Falaise Community Association
Growing a stronger community together

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting- August 12, 2024

Location: Commonwealth Place **Time: 7:00 – 8:20 pm**

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

Opening remarks (Stuart): none
Business Meeting:

Additions to Agenda: none
Minutes from June 17/24 meeting:
Approved as written.
Motion to approve: Barbara Seconded: Glen Approved: unanimous

Correspondence:

1. Email from resident re street parking – to be put under new business (Falaise speeding/traffic initiative)

Business arising from minutes
Status of action items from last month:
Stuart: not done- invite Brent Reems to a future FCA Directors' meeting; send out invitation to join Facebook group, meeting with ROBP re tree watering (with Carl and ROBP)
Carl: not done- letter re request for increase in CA grant; meeting with ROBP re tree watering
Holly: done
Graham: not done- send out Facebook group invitation in conjunction with Stuart
Glen: done
Hardeep: done
Mac: done (September meeting to be held via Zoom or TBA)

Financial Report: Carl
Financial report dated August 10/24 was submitted for approval.

a) 219 paid members at present

Motion to approve: Mac Seconded: Glen Approved: unanimous

Committee reports / actions:

1. Highway barrier project (Stuart)
   a) Report on July 18th meeting at McCalls – no solution reached

b) Letter to Ministers (MLA Fleming and MLA Popham) expressing our desire to complete this project as originally approved.
c) Stuart spoke to Dean Murdock who asked if there could be a compromise. We advised that we wish to see the project competed as originally agreed upon.
d) Spoke to Mike Pearson (Nanaimo supervisor) who indicated that he would like to see the project completed as originally agreed upon.
e) Update on embankment tree planting / watering commitment plan: Saanich is on board to plant trees as all conditions with FCA re watering commitment have been met.

2. Membership (Glen)
   a) 2024 membership drive report: 219 members at present.
   b) Stuart to forward copy of Focus Points for new residents' package to Glen.

3. SCAN (Mac)
   a) no July or August meeting

4. Falaise Park update (Stuart)
   a) Graham has been hand watering vulnerable trees as it has been a very dry summer.
   b) Some evidence of partying at the park (beer cans, cigarette butts, drug use, knife stuck in a sign): Stuart will request that residents notify police if any illegal activity is observed.

Old Business

1. FCA Facebook (Graham)
   a) Graham to work on it this week.
2. Picnic Preparation (Stuart)
   a) planning checklist reviewed and everything is on track
   b) Stuart to invite mayor, councillors and MLA Popham
   c) plan for 90 participants: beef burgers, veggie burgers, potato salad, bbq sauce, etc.

Motion: Moved that $700 be approved for entertainment and $600 be approved for food and supplies for the Falaise Community Picnic on September 8, 2024.
Moved: Barbara Seconded: Glen Approved: unanimous

New Business

1. Falaise Crescent speeding initiative / parking concerns – residents Alan Taylor/Chris Nelson (Stuart)
   a) Stuart to put together timelines re past speeding issues and communications with Saanich. Invite Teale to September meeting to plan how to move forward.

   b) Mac expressed concerns re cars parked on bend of Falaise Crescent. Resident also has concerns re increase of cars parking on Falaise Rd by "Resident only" sign.

2. August / September Calendar (Holly)
   a) Review of items – picnic is next priority. We should begin thinking about / planning for the November AGM.

Other Business

1. Round table: none

Motion to adjourn: Glen Seconded: Stuart Approved: unanimous

Next Board Meeting: **September 9/24** Location and time: 7:00pm 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
- Liaise with Graham and send out an invitations to join the FCA Facebook group to the community
- Meet with ROBP re using the watering truck if the tree screening goes ahead
- Forward Focus Points 2024 to Glen for the new residents' package
- Contact Bob to ensure that the Ukrainian Fundraising project is listed on the Picnic flyer
- Send out email to community re concerns over illegal activity at the park and a request that if any further incidents occur to call the police
- Invite mayor, councilors and MLA Lana Popham to the September picnic
- Put together a timeline of advocacy around speeding on Falaise Crescent
- Arrange a meeting re the speeding concerns by the park with the initiating resident leaders (Alan and Chris) and Teale

Carl:

- Post June 17th 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 ROBP re details for using the watering truck for berm trees
- Bring cheques/payment to the picnic for the entertainers

Holly:

- Forward the June minutes to Carl for the website
- Send August draft minutes to Directors
- Bring fire retardant blanket to Picnic

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

Glen

- Continue to monitor / welcome new residents

Hardeep

- Complete details on entertainment / supervision of Bubble Dome / bubble blowing supplies

Mac:

- Attend next SCAN meeting
- Arrange for a 4th tent cover for Ukrainian fundraising area

Barbara:

- Coordinate / purchase food / refreshments / supplies for Picnic