

CORCAN-MEADOWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held Oct. 2nd, 2014 @ 1670 Meadowood Way, Qualicum Beach

Attendance: Elaine Peligren, Ken Golemba, Bob Donald, Alf Jablonski, Gerry Anderson, Diane Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Peligren, Annie Donald

Guests: David Carter, Laurie Savoie

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made to approve agenda by Alf Jablonski, Seconded by Diane Anderson, Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion made to approve minutes of previous regular meeting of August 27th, 2014 by Tim Peligren, Seconded by Bob Donald, Carried.

Treasurers' Report: Diane Anderson reported the following Bank balances, as at Sept. 5th, 2014:
Highway Acct. - \$28,506.73 General Acct. - \$5,853.48
Kathy Miller moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Seconded by Tim Peligren, Carried.

Highway Access: Gerry Anderson reported arrangements are being made to hold a large fundraising event in the spring of 2015 to raise further monies towards the Highway Access Engineering Study project. Further details will be available as arrangements evolve.

Park Progress & Community Center: Alf Jablonski reported construction and progress at the new Community Park is almost completed, with the grasses taking hold within the fenced area. Construction of the Parents' Pavilion within the Park is being coordinated with local suppliers for materials and assistance in building/completion. It is anticipated this Pavilion will be completed in the late fall of 2014.

Special Events (Halloween): Organizing for the 4th Annual Halloween Event is well underway including coordination with the Dashwood Volunteer Fire Dept. Various aspects of the entire event were discussed, comprising the Timing, Signage, Concession, Scary Walk, Bonfire, Kiddies Corner, Portable toilets, Entertainment, Fireworks, Security, First Aid, Trick 'n Treats, Parking & extra activities. Elaine Peligren made a motion to approve \$2,500.00 to purchase the Fireworks, Seconded by Diane Anderson, Carried.

Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness: Annie Donald reported 3 of our directors were fortunate to have recently attended an excellent Earthquake Disaster Simulation Course sponsored by the Regional District of Nanaimo. Another Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness "All Day" course will be presented at Nanoose Place on Saturday, October 25th, 2014. All residents are encouraged to become involved by attending this very worthwhile exposure to Emergency Preparedness for families and neighbourhoods. Contact Fiona MacInnes at the R.D.N. to pre-register at (250) 390-6541 or Toll Free: 1-877-607-4111 or e-mail: fmacinnnes@rdn.bc.ca

Fundraising: Elaine Peligren reported that she, and Ken Golemba, met with a local Auction/Liquidator professional regarding setting up a large Fundraising Event in the spring of 2015. To this end, donations of new &/or gently used (in good condition) items will be sought and stored over the winter to be included in this giant sale. Notices to residents will be included in the handouts at Halloween. This special event is being organized to raise further monies towards the Highway Access Engineering study. Ongoing regular fundraising activities are concentrating on Community Park and special events projects.

Media & Communications: Diane Anderson reported Newspaper notices being submitted for community event postings. Investigating Shaw TV & local radio for potential coverage on the Halloween event.

Charity & Gaming Licenses: Ken Golemba reported the C.R.A. responded to our Charity License application with a request for additional information. These queries are being addressed and answered within the next week, in order to further our application process along. Other applications for grants are being submitted for local initiatives for our Park and community activities. There is a possibility some other Federal Grants may be available thus follow-up on these leads is being initiated.

Old Business:

- a) **Response to Johathan Tillie on Emergency Gate Access Protocol:**
A further request for a coordinated meeting is being sought to move this process forward, in order that R.C.M.P. will have the necessary protocols in writing to authorize emergency access via the locked gate at Highway 19 & Nahmint Road, when necessary.
- b) **Road Conditions identified at the A.G.M.:**
A letter is being drafted to forward to MoTI pertaining to several issues raised at the A.G.M. regarding the unsafe road conditions along the Corcan & Meadowood corridor.

New Business:

- a) **Annual Newsletter & Membership Dues:**
Discussion regarding the mailing of an annual newsletter to all members revealed the costs of a mail-out may be prohibitive to the benefits of generating concrete interest and/or collection of membership dues. A suggestion was made to prepare a handout at the Halloween event addressing these informative issues.
- b) **Website:**
The C.M.R.A. Website Administrator is no longer able to assist us with these tasks. Our present system is a Wordpress program which is not particularly user-friendly. We do not have any volunteers in our group who are familiar with this type of website program. It is felt that we may need to use a parallel system by setting up a new website with reference to the old system for all the historical information over the last several years. Further investigation on this issue will be pursued in the next couple of weeks.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 5th, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m. at 1670 Meadowood Way, Qualicum Beach

Adjournment: Moved by Bob Donald to adjourn regular meeting @ 8:35 p.m., Seconded by Alf Jablonski, Carried.