

CADBORO BAY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Date: February 9, 2009

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, John Sawka, Paul Starita, Eric Dahli, Dave Lynn, Peter Eckard, Mona Goode, Keren Graham
Absent: Leah Kinarty, Brenda Pare
Guests: Evertt Peterson (Goward House), Graham Smyth (Goward House), Harry Drage, Harold Stanley (Saanich Planning)

3. Guest presentation

Irene introduced Harold Stanley from the City of Saanich's Planning Department who presented information on the draft terms of reference for the proposed Cadboro Bay Institutional Property Action Plan (attached). Harold explained that the Action Plan was a mayoral directive that would begin this year given that the Planning Department could now turn its attention to it with the slow-down of permitting activity. Cadboro Bay has several sites that are either under- or undeveloped. The community has the opportunity to play a proactive role in helping the City determine how best to protect the community's interest as the possibility of development of these sites increases.

Several people asked whether there were possibilities of protecting the space as green space by zoning changes or other means. Harold explained that these options were possible but not terribly realistic because the City would have to accept the financial responsibility of maintaining such property. Harry Drage commented that it might be too early to preclude such possibilities given the opportunities of partnerships with other agencies.

Irene agreed to write a letter to the City of Saanich within the next couple of weeks acknowledging that the Cadboro Bay Residents' Association will work with the City on the drafting of the terms of reference.

- 4.1 Agenda Approval: Board approved agenda as presented
- 4.2 Approval of previous minutes: Eric Dahli moved to accept minutes of January 12, 2009, seconded by Bill Dancer.

Discussion to identify CBRA next steps regarding important community business:

5. CRD Waste Water Treatment System: Community Advisory Committee
Irene reported that she, Bill Dancer and Harry Drage attended a closed meeting with Judy Brownoff last Wednesday. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the need to establish a Community

Advisory Committee to provide community input into the Waste Water Treatment issue. The Wastewater Technical Committee will be releasing public information soon. Several outstanding issues include justification for a Saanich plant and the need to consider other sites and options. There is some urgency in moving ahead with the process because of the concern of funding loss if they do not get their process done this year. The intention is there for significant amounts of public input and participation.

6. Draft Terms of Reference: This is another big issue that CBRA will need to help coordinate as noted above. The Board recognized the need to engage the community at large, possibly by holding a special public meeting. Paul and Mona will write up a proposed program and distribute it to the executive board members. Comments on the terms of reference should be funneled through Irene.
7. Vic Derman's Presentation to the Board on January 29, 2009 and his discussion of the state of strategic planning in Saanich, and how contextual zoning has been tried in different communities. Board members were appreciative of his visit. We might want to include him in the proposed public meeting as discussed in 5.b above.
8. Newsletter: Leah would like more help with the newsletter, the publication of which is going to be delayed. The board agreed to wait until next meeting to have more clarity around the issue when Leah would be present to discuss her concerns.
9. Saanich Referral: The setback variance application for 3917 Cadboro Bay Road was discussed. Eric Dahli moved to reject the application, Bill Dancer seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
10. Pesticide Coalition: The board discussed the proposal to ban pesticides from all municipal grounds. John Sawka moved to support the ban, Eric Dahli seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Further more, John moved that CBRA endorse the Pesticide-Free Coalition; Eric seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
Eric has agreed to write an article on this topic for the upcoming newsletter in order to encourage the community to discontinue the use of pesticides.

Committee Reports:

11. Membership Committee: Dave Lynn announced that membership dues are due for the new year.
12. Emergency Preparedness: Bill Dancer announced the annual meeting for March 31. He also reported that Brock Hansen was the new Officer in Charge for Saanich.
13. UVic Liaison: Eric Dahli will be meeting with the University's new community coordinator this coming Friday. The University is dedicating a full time person to community affairs; in the past, this responsibility was only a portion of the workload of the community liaison person.
13. Parks and Trails: Harry Drage will report back on the issue involving the trail access around Lockhave.

14. SCAN: John Sawka reported that SCAN had Council member Hordovsky present her ideas concerning secondary suites. Hordovsky is proposing to initiate a pilot project to evaluate the possible implementation of secondary suites legislation. The Board did not move to participate in the project.

John also announced that Mayor Leonard will be visiting SCAN in May. He suggested that if there were any issues that we would brought to his attention, we should let John know. John is now on SCAN's Matching Grant Committee as well as on SCAN's committee on visioning.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.