

CORCAN MEADOWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Regular Meeting January 15th, 2014 Held at 1670 Meadowood Way, Qualicum Beach

Attendance: Elaine Peligren, Elaine Ivancic, David Jones, Alf Jablonski, Annie Donald, Tim Peligren

Regrets: Diane Anderson, Gerry Anderson, Ken Golemba

Meeting Called to Order at 6:07 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Moved to approve by Elaine Ivancic, Seconded by Alf Jablonski, Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Moved to accept by Alf Jablonski, Seconded by David Jones, Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

In Diane Anderson's absence, Elaine Peligren presented up-to-date financial information as follows:

Reconcillation of Bookkeeping and Bank Accounts completed to December 5th, 2013

As at Dec. 5th, 2013 – Operating Account Balance: \$2,030.18

“ Highway Access Account Balance: \$19,150.80

Additional Deposits since Dec. 5/13 + 900.00

Hwy. Access Acct. - Balance up to Jan. 15/14: \$20,050.80 \$20,050.80

In addition to the above, we have received over 60 remittances for Commitments on the Highway Access fundraising project for the Engineering Study. These payments are in response to letters mailed to area residents in December. We are very grateful to all those folks who have sent their monies in. This will increase the actual bank account balance by another \$6,000. for the Highway Access Project.

Highway Access Report:

David Jones reported the letters mailed out to collect the Commitments have produced good results so far. Another letter will be generated in the near future as a gentle reminder to those folks who have committed their support, but have not yet been forthcoming on follow up.

We are still awaiting confirmation in writing from the Ministry of Transportation on the program parameters of the proposed project. David Jones will follow up on this.

Park Progress & Community Centre:

Alf Jablonski reported the rough grading process is in the planning stage. Details and timing are being ironed out with potential commencement in the near future.

Meadowood Community Park is officially recognized on the Regional District of Nanaimo website through the following link: <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=3165>

This link provides up-to-date information, plans/drawings, pictures, etc.

Special Events (Canada Day & Halloween):

Elaine Peligren reported that Requests for Grants for both these events will be submitted to the Regional District of Nanaimo. David Jones has already completed and submitted request for Grant from Canadian Heritage 'Celebrate Canada' Program.

Motion was made by David Jones to contribute \$1,500.00 from our Operating account towards the Canada Day Celebration event, which will incorporate the Official Opening of our new Meadowood Community Park. Motion seconded by Tim Peligren, and Carried.

Several suggestions were brought forward regarding all aspects of the Canada Day event, which will be discussed further at our next meeting when all members are able to contribute input.

Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness:

The final draft of a comprehensive Emergency Action Plan document submitted by Valerie Lipton was reviewed by only one member of the Board, due to various reasons (seasonal activities, vacations, etc.). Therefore, it was moved by David Jones, seconded by Alf Jablonski, that this Action Plan document be tabled to the next meeting to permit all Board members a further opportunity to review prior to initiating a vote on same. Carried.

Fundraising:

Elaine Ivancic reported a Committee meeting took place January 4th to plan fundraising activities & events. Regular bottle drives on the first Saturday monthly began December 7th, 2013 with a second one on January 4th, 2014. Proceeds from these monthly events started slowly with better results the second time. Once residents are more accustomed to the routine, (every First Saturday monthly drop-off at Meadowood Store), the returns should increase.

Larger prizes for a Raffle will be obtained by Elaine Ivancic and Elaine Peligren. Once these prizes are in place, Elaine Ivancic will apply for gaming license for these tickets; and arrange for ticket printing. Tickets can then be made available for selling at key areas.

Beer 'n Burger night at Deez Restaurant – date has been moved from February to March 4th, to permit sufficient planning time. Tickets will be \$20. Per ticket for either a beef or veggie burger with fries and beverage (sleeve of beer, 4 oz. of wine or pop/coffee). We will be canvassing businesses in Parksville and Qualicum Beach for prizes valued between \$25. & \$50. For Balloon Pops – tickets to be sold at the event.

Advertising for this Event will be via local websites, Newspaper community events, local radio station, posters on various bulletin boards & at Deez. Sylvia has developed great posters which will be developed for printing/laminating for distribution. Small "tent cards" advertising the event will be created & printed for placement on tables at the restaurant prior to event.

Media and Communications:

Various methods of advertising have been researched for promoting events. Selected mediums will be restricted to those sites that are complimentary, at no cost to our association.

Charity License:

Ken Golemba has completed an extensive and comprehensive application for our Charitable License status. This information will be reviewed by all Directorate members and brought to the next meeting for clarification and approval, prior to submission to the C.R.A. Once the application has been sent, it can take several months prior to getting a response.

Ken is to be commended for the intense amount of research and work he has devoted to this project. The initial document has an incredible amount of good information and input. We are very grateful for all his dedication and efforts.

Old Business:

Grant applications – As referenced under Special Events, these items have already been addressed.

New Business:

No new items/business brought forward.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 19th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. @ 1670 Meadowood Way

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. Moved by Alf Jablonski, Seconded by Tim Peligren, .
Carried.