

CCA Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 8, 2012

In attendance: Michael, Andrea, Caleb, George, Anna, Clint, Lorne

Absent: Yves, Tom, Tim

7:05 Meeting called to order

Agenda additions

- Summer picnic
- Browning park & letter to Saanich parks
- Block Watch in area

Presentation

Guest speaker: Tyler Sampson of Saanich Block Watch & Camosun Block Watch volunteer Noreen Redford, Neil Street volunteer and Block Watch captain.

Correspondence

- Michael received email from Saanich that construction of CCA community notice board & map is being built in Browning Park. Michael will have keys to notice board for CCA announcements.
- Michael received email from Saanich Fire Department re: Seniors fire safety and fall prevention workshop
- Andrea & Michael circulated a sample poster from artist Soren Henrich about pennant workshop as a possible idea for community picnic.
- SCAN minutes received today. No chance to review yet.

Business from Minutes

- Clint asked for follow up on Canada Post delivery. Michael mentioned cost prohibitive & too much overlap for delivery into other areas (Mt. Tolmie CA, Victoria, etc.) to make it worthwhile.
- Clint also asked about Hillside Liquor update. No update.

Presidents Report

- No quorum again for AGM.
- Idea of community identity initiative. Michael would like to have some kind of visible identity with street signs for the Camosun community to give it a visible identity.
- Michael would like to see more emphasis on Block Watch to connect residents in our neighbourhoods.

Treasurers Report

- No report
- Michael wondered whether we have received Saanich community grant. Will follow up with Tom.

Webmaster Report

- Clint reported Facebook is changing pages design. The new layout is coming on March 30th.
- Wordpress (software CCA website runs on) needs to be updated. Clint will work with Tom to upgrade Wordpress.

Membership report

- One new membership since last meeting
- Lorne reminded all BOARD members to pay membership fee

Block Watch

- Anna is trying to recruit new captains
- She will write a Block Watch article to be included in next newsletter.

Newsletter

- Should try to get a newsletter out by mid May to promote picnic in June
- Block Watch article (Anna)
- Invasive plant removal (Andrea)
- Passive house article (Caleb)
- Membership form: looking for newsletter carriers (Lorne)
- Print on coloured paper with picnic gift certificate. That way copies won't count.
- Camosun transportation article (Kathryn LeGros, Camosun College?)

Picnic

- Possible partnership with North Jubilee Community Association
- Richmond school? Need power and toilets
- Lorne will contact school board to see if Richmond School available.

Land Use

- 3491 Mayfair Drive – Project on hold as portions of house found to be on park property. Likely a result of improper surveying when park was created. Non-conforming nature of house likely to complicate potential rezoning further.
- 1806 / 1810 Newton Street – Potential subdivision of two large lots to create new lot in between. Information package was distributed to neighbouring residents two weeks ago and only one response received so far.

- 1535 Oak Crest Drive – Contacted by neighbouring resident who was concerned that rezoning this lot could lead to further rezoning along the street. After contacting Neil Findlow of Saanich Planning, I have been reassured that since proposals are considered on a case-by-case basis it is unlikely. The Shelbourne Local Area Plan states that consideration will be given to all nearby multi-family dwellings before approving further rezoning on a residential street such as Oak Crest.
- Royal Jubilee Hospital – Construction underway on addition to the BC Cancer Agency building which is adjacent to Adanac Street. There have been complaints that construction workers are parking throughout neighbourhood streets. VIHA has arranged with the school district to allow construction workers to park at the vacant Richmond School. VIHA will follow up with the construction company about parking on residential streets.
- Some neighbour concerns regarding the tree plantings along Adanac Street where vegetation had been removed. Landscaping plans led some neighbours to believe mature trees would be planted but smaller trees have been planted here.
- Master Campus Plan finalized and will be heading to City of Victoria council soon. Unclear as to when it will come to Saanich Council.
- Permeable parking stalls to be constructed where the South and East Blocks are located following deconstruction.
- Shelbourne Valley Action Plan – Consultant reports to be completed by May. Anticipated to come before council sometime in September. Likelihood of up to four open houses this Spring prior to creation of final plan this Summer. Transportation report recommends two street concepts, an interim version and an ultimate version. Both concepts consider no less than four vehicular traffic lanes.
- Members of the stakeholder's committee expressed concern than 2 or 3 lane options hadn't been considered. It seems these options had been considered by Saanich prior to the hiring of the transportation consultant, but were deemed unfeasible. The possibility of increased traffic along Cedar Hill and Richmond roads a possibility within our community in such a scenario.
- Harold Stanley, the Saanich planner leading the action plan, wishes to speak before the Camosun Community Association at our May 10th board meeting.
- University of Victoria – The “Better Neighbours” report prepared by HB Lanarc has been adopted by UVic and the first stage in renewed consultations is taking place. The first open house to review parkade options is taking place this evening, but a second open house will take place on Saturday March 10th between noon and 3pm at St. Aidan's United Church.
- Camosun College – A new bike repair station has been constructed in the centre of Lansdowne Campus. The two year working plan update for the Transportation and Parking Management Plan has been distributed. Kathryn LeGros, of Camosun College, has expressed interest in writing a short article on transportation initiatives taken by the college in our next newsletter. The college seems keen in establishing a stronger relationship with the community association so that they don't end up in the same situation as UVic with the recent CARSA project.
- Hydro Lands (1845 Kings Road) – The Shelbourne Local Area Plan outlines the possibility of an action plan to examine the feasibility of a greenway in this area. The Bowker Creek Blueprint identifies it as a key property along the creek. Caleb and Andrea to investigate the possibility of an action plan further.

Camosun report

- George mentioned that Camosun College has celebrated their 40th anniversary.

- George is finishing at Camosun & will be moving to Vancouver & finishing with the CCA.

Environment Report

- Bike fest at UVic April 22 organized by Saanich
- Andrea put in matching grant application for tools for pulling together initiative & Saanich will be attending grant meeting Thursday, March 15th.
- Another invasive plant removal March 24th at Browning park
- Andrea would like to send letter to Saanich there is work planned for Browning Park without consultation or input from either BCI or CCA. Michael suggested sending a letter that the CCA would like to be included in any plans regarding work at Browning park. Andrea will draft letter & Caleb.
- Caleb mentioned that the Knight right of way where there is a new section of greenway that has appeared. Was told by Saanich that the greenway was part of the greenway plan, yet CCA has not seen a greenway plan for Browning park. Michael suggested contacting Saanich and asking to see greenway plan

SCAN Report

- Report was sent from Yves earlier today. Has not been reviewed by Board yet.
- Caleb will be Yves alternate for SCAN.

New Business

On International Women's Day, George recognized the women on the Board.

Adjournment

Caleb motioned Andrea second approval of all reports. All in favour.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Next meeting set for April 12, 2012.