

## CCA BOARD-MEETING APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

Attended by: Lorne Neil, Michael Crowe, Caleb Horn, Yves Bajard, Andrea Gleichauf

Absent: Tom Celuszak, Clint Lalonde, Anna Tran

Correspondence: Maura Jones re CRD arts grant program.

President's report: Michael had inquired re. Costs for additional community notice boards for other locations, for example at the Richmond School green way, when the green-way gets installed. Initial response was Cost = \$ 5800.

Treasures report:

Out-standing : \$100 to Islandnet, \$ 50 fee to change our constitution.  
Saanich grant is issued in Mail. (*Finances to be filled in by Tom*)

Membership: no new members, but Lorne mentioned that all Board members are not up to date with their dues. Some Board members who were present paid immediately. Receipts to follow.

Block watch: Anna is waiting for a reply re. Block watch manning a table at our picnic. Suggestion to have a map of the CCA at the picnic that identifies block watch areas in the hope others will fill in the missing areas. Caleb said that we have one that will work.

Newsletter: May 1<sup>st</sup> is dead line for newsletter submission. After a brief discussion we decided only incumbent politicians can advertise in the newsletter.

John Schmuck indicated to Yves that David Bratzer (QCHCA) is distributing the CA newsletter with a wider reach. Michael restated his findings from his earlier review of using Canada Post for delivery. He said

that it is expensive & not practical as Canada Post delivers by Postal Code, not municipal boundaries, let alone community association boundaries.

Caleb suggested increasing the number of newsletters to 2500, to leave some extras at various locations, such as Nellie McClung library, and the offices of Rob Fleming & Ida Chong, etc. All agreed.

Newsletters to be available for delivery by May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Land Use: 1535 Oak Crest duplex proposal for energy neutral house. Caleb reported that at the 2<sup>nd</sup> neighborhood meeting some of the neighbours had concerns re. Saanich rezoning process. Caleb will deliver a survey & a letter from the applicant to the Oak Crest neighbourhood. It will include reference to the CCA website which will post a letter by Neil Findlow of Saanich Planning explaining rezoning and development permits in Saanich.

Subdivision application involving making a new lot on Newton Street. 50 houses in the neighborhood were informed of this in Mid March. Two responses so far, both in favour.

SCAN: Yves expressed concern with the direction Fred Haynes, the new chair, is taking SCAN into a different direction, not compatible with its terms of reference. Yves is worried that SCAN is being turned into a "super CA" & starts acting in the name of CAs without authority. He feels SCAN is going beyond their mandate. CAs are independent, provincially incorporated bodies. SCAN has no authority to speak for the CCA. SCAN is not a society & has no constitution. Yves has met with Fred Haynes to express his concerns, but was not able to meet with Tim Wood. Caleb had attended the last Scan meeting instead of Yves & did not get the same impression. Decision to draft a letter to Scan expressing our understanding

of the role of SCAN as per its TORs. Board members to vote on content by 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Notice board: Michael feels that it is importance that both notice boards (Allenby & Browning Park) should have the same message. Lorne agreed to look after the board in Allenby Park. Caleb & Andrea will manage the one at Browning. (Michael and Caleb also have keys for Browning Park.) Allenby has some problems with rusting (*Tom had mentioned he will look for some non rusting metal*). Caleb will do a write up, what the CCA is about. To be posted on both the notice boards & the website.

Environment: Cory Manton, urban forest manager is looking for a volunteer coordinator for their tree planting program in our area. Saanich has trees that they want to plant, but no budget to look after the trees. The coordinator would find homeowners that want trees on the right of way (ROW) & are willing to look after the trees once planted. This includes watering, pruning etc. Cory Manton does not have the time to deal with individual home owners wanting to have trees. No one from the board members present at the meeting volunteered for this position.

Pulling together invasive removal planned for Saturday in Browning Park. Andrea will meet with Saanich staff (Cory Manton, Jenny Eastman, Becky Goodall) & BCI Coordinator Natalie Bandringa in Browning Park on Friday to discuss the future of Browning Park. (*addendum: Meeting was held & it was agreed by all in attendance that Natalie will try to find \$ to produce a plan for the park based on the recommended actions in the Bowker Creek blue print*).

UVIC: Yves reports that UVIC does not consult, but informs after designing. UVIC is run like a business. The neighbouring CAs (Cadboro Bay and North Henderson) of UVIC want a 3 D model of the parkade proposal & asked for support on this from the CCA. Decided to support

the neighbors, but don't think it will help (*addendum UVIC has since presented the proposed alternative designs of the parkade*).

Picnic: The annual CCA picnic date is 23rd June. Lorne inquired Richmond School Ground is available for rent on that day. All agreed to hold the picnic there. Andrea put a motion forward that the CCA contributes up to \$400 for Soren's pennant workshop to be held at the picnic. Andrea will try & find sponsorship \$ for the remainder \$400. Caleb second. All agreed.