

Stave Gardens Community Association (SGCA)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 3/2021

In Person meeting at the Steelhead Community Hall
32972 Cardinal Street, Mission BC

1. Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Directors in Attendance: Phil C., Birgit K., Colleen B., Tony R., Larry W., Greg C., Bruno W.

2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:

General Meeting from: 2020/02/03

Correction: Roger C. did not vote in favour of sending a letter regarding sea-can storage to the District of Mission

Motion to Adopt: Colleen B

2nd: Greg C

AIF: Yes

3. Stave Falls School PAC Presentation:

Joelle Thorburn and Candace Koch:

There are over 80 children registered this year. There are enough registered for kindergarten to make two full classes for next year.

Little Willows daycare is currently at capacity.

Outdoor learning opportunities are many and include a covered outdoor learning area and walks to Rolley Lake for the intermediate students.

PAC sponsored activities this year include:

- Trunk or Treat in the parking lot for Halloween
- Christmas Week
- Pumpkin Patch
- Greenhouse project

- Have provided \$100 per year to each teacher for school supplies for their class and field trips

The PAC has done some fundraising and applied for and received grants. The most significant being \$125,000.00 from the Ministry of Education for an accessible playground.

In the future the PAC hopes to see a gardening program, more work with trees, wildflower

garden, building bridges, indigenous art pieces inside and out, a medicine wheel and making trails through the back acreage.

It is hoped there can be a more dynamic relationship between the PAC and SGCA. We could work in partnership to the benefit of both the community and the school/children

Candace presented a proposal for river rock block benches. They would create an outdoor classroom environment for the school and would be a wonderful addition that can be used by the community during after school hours. Providing a seating area that for now can offer a place to meet others and remain socially distanced and for the long term continue to be a place to gather.

They are being used by dozens of other schools in many other communities in the BC Lower Mainland and have proved to be a useful addition to outdoor areas.

They are low maintenance once installed.

The cost of the stone is \$8293.60

A request was made to help with funding the cost of this stone.

Open Discussion:

The general consensus by all Directors is that this is a funding request that meets the objectives of our association. It was noted that our association had fundraised or earmarked money twice in the past few years specifically for the children of Stave Falls and that money was not used in the way we had intended. It remained in our bank unspent.

A motion was made to fund the purchase of stone for the purpose of building an outdoor classroom for the children of Stave Falls Elementary School. The dollar amount of the motion for approval is \$8293.60

Motion:	Colleen B
2 nd :	Birgit K
AIF:	Yes
Against:	None

A cheque will be forwarded to the Stave Falls PAC as soon as possible

4. Proposing joining the SFCA with SGCA – UPDATE

Upon the advice of our legal council, we forwarded to the SFCA the following information:

- confirmation that all annual filings have been done and that we are a society in good standing
- how much we have in cash assets
- That we've waived membership fees for the 2020/21 calendar year
- Disclosure of other expenses such as directors insurance, lawyer fees, etc
- how much debt we hold (it's zero)

- If and how we compensate directors (we do not)
- Who is on our Board of Directors and who are the executive
- When we hold general meetings and how we facilitate that for the community (ie: zoom or in person)
- When is our next AGM

This information has been requested from the Stave Falls Association as well but we have not yet gotten a response to that request.

- This information will be important in determining the best way logistically to bring both associations together. There are costs associated to this and we would want to move forward without the expense of paying for unnecessary actions.

General Discussion:

- Each Director spoke regarding our zoom meeting with the Stave Falls Comm. Assoc BOD's
- We received from SFCA and have provided them with our Constitution and Bylaws as well as our Mission Statement (this information is publicly available at www.sgca.ca)
- Members and guests present at this meeting voiced their own questions and concerns.
- The two associations are distinctly unique and there could be some benefits to combining the two association.
- The general consensus was there seemed to be some hesitation from the SFCA in bringing the two associations together.
- We recognize there must be strong community voice for the Stave Falls area that can work for the community and on community issues.
- We will wait to receive the requested information from the Stave Falls Comm. Assoc.

5. Motion to waive membership fees for the 2020/2021 calendar year:

although this had been discussed in January of 2021 and we all agreed to this action, it was brought to this writers attention that we did not have a motion, vote or agreement to it.

Motion to the above:	Birgit K
2 nd :	Greg C
All in Favor:	Yes
Against:	One

6. New Business and food for thought:

- Now that the letter to the District of Mission has been sent, we should poll the community to gauge opinion to the use of sea-can/container storage.

Motion to conduct a poll:	Tony R
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2 nd :	Larry W
All in favor:	Yes
Against:	None

A poll will be created and posted to the Facebook page

7. *Date of Next Meeting:*

Wednesday, April 7/2021 at 6:30pm

If this is to be a zoom meeting, the meeting code will be sent out one week prior to the meeting date:

If this is to be an in person meeting, an invitation will be forwarded

COMMUNITY NOTICE:

All ZOOM meetings can be accessed by requesting an invitation and login password from:

stavegardenscommassoc@gmail.com

8. *Meeting Adjourned:*

8:15pm

Please send any corrections or amendments of these minutes to the SGCA at
stavegardenscommassoc@gmail.com