

Meeting Minutes - Corcan -Meadowood Residents' Association, June 30, 2009

Meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Elaine Pelligren, President
Gerry Anderson, Vice President
Diane Anderson, Treasurer
Ozzie Jimmo, Information Officer
Sylvia Jimmo, resident
Dave Jones, Information Officer
Ramona Jones, Secretary
Trish Curtin, resident
Alf Jablonski, resident,
Betty Jablonski, resident.
Jutta Mainland, resident

This was the second meeting of our newly formed C.M.R.A.. First one was held May 27, and no formal meeting minutes were taken. In that meeting, we moved to create a residents' association to tackle the most pressing issue of freeway access for our area, and other issues as they surface. The fee to join is \$5.00 per person. Elaine has registered Association name. Elaine, Diane and Ramona will be signatories on the account. Diane to open bank account at the Bank of Montreal.

In order to make the association more accessible, Gerry suggested that future C.M.R.A. meetings be held in the newly constructed fire hall meeting rooms, rather than Little Qualicum River Estates. All agreed. Elaine to action.

Ozzie described possible access routes, and provided a drawing of one. He would like to see that on a large sign, posted at the Meadowood store and our website, so that we could provide information to our community and gain support for the Corcan-Meadowood Residents' Association. Lighten Up Signs to create sign.

Our proposed website name is www.corcan-meadowood.ca In May, Carl Sorensen, area resident offered to build and host a website. Gerry Anderson will confirm this. Trish and Elaine to contact Carl about information for website including instructions for joining the CMRA. Trish to draft a questionnaire for community members, asking what they want from a residents' association, what input they have regarding freeway access. Does anyone know government officials who can help us? Does the community want the association to lobby for parks, schools, community centers, etc.? The final questionnaire can be completed on line, once our website is active.

Sylvia mentioned that there is a new Minister of Highways to replace Kevin Falcon. <http://www.gov.bc.ca/tran/minister.html> Honourable Shirley Bond
Perhaps the political climate is a little more favourable for freeway access. According, to Hans Hofer, resident who attended our May meeting, a government proposal requiring

significant funding in 2010 will be considered, if submitted by November 2009. 8% of our tax dollars go to pay for highways.

A letter of support received from the Dashwood Fire Dept. supports freeway access to our area, as that would provide better access for emergency vehicles.

Ozzie Jimmo presented a lot map of 527 registered addresses in Little Qualicum River Estates and Qualicum River Estates. This is approximately half of the area affected by the lack of freeway access.

Advantages of freeway access include, smaller carbon footprint, shorter emergency vehicle response time, shorter commute for school buses, less wear and tear to residential roads used for large commercial vehicles, and reduction of risk now existing on Corcan where a school bus cannot safely pass a large vehicle from the opposite direction due to hydro pole placement. Freeway access now, would address the traffic volume increases of the last couple of years. The provincial government has rejected the freeway access proposal in the past, based on information that is no longer current. The residents' council seeks to obtain up to date information from the community and present that to the government.

September 13 (Sunday) meeting will be held at the Meadowood store to inform the public of the residents' association and goals, inviting new members, and collecting fees. At that time, all relevant information about freeway access will be shared. Meeting will be advertised Dave Jones has volunteered to contact the Beacon, Wicklow West, and the Beach about advertising and funding. Jutta to post ads. for meeting on all mailboxes in our areas.

Appointment to be set up for late September early October with the Ministry of Highways.

Next in person meeting, August 19 (Wed.) Members to inform president of task outcomes by July 15.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.