

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Held April 26, 2011 at 3985 Riverside Road

Attendees: Angela, Alison, Patty, Lorraine, Jill, Madelaine, Rick, Sue, Guy, Zane, Cheri
Regrets: Sarah

Call to order at 7:20 pm

Approval of Agenda with following "additional items": Guy

- 4a. Canada Day celebration
- b. Neighbourhood House meeting
- c. Bright Angel Park

Approval of Minutes of previous Director's meeting: Guy

Approval of Minutes of AGM: Guy

Welcome to new directors

Round table discussion of what CSAA means to each director:

Common threads include support of community, CS is like a family, close knit group of friends, support of environment, volunteer connections, need for places that provide connections

Round table discussion about priorities for the CSAA:

Dialogue included (in no order), pull community members in to Association and projects we are working on, provide resources on zoning/planning, forum from CVRD/Mike Tippet on zoning/OCP and how they work; trails/corridors, Greenway Corridors; public transportation (trains and bus), church, signage in and around community, food security/sustainability, place or connection for trading/bartering of goods (including website), harvest celebration.

Request from Alison that dialogue continue at next director's meeting (or sooner) to develop focus of priorities for the short and long term. Also need to establish ongoing projects with specific people to head up, so we are not always scrambling to remember (ie train pull party, summer celebration, agm, etc)

Continuing Business

1. Treasurer's report: Balance in account is \$15,088. Submitted and accepted by Guy

2. School Site:

Heritage Canada grant seems to be April 1 or September 30. Rick to confirm ASAP. Thank you to Rick for his hard work. Comments and suggestions have circulated through directors and will be added to submission. Discussed tonight: suggestion that we need to request more than \$200K; Sarah, Alison, Sue to work with Rick to help firm up content of Grant app. And refine Hub plans and phase construction.

Home Depot grant – Sue received update that our grant app denied. Rick to follow up.

Canada Day grant – should know by month's end if we get the grant for July 1 event
Lease update: As the lease is still not available, Alison has drafted a letter for SD79 (Bob Harper) to sign indicating that they are agreeable to terms of the lease as drafted, and that it is pending legal finalization.

Expressions of Interest: Received one response – Parkside Academy. Will leave things open for the time being.

Charitable Status: BC does not like Revenue Canada's wording with respect to "disposition"; Alison will continue to follow.

3. Village Committee

Train station needs more fill – will source from (?); lawn needs to be fixed before bench can be installed. Will also need to wait for better weather to complete painting and lawn restoration. **ACTION: Patty** to reestablish contact with Don McGregor re hand pulling of weeds for track vs. spray campaign. Rick informs that the geocache package has disappeared from station. **ACTIONS: Patty** to acquire small box to replace. **All Directors** to bring small items to next meeting to replace, including a small book and pen for visitors to fill in.

4. Additional items

Canada Day...**ACTION: Sue** will firm up plans with entertainment (SALT theatre group) and Maureen Alexander once we know if we get Heritage Canada grant for the celebration.

Neighbourhood House. Executive from Vancouver here May 5 for lunch meeting. Sarah, Rick, Alison confirmed; Rick invites anyone else who is interested.

Bright Angel Park: In desperate need of revitalization. **ACTION: Patty** will write a letter requesting a meeting with Loren Duncan and Brian Farquard to pursue this, as well as some work to be done at Fleetwood Park.

Next meeting: May 10 (note – new date), June 14

Adjourned at 9:15