Falaise Community Association
Growing a stronger community together

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting- May 6, 2024

Location: Saanich Commonwealth Place **Time: 7:30 – 8:45 pm**

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

Opening remarks (Stuart):

1. No meeting in April
2. Colin Plant has received the NDP federal nomination. He has indicated that he will step down from the CRD.
3. Saanich's proposed tipping fee for garden waste has not passed.

Business Meeting:
Additions to Agenda: Current restrictions/parameters on Lot 855

Minutes from Mar. 11/24 meeting:
Approved as written.
Motion to approve: Barbara Seconded: Glen Approved: Unanimous

Correspondence: Saanich OCP public meeting tomorrow night.

Business arising from minutes
Status of action items from last month:
Stuart: not done- meeting with Carl and Teale re road safety issues; invite Brent Reems to a future FCA Directors' meeting
Carl: not done- draft letter to Saanich re increase in grant
Holly: done
Graham: done
Glen: done
Hardeep: not done - create list of food items/quantities used at Family Day event
Mac: not done - article on SCAN for Falaise Focus (deferred to next issue)
Barbara: done

Financial Report: Carl
Financial report dated May 4/24 was submitted for approval.

a) 215 paid members at present – additional $20 cash has now been accounted for (new number- 217 paid members)
b) All 5 advertisements placed in the Falaise Focus have been paid for
c) No uncashed cheques

d) Will follow up on Saanich Operating Grant funds if not received by next month
e) Assets amount: includes the FCA contribution to the new picnic table at the park

Motion to approve: Glen Seconded: Graham Approved: Unanimous

Committee reports / actions:

1. Highway barrier project (Stuart)
   a) Concrete blocks have been installed on south end but not on north end.
   b) Glare screen has not been installed due to McCall's objections (may block part of their sign); this has now been referred to Lana Popham by MOTI for a new negotiated solution (May 17th meeting scheduled).
   c) Installation of tree screen – Stuart to send letter to Saanich indicating that FCA will take over watering for the next 5 years.
2. Membership (Glen)
   a) Numbers agree with financial. 215 members + 2 new
   b) There are approximately 15 possible new memberships outstanding.
   c) 68% have used e-transfers.
   d) Need to set up a "new members" package for new residents (welcome letter, Falaise Focus, list of accomplishments)
3. SCAN (Mac)
   a) Brent Reems spoke regarding future projections on housing, CAs duties, projected official community plan for Saanich.
   b) proposed SCAN table at July 1st celebration hosted by Burnside/Gorge community association
4. Falaise Park update (Stuart)
   a) slow spring has been a boon for new plantings (plenty of moisture)
   b) Stuart to buy a replacement Arbutus tree for one that has died and plant it in the park
   c) the camas field is flourishing

Old Business

1. Park picnic table installation (Stuart)
   a) Table has been installed and paid for (donations from Stone family and FCA contribution)
   b) Ribbon cutting for picnic table – combine with September community picnic.
2. Garage Sale May 11th (Graham)
   a) 11 people signed up at present
   b) List for garage sale "to dos" is completed with exception of advertising (to be done May 7/8th)
   c) Bob will do signs/ sandwich boards / lawn signs
   d) Stuart to send out a "last chance to participate" email to the community
3. FCA Facebook (Graham)
   a) group has been formed
   b) Graham will type up an invitation to the group and Stuart will forward it to the community

c) anonymous posts will be allowed as all comments go through a moderator to monitor appropriateness

New Business

1. Lot 855 Falaise Crescent
   a) Need to write Saanich to determine if the initial agreement parameters (re oak trees/ house footprints) still apply under our new climate of multi-family housing.
2. May / June Calendar (Holly)
   a) Change June meeting to June 17th on Zoom.

Other Business

1. Round table: none

Motion to adjourn: Mac Seconded: Glen Approved: unanimous

Next Board Meeting: **June 17/24** Location and time: Zoom

Action Items:

Stuart:

- Arrange for the Saanich CAO to come to a FCA Directors' meeting
- Continue to liaise with all stakeholders re highway barrier
- Attend meeting at Lana Popham's office on May 17th re highway barrier
- Send letter to Saanich confirming that the FCA will oversee watering of trees planted for the highway barrier
- Send out email to the community: "last chance to participate in the garage sale".
- Send out invitation to join the FCA Facebook group to the community.
- Write letter to Saanich to determine current restrictions/parameters (if any) for Lot 855
- Meet with Carl and Teale to discuss safety issue on Falaise Crescent
- Buy Arbutus tree sapling to plant in the park

Carl:

- Post March 11th minutes on the website
- Draft a letter for Saanich requesting an increase in the amount of the grant given to community associations.
- Meet with Stuart and Teale re the safety concerns for Falaise Crescent

Holly:

- Forward the March minutes to Carl for the website
- Send May draft minutes to Directors

Graham

- Send an invitation to join the Facebook group to Stuart who will forward it to the community
- Act as administrator and moderator for the new FCA Facebook group
- Arrange for final publicity for the garage sale

Glen

- Continue with membership drive
- Set up a "new membership" package to have on hand for new residents

Hardeep

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

Mac:

- Attend June SCAN meeting
- Cancel June FCA meeting at Commonwealth Place – it will be held on Zoom