



Falaise Community Association

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Minutes of the Directors' Meeting- September 6, 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:05 pm

Attendees: Stuart Macpherson, Mac Nanton, Holly Holt, Bob Lucy, Carl Ross, Barb Ross, Bonita Merkeley, Stew Vinnels

Opening remarks (Stuart):

Most items completed for picnic on Sunday. The second main topic for this meeting is discussing potential options for 855 Falaise Crescent.

Business Meeting:

Additions to Agenda: none

Minutes from July meeting: Approved as written.

Motion to approve: Stuart Seconded: Barbara Approved: unanimous

Correspondence:

1. Mayoral bulletins – circulated as received

Business arising from minutes

Status of action items from last month:

Stuart: request for Saanich Parks to consider installing a sign showing the significance of the Montane violet to the Falaise community– not yet done

Carl: done

Holly: done

Stew: continuing

Mac: all items are still in progress except for the up-dated membership list which is completed

Bob: done

Financial Report: Carl

1. Membership: 229 paid memberships as of September 6, 2022
2. Major expenditures shown this month were paid from the road mural grant money.
3. Road mural funds from Saanich have been accounted for and leave a balance of \$199.07 in the special event grant.

Financial report dated September 6, 2022 was submitted for approval.

Motion to approve: Stew Seconded: Bob Approved: unanimous



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Committee reports / actions:

1. Noise Wall (Stew)
 - a) Stew will continue to follow up. Saanich staff and highways staff are working out parameters for their responsibilities. Current proposal is to fill in ditch and put noise wall sections in lower areas.
2. Membership 2022 (Mac)
 - a) 229 current. Two homes have recently sold, 9636 and 9653 Falaise Drive. Mac will welcome new residents when they have moved in.
3. SCAN (Mac)
 - a) The September meeting will be held tomorrow night. Mac will attend and report next month.

Old Business

1. Falaise Park second picnic table meeting
 - a) Stuart met with Diane Murray. Saanich Parks is willing to move the request forward but do not anticipate that any further action will begin before the new year. We expect a confirmation letter from the Parks director.
2. Road Mural Paint Day report - Stuart
 - a) This was a successful project with strong community support (45 adults, 20 children).
 - b) "Thank you" letters have been sent out to organizers and volunteers.
 - c) Stuart will take monthly photos to monitor the wear of the road mural.
 - d) Saanich police have been contacted to set up a speed reader. The results will be compared to previous speed results.
3. Community Survey preliminary results (Bob)
 - a) People are happy with what the FCA is doing (activities and projects) but do not want to become actively involved.
 - b) There was strong support for allowing local businesses to advertise in the Falaise Focus. Consider offering this service for next newsletter (too late for the Fall issue).
 - c) Bob to write a one-page summary for the website and a recap for publication in the Falaise Focus.
4. Verge parking beside the playground (Mac)
 - a) Stuart wrote an initial letter in 2021 to Saanich but no action taken to date. Mac will take this on and reinitiate contact as it fits with his road safety project.
 - b) Slow Down sign - Mac feels that it is too close to the edge of the pavement. Risk is low but it can be moved further in and still be visible. Stuart and Bob will move it so that the pole aligns with the pole on the slow down sign. Another sign can also be added closer to the bend approaching the park.

New Business

1. Fall picnic September 11, 2022
 - a) Publicity is done. Stuart will send out one more reminder via email to the community on



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Thursday.

- b) Most invited guests are coming.
 - c) Stuart will make a short welcome speech and introduce guests. Mayor Haynes will be invited to speak.
 - d) Tents to be put up at 11:00 am on Sunday.
 - e) Bonita: to purchase non-food items.
 - f) Barb: to purchase food items.
 - g) Tables: Carl has 1, Stew has 2, Stuart has 1, Bonita has 1 – Stew to pick up and set up
 - h) 3 bags of ice (2 Barb, 1 Stuart)
 - i) Stuart – to slice onions
 - j) Mac – coffee and tea from Starbucks
 - k) Thank you letters to be written to Thrifty Foods and Superstore for donations. Their donations will also be acknowledged in the Falaise Focus (Mac and Barb)
2. Potential for purchase of 855 Falaise Crescent as an addition to the park.
- a) FCA cannot purchase property and cannot approach the listing realtor to determine possibilities of purchasing property for park.
 - b) Stew and Carl met with Bill Tozer (realtor) to determine values of lots from a realtor's point of view.
 - c) Stew would like to find out tax rules around donations, etc. and the possibility of Habitat Acquisition Trust and/or The Land Conservancy taking this project on.
 - d) Stuart, Stew and Carl to find out the mechanisms for having an interested party and/or benefactor take over and eventually turn this property into a park.
3. All-Candidates forum – Claremont School – BARA initiative
- a) BARA and Cordova Bay would like the FCA to join them in organizing an all-candidates forum prior to the municipal election. Stuart to find out details.
4. Falaise Focus Fall edition
- a) aim for mid-October publication
 - b) Bonita to do a “community history” section for the newsletter. Bonita to meet with Stuart to go over a plan and get it to Carl by early October.
4. Crematorium emission complaint
- a) First Memorial Funeral Park had an event with heavy emissions last month.
 - b) Royal Oak Burial Park also had an event with heavy emissions last month.
 - c) Need to contact the Royal Oak Burial Park Board of Trustees to voice residents' concern with on-going emissions problem – Stuart to draft a letter.
6. Annual meeting date – November 24, 2022 (location TBA)
7. Calendar review – August and September events
- a) arrange for auditors for AGM – Stuart
 - b) Mac to check into venues for AGM

Other Business



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1. Round table – nothing at present

Motion to adjourn: Stuart

Seconded: Mac

Approved: unanimous

Next Board Meeting: **October 12, 2022**

Location and time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm Zoom/ Saanich
Commonwealth Place

Action Items:

Stuart:

- Check to see if Saanich will post a sign explaining the significance of the Yellow Montane violet
- Keep a file of monthly photos of the road mural to document wear
- Follow up with Saanich Police re setting up a speed reader by the park
- Relocate the slow down sign by the playground and install an additional one (with Bob)
- Send out reminder email to the community re the Barbeque on Thursday
- Invite Mayor Haynes to speak at the community BBQ
- Assigned preparations for BBQ (slice onions, assist with set up, etc.)
- Continue to pursue options for 855 Falaise (with Stew and Carl)
- Work with BARA and Cordova Bay Community Association to organize an all-candidates meeting (Saanich municipal election)
- Meet with Bonita re an article for the Falaise Focus on “community history”
- Draft letter to Royal Oak Burial Park Board of Trustees re crematoria emissions
- Arrange an audit of the financial reports for the AGM

Carl:

- Post the July minutes on the website
- Begin process of creation and publication of the next Falaise Focus
- Assigned preparations for BBQ
- Continue to pursue options for 855 Falaise (with Stuart and Stew)

Holly:

- Forward the July minutes to Carl for the website
- Assigned preparations for BBQ

Stew:

- Continue to monitor progress on the noise wall
- Pick up tables for the BBQ and deliver them to the park
- Pick up tents from Thrifty Foods for the BBQ
- Assigned preparations for BBQ
- Continue to pursue options for 855 Falaise (with Stuart and Carl)



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Mac:

- Follow up with Saanich Strategic Plan review workshop results and attend any subsequent meeting
- Check results of the Falaise Drive Road survey done in November 2021 to see if data can provide some additional support for our request for safety upgrades for Falaise Drive
- Continue to work on road safety projects and liaise with Saanich Engineering (including parking on the verge by the park)
- Check on MOTI criteria for engine braking noise (re excessive noise on Pat Bay highway)
- Purchase a condolence card for family of Falaise Drive resident and have it signed by directors
- Assigned preparations for BBQ (Starbucks, etc.)
- Check on availability of Saanich Commonwealth Place for the AGM on November 24th

Bob:

- Write a one-page summary of the survey results for the website.
- Write a short recap of the survey results for the Falaise Focus.
- Relocate the slow down sign by the park and install an additional one (with Stuart)

Barbara:

- Purchase / organize food for community barbeque

Bonita:

- Purchase / organize non-food items for community barbeque
- Meet with Stuart re an article for the Falaise Focus on "community history"