

CADBORO BAY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes: Regular Board Meeting
Date & Time: 6:30 p.m., January 11, 2010
Place: Goward House

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Irene Stewart.

Present: Irene Stewart, Dave Lynn, Bill Dancer, Deborah Dickson, Mona Goode, Elizabeth Borek, Brenda Pare, Rick Page, Adrian Fletcher
Directors Dahli and Sawka are representing CBRA at the Saanich Council Meeting regarding the property, 2615 Queenswood, at the Board's request.
Absent: Anke Venema

Director Pare announced her resignation from the Board because her employment has taken her to Vancouver. The Board thanked Director Pare for her work on behalf of the Board and the residents of our community and wished her much success in Vancouver.

Agenda Approved as Amended

Minutes Approved as Amended

Motion to Approve by Director Dancer, Seconded by Director Dickson
Carried: Unanimous

President's Report

President Stewart explained Directors Dahli and Sawka were attending the Saanich Council meeting to request time to respond to the application for sewer hookup at 2615 Queenswood Drive.

She passed on a notice from the U Vic Speakers Bureau listing available speakers in the event we wish to take advantage of the speakers and a Christmas card from Queen Alexandra Foundation.

In her opinion the Poll Daddy electronic voting system brought to the Board by Director Fletcher is a real benefit should discussions and decisions need to be made quickly by the Board, e.g. 3777 Waring application.

Director Fletcher advised the cost is \$220 per annum with capacity of 100 votes per month. The Board agreed: a) we will start using Poll Daddy when the next issue requiring a vote between meetings arises, b) effective use of this technology requires voters to identify who is voting in the Comment section as well as specifying their vote, c) at the close of voting as per the voting protocol of 2 days notice and 2 days to vote, the President will tabulate the vote and report the results, and d) provision must be made for electronic voting in the By Laws of the Constitution. The By Laws should authorize use of electronic voting which is clear and transparent but should not specify details such as technology. The Board needs the flexibility to change technology and potentially some rules of voting without having to change the Constitution.

President Stewart has received telephone calls from residents on Arbutus upset with the blasting for a new residence. Many thought an earthquake was occurring.

Action Item: President Stewart will contact Saanich to request notice of blasting to surrounding residents be required in the future.

Vice President Lynn reported residents complained to him trees were being cut down in Konukson Park. After investigation he reported back Saanich was removing only those trees in a condition Saanich believed made the trees dangerous.

Treasurer's Report

Director Dancer reported he has completed the year end report. Summary highlights are:

1. Revenues are down from last year due both to lower membership and advertising revenues (fewer newsletters).
2. Revenue from operational grants is unchanged. The Invasive Species group applied for and received \$800 for tools and sundries from Saanich.
3. Donations were up from 2008. That total is misleading because it includes \$380 from a collection for Queen Alexandra Trust at Sandfest.
4. Expenses are up substantially due to meetings held to inform the community regarding sewage, the purchase of Emergency Preparedness Radios and the Climbing Wall at the Festival this summer.
5. Balance at 12/31/09 is \$5,551.64 plus the GIC Contingency Reserve.

CBRA is expecting reimbursement from Gordon Head, Oak Bay, and Henderson North Residents Associations for a portion of the costs of the Public Meeting on Sewage Treatment held in August, 2009. Director Dancer will apply for the normal grant from Saanich.

Director Goode moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted
Seconded by Director Page
Carried: Unanimous

Secretary's Report

Director Borek reported that due to a change in her personal circumstances she is resigning as Secretary. She intends to resign as Director after completing a few projects started on the Land Use Committee.

Director Goode nominated Deborah Dickson for Secretary.
Seconded: Rick Page
Passed: Unanimous

Reports of Committees and Subcommittees

By-Laws Committee

Director Goode asked for a special meeting of the Board to address by laws in 2 weeks. She told the Board she will forward a final draft of the bylaws 3 – 4 days in advance of the meeting.

Action Item: President Stewart will secure Goward House space for Jan. 25.

Land Use Committee

Talking points re sewage treatment to present to Saanich Councilors at future meetings had been delayed because of the release of further information from the CRD.

Action Item: Director Borek will revise and email the talking points to the Board for approval.

Director Borek reported she had advised Norm Mogensen of her intention to resign and he was willing to continue to serve on the Land Use Committee. His depth of knowledge of all the properties, the environmental issues and municipal process will be of great benefit to CBRA and the community.

SCAN

In the absence of Director Sawka, Director Dickson reported on the SCAN meeting. Ray Roer of Saanich Parks reported the short list of Top 10 Areas qualifying for a refurbishing budget has been released and Gyro Park is not among them. Both Maynard Park and Wedgewood Park were in the Top 10 and received funding for sports refurbishing. After discussion regarding the reasons for Gyro's absence in the Top 10, including President Stewart's explanation that federal funding of projects which would qualify was very specific, President Stewart agreed to research the reason for excluding Gyro.

Action Item: President Stewart will contact Saanich to clarify why Gyro did not qualify for the Top 10.

Saanich will send out a letter explaining the RinC Program to the community.

Director Dancer added Cadboro Bay will benefit from government funds available for improvements via a Master Plan specific for Gyro Park, including a wetlands restoration. The Plan will be released for public comment in the spring.

He advised he had responded to the CRD's letter requesting taxpayer approval to double the \$10 surtax for parks funding as follows:

- a) Currently it appears the money collected from this tax may be spent only to purchase new lands. He proposed the mandate be expanded to fund either temporary maintenance and/or volunteer maintenance.
- b) The CRD needs be mindful of the total tax burden of the many separate tax surcharges being imposed; the cumulative small amounts together may represent death by a thousand cuts and become unaffordable.

On behalf of Director Sawka, President Stewart announced the application for grants will be available about 4 – 5 weeks and CBRA will be able to apply for funding for several projects. He asked the Board's approval to make the applications. The Board approved his request.

Action Item: Director Sawka will submit applications for various projects which may include Emergency Preparedness, weed wacking/maintenance and signage as soon as the applications become available.

Membership Promotion Committee

Director Dickson reported she is concentrating on the Feb. 4 community meeting and intends to notify all members of the meeting by phone. There will be a membership table at the meeting with CBRA newsletters.

She asked the Board for suggestions for other events at which CBRA could set up membership tables, e.g. Fairfield Market.

She proposes to distribute flyers in Peppers grocery bags and the pharmacy. Director Dancer suggested the message on the flyer on the membership table include: Here's what CBRA has done in the past year – EP, weed wacking, Sandfest, etc. - because CBRA has done a great deal in the community in the past year.

Another suggestion is a mobile board, which could be moved from event to event, with pictures of past events CBRA has sponsored and which could also advertise forthcoming events.

A membership recruiting table near the pharmacy the weekend of Jan.30 will also advertise the Feb. 4 meeting.

A notice of the Feb. 4 meeting will be posted in the Village Information Box.

Sewage (Committee or Subcommittee?)

Director Dancer advised he will attend the next CALWMC meeting on Jan.13. On the agenda is: potential program delivery options, emergency disposal back up plan. The current back up plan now, if CRD is unable to sell the biosolids, is Hartland Land fill. He will report to the Board after the meeting.

Business Carried Forward

Feb. 4 Meeting

Director Goode reported:

Director Dickson is doing the outreach. The intention is to invite:

- Oak Bay and Gordon Head Residents Association
- Mayor Leonard and all Saanich councilors as observers
- Other relevant parties

Directors Dickson and Lynn will man the Membership table at the entrance. Board agreed the meeting will not be used for other issues.

One goal of the meeting is to start a letter writing campaign. To that end there will be a separate table with handouts encouraging residents to write a letter to U Vic and Saanich councilors. Handouts will include Councilor Derman's 8 page summary critique of the process, and the addresses and email addresses of the CRD and all Saanich councilors.

Format - President Stewart will introduce Councilor Derman
Councilor Derman will present
Director Goode will moderate a question and answer session
And act as time keeper.
She will close with information regarding the letter writing campaign
Coffee served at the close
Parking guidance will be needed.

Action Items:

President Stewart to invite:

- President Turpin of U Vic as well as BOG & Sustainability Office
- Queen Alexandra
- Mayor Leonard and all Saanich councilors as observers
- Sisters of St. Ann
- MP Denise Savoie

Review of Dec. 14/09 Action Items:

1. Research Community Boundary Plan/U Vic incorporation – Status Unknown
2. Completed
3. In Process
4. Completed

Newsletter

Director Fletcher reported the Newsletter is at the printer. Cost is about \$680 for black and white. This edition of the Newsletter contains no advertising because some business cards did not scan. Next time he will have access to a digital scanner and advertising will be included.

Draft Urban Forest Strategy

The deadline for comments has been extended to Jan. 29.

Action Items:

1. A draft of CBRA response will be submitted to the Board for approval
2. Post notice on CBRA website advising residents this is the last chance to comment on Saanich's proposed Urban Forest Strategy.

New Business

Saanich has notified CBRA of a development request at 3777 Waring Place and offered CBRA an opportunity to comment.

Director Dancer offered the following comments after reviewing the site: very small building, 7 foot ceilings, close to Mystic Pond, represents no obstruction. President Stewart advised this is a riparian area.

Action Item: President Stewart will respond to Saanich.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

