Falaise Community Association
Growing a stronger community together

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting- March 11, 2024

Location: Saanich Commonwealth Place **Time: 7:00 - 8:45 pm**

Attendees: Stuart, Mac, Carl, Barbara, Holly, Hardeep, Graham
Regrets: Glen

Opening remarks (Stuart):

1. Lochside development has been approved by Council.

Business Meeting:
Additions to Agenda: Noise camera pilot project; Falaise Crescent slow down sign progress, Park inspection report

Minutes from Feb. 12/24 meeting:
Approved as written.
Motion to approve: Stuart Seconded: Graham Approved: unanimous

Correspondence: Colin Plant is standing for NDP for next federal election for our area.

Business arising from minutes
Status of action items from last month:
Stuart: all done except for arranging for CAO to come to a future meeting
Graham: done
Carl: done
Holly: done
Mac: done
Barbara: done
Glen: done
Hardeep: done

Financial Report: Carl
Financial report dated Mar. 9/24 was submitted for approval.

a) 164 paid members at present; more are coming in.
b) Picnic table expenditure has been entered.
c) Hardeep donated $200 to Family Day event – Thank you to Hardeep.
d) Family Day costs were within budget ($1285.50).

Motion to approve: Holly Seconded: Barbara Approved: unanimous

Committee reports / actions:

1. Highway barrier project (Stuart)
   a) Letter has been forwarded to Mayor Murdock and MLA Popham outlining our concerns over lack of progress by Saanich Parks to complete this project. MOTI has now clawed back their funding for trees due to budget year-end.
2 Membership (Glen via memo)
   a) Some memberships have been collected that are not in the Treasurer's report dated March 9th. Projected membership currently stands at 187. Numbers to be updated.
   b) It is helpful if canvassers confirm email addresses when they canvas residents.
3. SCAN (Mac)
   a) Operating grant: only 3 of SCAN community associations felt that an increase was needed.
   b) FCA would need to advocate for an increase independently. We can cite our increase in membership over the years and our funded community activities. Carl to draft a letter.
   c) Mac to forward SCAN Terms of Reference to directors / discuss next meeting.

4. Park Inspection – one of only two parks that have been successful in planting Arbutus. Park Inspector was impressed with the restoration efforts done by our Park Stewardship Group.

Old Business

1. Park picnic table update (Stuart)
   a) Picnic table application has been submitted, paid for, and project is in process.
2. Garage Sale May 11th (Graham)
   a) Graham to coordinate the garage sale following the checklist from last year.
   b) Bob will put up signs.
   c) Stuart to send out a "save the date".
3. Family Day report (Hardeep)
   a) This year the food was limited to fruit, vegetables, cookies/cakes, crackers and cheese platters.
   b) "Thank you" letters were sent to Trevor McCall, JJ Entertainers, and Donald Dunphy.
   c) The continuous slide show was successful.
   d) Spotify music / dance contests were successful.
   e) 80 community members attended the event.
4. FCA Facebook (Graham)
   a) A Facebook page can't be changed to a Facebook group.
   b) If we cancel the Facebook page, we can send out invitations to our community to join our Facebook group. Graham will arrange for the Facebook group page and for invitations to be sent out to members.

New Business

1. Spring Newsletter preparation (Carl)
   a) Plan to send it out mid-April.

b) Anticipated reports: President's report, noise wall, family day report, Falaise history article (past community member, Betty Warburton), garage sale, general article on SCAN, park report.
c) Potential for 4 advertisers in this issue.

2. Road Mural possible repaint this summer (Stuart)
   a) As it is still in fairly good shape, the recommendation from the Directors is to leave it for another year.
3. April / May Calendar (Holly)
   a) Survey deferred to next year.
   b) April meeting cancelled. Mac to notify Commonwealth Place.
   c) Change May meeting to May 6th. Mac to check with Commonwealth Place.
4. Noise camera study request from Teale seeking support for his motion to council.
   a) Teale is hoping to run a pilot project using the noise camera. Carl sent in a letter supporting this initiative and suggesting the Royal Oak off-ramp to the highway as a pilot project.
5. Falaise Crescent slowdown signs
   a) Alan Taylor has been pursuing this issue with Saanich. They have advised that they will not be changing the signs as the current signage fits their parameters.
   b) Carl and Stuart to meet with Teale to discuss further options.

Other Business

1. Round table: Barbara took leftover (date sensitive) food from the Family Day event to the Foodbank.

Motion to adjourn: Barbara Seconded: Graham Approved: unanimous

Next Board Meeting: **May 6/24** Location and time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm Commonwealth Place

Action Items:

Stuart:

- Arrange for the Saanich CAO to come to a FCA Directors' meeting
- Continue to liaise with Saanich re highway barrier
- Send out a "Save the Date" to the community for the garage sale
- Notify Teale that we will not be repainting the road mural this year as it is still in good shape
- Write the "President's message for the newsletter
- Write a park article for the newsletter
- Meet with Carl and Teale to discuss safety issue on Falaise Crescent

Carl:

- Post Feb. 12th minutes on the website
- Draft a letter for Saanich requesting an increase in the amount of the grant given to community associations.
- Assemble the FCA Falaise Focus for mid-April
- Meet with Stuart and Teale re the safety concerns for Falaise Crescent

Holly:

- Forward the February minutes to Carl for the website

Graham

- Set up a FCA Facebook group and send out invitations to the community
- Coordinate preparations for the Community Garage Sale in May

Glen

- Continue with membership drive

Hardeep

- Create a listing of food items and quantities purchased for Family Day as a reference for next year's requirements.

Mac:

- Attend April SCAN meeting
- Send SCAN Terms of Reference to Directors
- Write an article on SCAN for the newsletter
- Cancel April FCA meeting at Commonwealth Place
- Change May FCA meeting from May 13 to May 6 at Commonwealth Place

Barbara

- Write a local-interest story on Betty Warburton for the Falaise Focus