

CADBORO BAY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

Time: 7:00 pm

Date: October 14, 2008

Place: Goward House

1. **Call to order**: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Irene Stewart.
2. **Present**: Irene Stewart, Bill Dancer, Brenda Paré, Dave Lynn, Eric Dahli, John Sawka, Leah Kinarthy, Peter Eckard.
Absent: Keren Graham, Mona Goode, Paul Starita.
- 3.1 **Agenda Approval**: Board Approved Agenda as presented
- 3.2 **Approval of previous minutes**. Eric Dahli moved to accept minutes of September 8, 2008, seconded by Bill Dancer.
4. Executive Reports

President's report

Irene presented correspondence she has received that criticizes the Board's non support of the subdivision on McDonald Drive East. The Board reiterated that the issue is not one of subdivision but rather one of rezoning and that CBRA's obligation is to uphold the Local Area Plan in respect of the greater community.. Rezoning is a matter of high concern for the community and support against the LAP would set dangerous precedent.

Irene spoke to the need to revisit and update the Local Area Plan and referenced the letter of October 8th from Mayor Leonard whereby he stated that a review of the entire plan was not in the upcoming planning work. Irene advised the Board that we need clarification as to what extent Saanich plan to review. Dave will respond to the Mayor's letter for clarification and report back to the Board.

Eric, John, Bill and Irene attended the last Saanich Council Meeting where Council passed a resolution for a covenant on Saanich's portion of Haro Woods ensuring any land use decisions on this property be made through open public process .

Vice President's report

Dave reported on the response letter from the Mayor dated October 8, 2008. The letter is in response to CBRA interest in stewardship of the Haro Woods land and also the recommendation from the Mayor to place a restrictive covenant on

title to ensure that deliberations on the future of the land be held at a public meeting. The Mayor also mentions in the letter that Planning staff do not have it in their work plan to undertake a review of the entire Local Area Plan at this time.

Treasurer's report

Bill reported that we are on budget and approx \$1,300 to the good over last years budget. Membership is down over previous (08) 204 members vs (07) 219 members. Donations down \$195.00 and dues down \$150.00. Grants from Saanich essentially the same as previous year.

Secretary's Report

Brenda reported that she has met with Jackie Horton and has retrieved some of the Association's files. The AGM minutes however were not complete at the time and Jackie advised she would drop them by Brenda's residence. To date Brenda has not received the minutes and balance of files. Brenda will follow up with Jackie.

5. Committee Reports

Membership

Dave reported that we have 204 paid members to date.

UVIC Liason

Eric Dahli reported on his meeting at U of Vic on September 25th. The meeting addressed the rabbit issue in the community and U of Vic campus. The committee decided to present an Education Program to the general public and a long term Management Plan to deal with the issues of rabbits in the neighborhood. For more information you can check the website @ www.uvic.ca/rabbits

Trails & Parks

Bill reported that the group is pressing on with the cleanups. Bill reiterated again that if anyone wishes to assist in the cleanup the group meets weekly on Wednesday and Saturdays between 9am – 12 noon at Konucksen Park.

Emergency Preparedness

Bill reported that essentially funding is down. Bill sent in a report to Saanich indicating that he had to agree with Senate Reports; and the new ESS Leader, Brock Hanson, agreed that they should have a core group that understands the system.

Newsletter

Leah reported that the deadline for articles will be October 25th and she will be sending the newsletter to the printers by November 1st, with a November 3rd distribution date. Leah asked Dave to clarify the distribution process of the 1600 newsletters. Dave will provide Leah with the details. Leah asked John to submit information on the All Candidates meeting. A discussion also took place on how we could be more cost effective in distributing the newsletter to the community members. It was suggested by Leah that we email the members and the board agreed to bring this up at the next AGM meeting and let the residents decide. John suggested we get current quotes on the cost of printing.

MOVED by Leah Kinarthy to put together a members email list and go ahead with both email and hard copy distribution of the November newsletter.
SECONDED by Eric Dahli. Motion carried.

Leah asked the Board if someone would take the task of soliciting for ads from the local merchants for the newsletter. Eric offered his support and will speak to Leah further regarding this request .

SCAN

John presented an email from Judy Brownoff on the subject of Public Participation and Presentations dated October 13, 2008. He also passed around the table newsletters from Gorge Tillicum and Quadra Cedar Hill Residents Association. John mentioned that there are two positions available on Saanich if anyone is interested in sitting on these committees: Legacy Foundation and Healthy Saanich.

6. Old Business

John reminded the board of the All Candidates Meeting to be held as follows:

All Candidates Meeting
November 12, 2008
7pm – 9 pm
2494 Arbutus Rd

Posters are ready for distribution and will be placed on the notice board at the village, U of Vic, and schools. Local media, (TC, U of Vic, & Radio) has been contacted. John will also work on getting Shaw, A Channel and Chek 6 to cover the meeting. John will follow up with each candidate to confirm their participation at the meeting. The format will be a 2 minute speech, Question period, and 45 minutes to mingle and meet the candidates. John stressed how important it is for equal time amongst all candidates. He also asked the board if they could email questions to him to be raised at the meeting.

Peter brought up the Traffic Calming concerns in the community. Irene mentioned that this was the number one item of community concern raised at our May AGM. Irene suggested we prepare an annotated listing of “hot spots” using our LAP community mobility map as the base for our plan. We can present this to Saanich Engineering/Planning to initiate discussion and problem resolution. Discussion took place about sidewalks, bus stops, and speed on Arbutus. Irene indicated that our approach should be to come up with some suggestions for solutions and working together to present to Saanich. It was also mentioned that John Lindenblaun be contacted as he has already worked on some of these issues and his work could be of value moving forward.

Eric reported that if the board writes a letter to Saanich regarding our request for an advance light at Sinclair and Finnerty, they will support us. They will also agree to post signs advising cyclists to dismount their bikes prior to crossing the intersection. Eric will prepare a draft letter to Saanich for Irene’s review.

7. New Business

Eric read an email to the board about an international real estate deal available on Discovery Island that he received from Martha Oleson. Ms Oleson is concerned about private development on the Island and wanted the board to be aware of this issue. Eric has asked that John and Dave look further into this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm