

# Stave Gardens Community Association (SGCA)

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 8/2021

### IN PERSON MEETING

#### 1. **Call to Order: 6:37pm**

##### **Directors in Attendance:**

Greg Cowan

Birgit Keys

Phil Cooper

Colleen Beland

Bruno Wissman

**Absent:** Tony Reid

#### 2. **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

There were no additions or corrections requested

General Meeting from: 2020/06/02

Motion to Adopt: Birgit

2<sup>nd</sup>: Phil

AIF: Yes

#### 3. **Director Updates:**

Phil – Would like to look into information that may be publicly available regarding well impacts from that development on Bell Street. The developers have stripped the land of all vegetation and did not leave even an agreed upon boundary of trees. There is visible and reported impacts on neighboring properties such as:

1. A neighbor with a well that is at 189ft has had testing done for potability and there is a definite change in water quality. Manganese levels have gone up dramatically
2. Another neighbor who's well is at 450 feet has shown similar changes in their water and have noted even the appearance of the water coming from the taps has been impacted and both examples have noted their water filtration systems are struggling to keep up with turbidity issues.

Phil will look into what if any publicly available information can be found regarding these wells and the impact from that development.

Phil spoke with Paul Horn regarding signage for the Stave Falls area. He suggested a sign that would say "Welcome to Stave Falls" and a reminder to respect our forests and recreation areas. Paul Horn connected Phil to Mike Younie who will be able to facilitate having them done. Will provide additional updates when they are available.

Phil also met briefly with Paul Horn and Maureen Sinclair early in the summer to put some feelers out to see about developing the 5-acre parcel of City owned property that neighbors the Stave Falls Elementary School.

What we can envision would be a multi-use facility that could:

- house community interest functions such as:
  - meeting space
  - community functions like annual events for Christmas, Mothers Day, Valentines Day etc.
  - host farmers markets, kids' parties
  - developed parkland space
  - perhaps room for a daycare facility (as the school grows, the current daycare will need other space)
  - invite other interested parties to use the facility in ways that can provide value for both the students at SF's School as well as residents and visitors to the Stave Falls area:
    - for forestry and land stewardship programs
    - Mission Fire and Rescue could utilize some of this space for emergency support and the facility could be used by the community as an initial triage/evacuation center during emergencies.
    - An interpretive centre possibly for nature or indigenous education
    - the school could rent space
    - Riverside college could use the construction of the facility within their carpentry program while construction is underway.

Maureen indicated the parcel of land is already designated as community parkland. We would need to seek an OCP amendment for any portion of it that might house a facility such as this. There was some very positive feedback on this, and Phil received an email back from Paul Horn who has requested we come back in the fall with a proposal for council to look at.

Discussion:

We see the following as first steps in preparing for this presentation.

1. Engage the community for input on the plan to build a facility that could support the community of Stave Falls in a multitude of ways. Determine best uses and critical partnerships. Outline a vision for what this would all look like as well as who and how it can best serve the community.
2. Gain community support for the construction of a facility that can benefit our area
3. Reach out to and engage parties who would have an interest in this initiative
4. Develop a proposal presentation for Mayor and Council and arrange a date for doing so.

Realizing this is in the very beginning stages of any definitive plans, it will be imperative to engage the community at large for input and support of a plan to have a facility such as discussed above. It was suggested that if there is enough community interest and we can demonstrate a fundamental need that it would work in our favour.

The city will also be asking how much money our organization will want to invest in this

process. We will need to deliberate on how much that should be and how we would like to see it spent.

A survey will be developed to be posted to the community Facebook page

A brochure will be developed and mailed out to the community at large

#### **4. Road Safety and Traffic Control – Birgit Keys**

Birgit received an emailed response from Paul Butterfield regarding crosswalks and other safety measures. He indicated that from recent traffic studies as well as staff being onsite to monitor pedestrian concerns in high traffic areas that in his opinion there is no indication that traffic lights, crosswalk lights or crosswalks would not be merited.

He had made a commitment to clear overhanging tree branches from some areas, and it can be reported that there was some very minimal clearing completed.

Birgit will follow up again with Paul Butterfield to ask about other traffic safety measures that can be used such as signage and speed humps.

Discussion:

It was noted by Greg that in discussion with someone at the City's bylaw office that residents are delayed in making bylaw complaints regarding traffic/speeding/unsafe parking in our area, in a timely manner. We can't just make a call, there are forms and emails that must be completed before any action is taken.

#### **5. N.E.S.T. Program Update: Colleen Beland**

Earlier in the summer, Mission Fire and Mission ESS came out to Stave Falls to conduct a fire safety talk. It was hosted by Tony Reid at his home (backyard) and was well attended.

The N.E.S.T. program was also discussed and now that the summer is over, we will try to launch.

The Mission Fire Chief and Monique from Mission ESS have offered to come out and do another presentation on N.E.S.T and how it can benefit our community.

More information will be forthcoming

#### **6. New Business and Food for Thought**

Phil got a cheque from Ron Antalek as a donation to our association. Ron was the realtor who sold the SGCA Community Hall. The cheque was for almost \$1000

Colleen suggested that we add Directors only meetings to the annual calendar. That we meet at least one time per quarter. Birgit mentioned she thought this type of meeting was in our constitution already.

After some discussion, it was determined that Tuesdays would be the best day of the week to accommodate the most folks.

Colleen will send out a range of dates to the Directors and dates will be determined.

Birgit mentioned the recent communication upgrade for the Steelhead area. Wonderful news for them as they worked very hard to get it done. She was curious to know if that is something that could benefit the Stave Falls area as well.

Phil has some connections with Telus and will make some calls and see what we might be able to do regarding this.

**7. Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, October 6/2021 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

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

[stavegardenscommassoc@gmail.com](mailto:stavegardenscommassoc@gmail.com)

**8. Meeting Adjourned:**

7:53pm

**ATTACHMENTS**

- none

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