

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes

October 27, 2008

In attendance: Sue Wells, Kevin Logan, Angela Davies, Madelaine MacLeod, Guy LaFlam, Patty John, Jeannie McIntosh, Sarah Davies-Long, Alison Nicholson, Kim Tournier

Called to order at 8:15.. Chair is Alison

Agenda approved as revised with addition of topics of school site, meeting times, and management of minutes.

Minutes of General Community Meeting of September 23, 2008 approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Web site – Kuan as agreed to help set up our website. Sarah to continue to follow up. Will ask for ideas for the site to be forwarded to her.

Signage – committee met recently. Presented attached draft proposal. Jeannie knows Tony Burnett (Burnett Signs did Fleetwood Park sign) and offered to contact him re ideas on cost. Kim to contact Highways regarding their requirements/limitations. Questions re who pays for which signs and where because varies governing bodies may help cover costs depending on location of sign. Agreed that there is much more homework to be done. Sue requested that committee investigate further costing to install signs and what materials we might be able to supply (ie wood) vs. purchase. Angela has agreed to head/up fact finding “mission”.

CORRECTION: Tony Burnett did the Blue Grouse sign which we like. The Fleetwood sign was done by Dynamic Laser Signs, Chemainus - this is who the CVRD Parks Dept. use. We would like to see something less hokey than the Fleetwood sign.

School site – Madelaine reported back info from Loren Duncan that both SD 79 (Brian Simmons) and the Ministry (Shirley Bond) appear to now be on board to allow CVRD to lease Cow. Stn school site for community use. Recent court ruling in Comox that school closures may no longer be allowed because disposal of surplus sites may mute point because with new fulltime kindergarten and early learning for 3 and 4 year olds proposals, it will be extremely difficult for a School Board to prove no future educational use requirements. Affects on this site? Discussion regarding CVRD’s involvement. Board suggested that CVRD and CSAA relationship needs to be better defined with regard to school site. With Elsie Miles as model situation, requested that Sarah and Madelaine look into the challenges (both pitfalls and positives) and report back

Next meeting date – moved to new business

NEW BUSINESS

Need to move forward with CSAA plans to keep things active. Sue suggested that we need to develop timelines and need to focus on specific goals for coming year.

Decisions made as follows:

Director's meetings will now be held on Friday mornings 9-11 at Your Third Place (dates TBA) to allow for more to attend.

General community meetings to be held every 3 months at which time will continue conversations on important specific issues and committees will report back to community in one paragraph hand out what status is.

Guy raised issue of emergency preparedness. Can we somehow broadcast information about who has what, for example, generators with freezers; plows with tractors; 4 x 4's with shut ins, etc. Guy to focus on this issue.

Goals agreed to:

- School site,
- Village Enhancements (includes signage, community bussing),
- Environment
- Emergency Preparedness

Next meeting to be "Conversation #2" on the Environment

Sarah and Madelaine will get property layout maps of Cowichan Station with focus of meeting on "Where do you move" so we can develop ideas for walking/riding trails. Sue will invite 1-2 people from CVRD Environment Commission who live in CS area to speak at our meeting.

Due to amount of work to be done, suggest moving meeting to alternative date of Nov 18 (vs. Nov 4). Sue to check on church hall availability. Time to be 7:30. Directors to meet at 6:45 to prepare. Madelaine will do up flyers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35.