

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS' MEETING

January 18, 2011

Attendees: Anthea, Jeannie, Sarah, Madelaine, Rick, Alison, Cheri, Patty, Sue, Guy, Angela

Called to order at 7:30 pm

Agenda: Approval - moved by Guy.

Minutes from previous meeting: Approval – moved by Guy.

Business

1. Treasurer's report: We have \$10,112.46 in the bank ; Insurance has been renewed for our access to the church Hall.
2. School Site Business:
Rick presented board with schedule of grants proposed we apply for. The Regional Grant for \$69K on submitted December 24. Heritage Canada Grant for \$16K due in July. Further grants include CVRD Area B grants include Grant-In-Aid (approval pending this month), \$5K AAP pending. Rick requested delegation status to speak at the Regional Svcs. Committee meeting – no word. Evergreen Grant requires a grounds plan for Feb 6 application deadline. Sarah Sue and Cheri will develop site plan based on their criteria and will look for community approval.

Jeannie indicated another initiative for us might be boxes for bees, birds and bats – to build, sell; and install at site

Sue reported that Loren indicated that Patty, if not elected, will be appointed to the Parks and Rec Board. Also, that Lori Iannardo has \$15K Grant In Aid funds for projects within Cow. Bay. Continuing dialogue for trail that links Cow. Stn. to Wilmot trail to Cow. Bay would be a logical fit; Sue to maintain ongoing dialogue.

Still no word on the lease with SD79. Madelaine to follow up under auspice of collecting her land titles paperwork.

Rick indicated that the ANH needs documented interest to order move forward. Directors' decision that any group with an interest in Cow. Stn. site should direct their queries to Rick for him to handle (collect and pass on)

Concern voiced re condition of school. What does gym look like? Annex? Need to ensure heated space. Sarah and David have redesigned gym roof plan to add pitch to remove potential problems with flat roof designs. Angela will follow up with VIU and Discovery re connecting

apprenticeship programs with our needed volunteer labour. Cheri will start looking at corporate donations for project.

Sarah also has reconsidered the plans, choosing to renovate the existing basement bathrooms vs. new ones. Short term, this may be a possible better solution for immediate tenant use. Also, lends itself to possibility of building a new theatre/gym space at rear of original building. Discussion on topic: better visual of restored heritage character; connects annex and main space more easily; \$\$ to bring existing space up to code might be better invested in new space; what does insurance require from? Sue will check into insurance wrt earthquake requirements. Further discussion on possible legal representation and guidance as we move forward. Rick offered contact with Lee Harrison, who worked on Fernwood community rejuvenation process.

3. Village Committee

Station painted, balance of work on hold until spring weather more conducive. Dallas Vaux building our picnic table; still waiting for confirmation Jan to make bench. Highways indicated they would provide a load of fill. Angela will reclaim signs from Linda Berry

4. ANH – Association of Neighbourhood Houses . They offer program assistance (no capital costs) and "oversee" projects, while others (ie us) run the place, including offering programs (social services), and also apply for grants. For all they do, would charge us 2.5% admin fee. Further discussion; option to be considered at a point when we are closer to actually having the space through a lease

5. Other business:

> New directors: suggestions include Zane and Jill Thompson.

> Need to work on AGM – Set for April 6 at 6:30. Sue will book hall; balance of plans deferred to next meeting.

Adjourned at 9:30 pm

Next meeting: Feb 15, 2011