**Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association**

**General meeting and Christmas Social**

**Cedar Hill Rec Centre**

**7:00 – 9:00 pm, Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**Executive members present**: Susan Haddon, Art Beck, Peter Haddon, Noella May, Chris Bartlett, John Schmuck, Pam Edwards, Rikki Bowman, Lana Burns, Ruth Emery, Jean Hodgson, Margaret Taylor, Karen Dearborn

1. **Welcome and introductions**

Members were welcomed to this special meeting by president, Susan Haddon

1. **Approval of agenda** - Motion to approve: Peter, seconded by Art. Approved.
2. **Approval of minutes of September 28, 2017** Motion to approve: Jean, seconded by Chris. Approved.
3. **President’s report -** Susan

* **Follow up on Active transportation draft plan –** feedback requested. Survey now on Saanich website. Please complete by Dec 8. Local group lobbying for a crossing at Judge and Blenkinsop.
* **The Homeless Camp** spent 2 weeks at Cedar Hill Park, near the Rec Centre. Saanich police were a great liaison. Shawn and Susan met with the coordinator/ protest leader. The camp has now moved to another location. A member stated that she felt the emails written by Susan to the membership kept us updated, were very respectful and she appreciated that.
* **The $500 donation to Swan Lake** for its board walk fundraiser was presented Sunday, October 29. Pictures of the event were taken but none published; we’ll include in next newsletter.
* The executive is interested in feedback from members on **the role of the community association.** The strategic plan is under review and is likely to include the formation of a Transportation committee and a Development committee among other things.

1. **Treasurer’s report – Art Beck**

Available funds: $7,980. Total receipts: $5,292.

Disbursements: $6,596.

Net: ($1,304.)

1. **Membership – Noella:** 161 members. This is our end of year count. Membership fees for 2018 are now welcome. Many have renewed tonight.
2. **Development updates:**

**Redevelopment of the University Heights Shopping Centre:** out of our area, but QCHCA has been invited to a meeting in January along with Mt Tolmie and Gordon Head CA’s.

**Local conversation re development of a lot on Salsbury.** Neighbours have concerns though no plans have been submitted to Saanich yet.

**Our Local Area Plan** will start at the end of 2018, and with N Quadra CA, will also coincide with **Quadra Corridor Plan**

1. **Update on CH Park Management Plan process – Peter:** This is phase one of the plan process – vision and scope. Some contentious issues have arisen e.g. the proposed area of study does not include the golf course and Rec Centre. Discussions continue. Some committee members consider the park is a community asset, full of wildlife, and so believe the entire area should be part of the planning process.

Peter asked for feedback on how best to obtain community input for a vision for the park, fundamental to the future of the park.

Phase 2 will include more specific planning, possibly area by area (e.g. King’s Pond, Bowker Creek, etc.)

The survey results are on the web (Parks/active projects). There are many comments on the value of natural areas. This is a long term project; the park should be there in perpetuity.

1. **Q and A –** could there be a discussion of the value of CHP at the next general meeting?

* Does anyone know of a development proposal for Cook and Cobb Lane? Not yet.

The **Christmas social and refreshments** followed. Much enjoyed by all present. Included draw prizes that had been gathered by Chris Bartlett (thanks, Chris). Thanks also to Karen and fellow embroidery enthusiasts for their display.

**CH Rec Centre report** (Carole Ireland)

* Call for artists is closed and selection underway for 2018.
* Great display in the main gallery: I‘ve not always been Canadian, re Syrian refugees in Victoria
* Information re art exhibits is on the Saanich website, Arts page
* Brenda Weatherston, is the Rec Centre Community Arts Specialist and now stages the shows here.
* Residents are still golfing.
* The liquor licence was approved by the LCB for Saanich
* The rezoning request – underutilized space in the club house will be used for community events. It goes to the ALR (likely 4 months) then to public hearing.
* Carole would like to see wider use of the golf facilities, by community members other than golfers.

**KEY DATES:**

January 23, 2018 – QCHCA General meeting with guest speaker, Bob Crosby on ‘Earthquake early warning for BC’