

Minutes

General Meeting of the Camosun Community Association held January 19, 2012

In attendance

- Michael Crowe – President
- Lorne Neil– VP / Membership / Picnic / Newsletter
- Yves Bajard – Director at large / SCAN & Communities Working Group
- Andrea Gleichauf - Director at large / Environment
- George Ivanishvili – Director at large / Camosun College Student Society (CCS) Rep
- Clint Lalonde – Director at large / Electronic Media
- Caleb Horn - Director at large / Land Use
- Anna Tran – Director at large

Absent with regrets

- Tom Celuszk – Treasurer / Webmaster

Quorum

- Attendance at the meeting: 11
- Required for quorum: 15
- Quorum not achieved for election of new officials

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by President Michael Crowe

- Michael noted special guest Jessica Vander Veen, provincial candidate, NDP
- Glenn Cottrell moved to add new business to meeting agenda. Added new business after presentation & before reports.

Presentation on Bowker Creek Initiative by Natalie Bandringa, coordinator of Bowker Creek Initiative (Bowkercreek.ca).

New Business

Motion from the floor by resident Glen Cottrell. Seconded by Ruth Chudley

“That the Camosun Community Association oppose the rezoning of the residence at the northwest corner of Kingsley and North Dairy from residential to commercial”

Glen spoke in favour of the motion, citing concerns of loss of residence in favour of parking, lack of benefits, use of non-unionized labour, and that the rezoning will make liquor more available.

Discussion

- Michael asked Caleb to speak to the motion as he is the land use coordinator.

- Caleb provided updated:
 - CCA has been in communication with site owners since summer, 2011
 - CCA does not oppose or support a project until consultations with neighbour are concluded. This is still in process.
 - Approximately 13 residents have been consulted. A few issues have been noted and have been given to the owner. Owners are now reviewing recommendations from that consultation
 - Caleb feels it is too early yet for the CCA to take a position since neighbor consultations are still in progress.
- Andrea suggests to Glen that he walk around the neighborhood, speak to residents and get pulse of community.
- Caleb suggested a survey. Glen indicated that he would conduct survey
- Michael requested that if Glen presents an advocacy position either way that he does so as a resident and not as a representative of the CCA since the CCA has not yet formed an opinion on the project. Glen agreed to conduct the survey as an independent citizen.
- Andrea suggests that if the neighbors & residents are against a development, then the CCA has historically supported the residents, and that this would most likely be the case in this instance.
- Caleb said that the CCA has represented concerns of residents in that area with that particular piece of property as the original proposal for that land was to be used as a pub. After consultations with residents, it was determined that the residents were not in favor of that use and the CCA wrote a letter of opposition for that particular use.
- Glen agreed to table the motion until he can gather support for the proposal from neighbors.
- Caleb and Glen will remain in contact during the process.
- Caleb indicated that it is only a requirement of Saanich to consult within 90 metres. For this project notice was given to neighbors within 120 metres.
- Andrea suggested Glen conduct his survey quickly, noting the consultation process is currently underway.

Treasurers Report

Clint presented Treasurers Report in Tom's absence (see attached) and noted the fiscal year end for the society is not until January 31, 2012.

In discussion, Michael made following points re) budget & finances;

- he would like to see comparison of last year compared to this year.
- donations do not include in-kind donations from organizations such as Thrifty's. Believes that is why we are up a bit in cash this year.
- Saanich has picked up a major expense at Browning park for community bulletin board (he believes over \$3000), an expense not picked up by the CCA
- there will be a final financial statement after January 31, 2012

Report tabled until next meeting (quorum)

SCAN & Ad-hoc working group update

Yves spoke of SCAN relationship. Changes in SCAN chair this year, and a fundamental examination of the role of SCAN, which appears to be moving from a forum to a recommending body. For example, SCAN support helped get Douglas corridor discussions onto Saanich municipal council agenda.

Yves spoke of developing relationship between 3 community associations (CCA, Mt. Tolmie, Quadra/Cedar Hill) & CCSS. Cooperation began with municipal election candidate's forum. Post election, organizations agreed to continue meeting on shared initiatives & issues. Next meeting of this ad hoc group is January 30th. There are 4 common issues Yves has suggested this group will concentrate efforts on.

1. Food security
2. Transportation
3. Waste (liquid & solid)
4. Climate Change action.

Report tabled until next meeting

Environment

Andrea report that she is the Bowker Creek Initiative representative and a site steward for Browning Park Pulling Together program (volunteer invasive species removal).

Report tabled until next meeting

Camosun College Report

George reported on activities at Camosun.

Report tabled until next meeting

Land Use

Caleb reported on land use issues addressed by CCA this year.

- Browning Park – spent first part of year finishing that. Culminated with picnic
- Royal Jubilee master campus plan going to council with input from CCA.
- Gave input to Shelbourne Corridor/Valley stakeholders committee.
- CCA is now represented on 2 new community committees
 - Uvic community association liaison. Interest in traffic patterns as traffic passes thru CCA.
 - Camosun transportation & parking committee. CCA now represented thru Caleb
- 4 proposals were addressed this year
 - Hillside liquor store. Still in the works community consultation
 - Rezoning of heritage house on Mt. Tolmie with CCA support.
 - Oak Crest passive energy house – public hearing at end of January
 - Potential subdivision on Newton street
- Caleb plans to be in the role for another year.

Report tabled

Social Media

Clint reported that this year the CCA has established a Twitter account and a Facebook page in attempt to outreach with the community who use those services. Clint plans on continuing work on these initiatives.

Report tabled

Membership & picnic

Lorne reported 42 paid members this year – most ever New initiatives included return envelopes with newsletters which increased membership.

Community picnic was very successful at Browning Park. Will rotate to Allenby this year and be held at the end of June/Beginning of July. Bowker Creek initiative helped, and there were a number of politicians & Saanich mayor in attendance. Lorne noted great corporate support from Victoria Chiropractic, Thrifty Foods and Coast Capital.

Glen recommended that a date in August would make it more likely to have good weather. June is traditionally not great weather. Tentative date is June 23

President report

Michael presented the Presidents report (see attached)

Motion from Yves that election of new board happens in March with another attempt at achieving quorum. General agreement among current board to stay in current positions until another AGM can be held in March, exact date to be decided at February board meeting.

Adjournment at 8:50

Next Meeting: 7pm Royal Jubilee Hospital, February 9, 2012