Ducks at King’s Pond – established a website
* Advocating for the purchase of the wetlands to add to Cedar Hill Park
* Focus is on protecting and increasing the number of Wood Ducks
* Questions on what Saanich has planned for the future of Cedar Hill Park

**COOK / TATTERSALL:** Christine Bhopalsingh

* No news.

**COOK / TOLMIE:** Eric Higgs

* Quadra and Tolmie – Victoria Cool Aid Society has acquired the 2 vacant lots adjacent to Decora Tile
* Advisory Design Committee signed off on the development

**QUADRA / SWAN LAKE:** Volunteer needed

* Warehouse behind the Keg is looking for re-zoning to house a manufacturing facility
1. Upcoming Events
* May 2nd – hot dog fundraiser at Lumberworld
* May 27th – QCHCA General Meeting at Cedar Hill Rec Centre
* June 14th – hot dog fundraiser at Lumberworld
* July 20th – Playfair Picnic in the Park
1. Music in the Park – Chris Bartlett
* Looking for volunteers – especially for the events at Rutledge Park
* August 5th, August 12th at Rutledge Park
* August 19th at Braefoot Park
1. Election of Officers
* Karen Dearborn, as Secretary presented the slate of officers for the Association
* Standing for election are:
* President: John Schmuck
* VP: Susan Haddon
* Membership: Rikki Bowman
* Treasurer: Dodie Fraser
* Secretary: Art Beck
1. Cedar Hill Park
* Society has been formed to speak for, volunteer, advocate and fundraise for Cedar Hill Park
* Form links with all the Community Associations in the area as well as with Saanich Parks
* Create a Master Plan for Cedar Hill Park
* There’s a plan to help clean up invasive species from some of the creek areas
1. Speaker – Rob Fleming, MLA
* Talked about provincial politics, primarily in the area of environmental issues and as the K-12 Education critic
* Questions from the audience:
* LNG plants in Australia are not doing well. Are the LNG proposals for BC moribund?
	+ - * Australia invested heavily in infrastructure, but things have not developed as expected
			* LNG would create jobs for First Nations and northerners, but these are jobs with a 30 year time horizon
			* First Nations and northerners want sustainable development – start with LNG done right and move into building on infrastructure for a long term future
* What’s the situation with LNG pipelines and First Nations input?
	+ - * Lots is unknown
			* Many ideas for routes – each player is working on their own pipeline proposal
			* Government is advocating for a combined approach with one pipeline
* What’s required to get the Legislature’s Environment Committee to meet again (last met in 1996)?
	+ - * There’s a private member’s bill to advocate for work in this area, but it will likely die on the order table
* Do you have any news on the Kinder-Morgan pipeline?
	+ - * The application has been made to increase the capacity and is currently before the National Energy Board; no public hearings have been scheduled
			* Kinder-Morgan has been engaging with the people and communities affected
			* The proposal will result in a six-fold increase in tanker traffic if approved
* Is the government planning on permitting construction in provincial parks?
	+ - * It used to be quite difficult to get permits to work in parks
			* The new law lessens the red tape and the government says this was done to promote eco-tourism and filming, but they included a clause in the law to allow for “research” activities
			* There is the fear that research will put pressure on the government to open up parks for development of mines, for instance.
* What will the process be for deciding on the NDP leadership race?
	+ - * Convention is set for September 28th
			* New members can join up to June 28th
			* Only two candidates have declared: John Horgan and Mike Farnworth
			* Will be an internet vote taking place the week before the convention – the “reveal” will take place on September 28th
* Do people contact the Rob Fleming’s office with issues they would like to see actioned?
	+ - * About 50 unique inquiries are made each day
			* Inquiries are welcomed
			* Lots of info on Rob’s website about what’s going – press releases, access to Hansard transcripts, etc.
			* Rob communicates mostly through Twitter and Facebook
			* Really likes the idea of holding community meetings and town halls to get a sense of what people are interested in

Close Meeting: 9:06pm