

CADBORO BAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 14, 2008

Place: Cadboro Bay United Church

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Irene Stewart.
2. **Present:** Jackie Horton, Dave Lynn, Trish Westwood, Irene Stewart, Bill Dancer, John Sawka, Lindy England, Eric Dahli, Brenda Pare and Keren Graham

Absent: Graham Smyth, and Paul Starita.

2.2 Agenda Approval

Agenda approved as presented with 1 addition:

2.3 Approval of previous minutes.

Eric's last name was spelled wrong – should be Dahli.

Motion by Brenda to approve December 2007 minutes with the noted correction, seconded by Bill, approved and carried.

3. **Executive Reports**

3.1 President's report

Irene received an email from Kristie Tobiason regarding the significant tree in

We received a letter from Peter Spurr (Mount Tolmie Resident's Association) regarding the problem at UVic with the proliferation of rabbits. He has written a letter to UVic, although he has not got authorization from the resident's association.

Action: Eric will ask that this topic be an agenda item at the next liaison meeting.

There has been a notice from Saanich regarding a proposed subdivision at 3904 Cadboro Bay Road for an additional 3 lots. This is the property off Aspen that had

come before the executive a few years ago when the proposal was townhouses. It doesn't appear that any variances are being requested.

We have received a letter from Arianna Rain. She had been speaking with Leah Kinarythy regarding wheelchair access to Gyro Park for the disabled and wondered if we would be interested in applying for a grant. Irene suggested that they speak with Saanich as the long term plans for Gyro Park is that it will be returned to wet lands.

The neighbours adjacent to the beach access are unhappy with the fence height and retaining wall. Apparently they do not comply with the current building bylaws. There is a huge 5' retaining wall on top of the sea wall.

The property owner has applied for variances and they attended the board of variance meeting, however, the owner didn't attend so the application was tabled until the next meeting.

There was general consensus that the property owners should not be able to break bylaws and then make applications for variances, as this will set a precedent for all future property owners.

Irene spoke with several councilors who advised us to write a letter.

Action: Irene to write to Saanich advising of the different bylaws that have been broken.

3.2 Vice President's report

Dave advised that there are not many new members as we haven't put out a newsletter recently.

3.3 Treasurer's report

Bill advised us that he has the 2007 year end figures. We have just over \$9,000.00 in the bank (plus the GIC's).

We have recently paid the following bills:

\$105.00 for rent of United Church

We should start thinking of the matching grant for this year and the applications have to be in by March.

3.4 Secretary's report

Nil to report

4. Committee reports

4.1 Membership

See Dave's earlier report.

4.2 EPC

There is an exercise for May 24th (see Bill's written report).
The EPC need \$500.00 for lunches when they do the exercise.
Motion by Eric to approve the \$500.00 spending
Seconded by Jackie, approved and carried.

4.3 UVic Liaison

There is a meeting this coming Thursday/. Eric will raise the issue about the increasing rabbit population.

There has been a letter from one of the board of governors of UVic on their letterhead supporting the beach house fence and retaining wall. This was not only inappropriate but also a conflict of interest. Eric will also take this up at the next meeting.

4.4 Parks & Trails

Saanich has been through Haro Woods and taken out all of the bike jumps.
The restoration team will be back in Haro Woods in February to do some clearing, but they will be concentrating on Knukson Park.

Irene has recently been interviewed by the Martlett magazine asking for her input about the sewage treatment plant that could possibly be going in there.

4.5 SCAN

Russ Fuoco from the planning dept. gave a 2 hour presentation of climate change.
Saanich has a carbon neutral plan and want to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 6,000 tons. They want to reduce that number by 10% by 2010.

Saanich is converting some of its vehicles to natural gas and is installing solar panels on City Hall.

They hope to save about \$90,000 and will be hiring a full time person to oversee the project.

Russ is going to the next meeting and will be talking about their efforts to encourage developers to build "green buildings".

The ALR people are also going to next meeting.

5. Old Business

5.1 Community Bus

BC transit has approved the community bus.

5.2 Haro Woods

See Bills earlier report.

5.3 Cell Tower

Irene wrote a letter to Martin Sager (UVic) and Chad Marlette (Bell Mobility) that we are not being proactive with this issue and will not take a position.

6. New Business

6.1 Board of Variance

See Irene's earlier report.

6.2 Aspen Place Subdivision

6.3 See Irene's earlier report

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Jackie Horton, secretary