

Meeting Minutes - Corcan -Meadowood Residents' Association, October 8, 2009

Meeting convened at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance:

Elaine Pelligren, President

Diane Anderson, Treasurer

Ozzie Jimmo, Information Officer

Sylvia Jimmo, resident

Ramona Jones, Secretary

Alf Jablonski, resident,

Betty Jablonski, resident.

Jutta Mainland, resident

Reg Nosworthy, Area F appointee to District 69 Recreation Commission

Rob Roberts, resident

Previous minutes not available yet, **Ramona and Dave to action by next meeting.**

Report from treasurer: 1977.36 is in Bank of Montreal account.

Don Kemp has been paid 215.04 for CMRA signage. Reminder to mark invoices 'paid'.

We are now incorporated under the Society Act of B.C. Big thanks to Elaine.

Copy of certificate of incorporation will be kept with the minutes. There are rules to follow. "A B.C. society must file an annual report each year within 30 days after each general meeting" There are fees to file reports, change directors, change bylaws.

Directors must file financial statements before each annual meeting. Details will be available on our website. **Dave to action.**

We plan to have an annual meeting in November 2010. Elaine will find out why we are incorporated as opposed to becoming a non profit society. A non profit society is eligible for grants and tax breaks we do not have access to. **Elaine to action.**

Lisa, Elaine's employee is working on a spreadsheet so we can see, at a glance what information we received from the questionnaires received. The job is time consuming, but will produce valuable data. **Elaine/Lisa to action.**

We need to check store to see if additional questionnaires have been received.

Sylvia to action.

Two banners will be ready Tues. Oct. 13. These will invite people to stop at the store and sign our petition for highway access. One will be hung on the overpass by Nahmint, another will be strung between trees on private property on Baylis Rd.

Ozzy and Rob to action.

We have stylish and appropriate letterhead, thanks to Alf. It will be modified a little to include Elaine's phone no. and address. This stationery is important in order to contact others for help or information. Alf will send word document to everyone. **Alf to action.**

Reg provided his overview of information sharing in the provincial government. He suggested we keep the Regional District informed of our activities. That can be done by keeping our Area F Director up to date on what we are doing and asking for his support. If we want to talk directly to the RDN, that can be done by requesting a "delegation" to speak directly to the RDN Board, with adequate notice. They meet on the second Tues. of each month. The electoral planning committee doesn't make decisions, but does keep highways clear for traffic. He suggested we go to the RDN before presenting to the Deputy Minister. www.rdn.bc.ca

We still need a traffic count to be done by the Ministry of Highways. The last one was done in the 90's. Dave Edgar of the Ministry is responsible. We will contact him by letter with our letterhead. Reg. has had experience with the Dept. and found the staff very cooperative. **Jutta to action.**

Reg asked for clarification of highway access drawing and Ozzie explained. Pros and cons of emergency gate access. There is no access now, should an ambulance need that route.

John McKinstry is the supervisor of ambulance services. Ozzie has contacted him for a letter of support numerous times by phone with no success (labour dispute recognized).

We will draft a letter for our Fire Dept. to sign to show support for highway access. **Jutta to action.**

Invitations will be issued to Dave Bartram, director of area H and Lou Biggemann of area F to attend one of our meetings so we can explain our position. **Elaine to action.**

Reg stated that right now there are lots of infrastructure grants ~~are~~ available through the province.

We will obtain an estimate of engineering costs to build and access route to Highway 19. The onus will be on the government to refute the cost estimate.

Tim Peligren to action

Dave has not yet made posters asking residents to sign highway access petition. Alf and Betty will make and post these if Dave cannot. **Alf and Betty to action.**

Elaine suggested we compile a book of our advertisements, and possibly advertise in the Beacon once a month, to publicize and record our activities.

CMRA was going to host fireworks in the gated community for Halloween, however, the strata group would not be in favour this year. Ozzie will contact our fire dept. to see if we could have fireworks in the gravel pit. Apparently there is an RDN community grant program to subsidize fireworks. **Ozzie to action.**

There is a vacancy on the Parks and Open Spaces committee to be filled at the end of the year. Alf is interested and will complete application. Reg can answer any questions about the position. **Alf and Reg to action.**

Reg distributed information about the Olympic torch, to journey through Coombs. The BC government has made a grant through the RDN to the Arrowsmith Community Enhancement Society to organize this Nov. 1 event. Volunteers needed! Use this example to learn how to work with the RDN in our area.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm
Next meeting scheduled for November 5, 2009