

Stave Gardens Community Association (SGCA)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Zoom meeting

1. **Call to Order: 6:34pm**

Directors in Attendance:

Greg Cowan

Birgit Keys

Phil Cooper (late)

Colleen Beland

Bruno Wissman

6 Community Members in Attendance as well

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

General Meeting from: 2022-03-02

Motion to Adopt: Birgit

2nd: Tony

AIF: Yes

3. **Presidents Report: Phil Cooper**

We are encouraging the City of Mission to look at building a facility on the 5-acre parcel of City owned land that is beside the Stave Falls School. It is currently zoned as parkland.

It could be a community hub that would include space for the expanding daycare, be a homebase for the forestry department, remain as greenspace for the school and the community, allow for emergency gathering place and be a space the community could use for events and other functions.

The SGCA envisions passive gardens that would be a space the entire community can use for recreation and leisure.

This initiative is in early stages and we have begun by meeting with Mayor Horn and other decision makers for the City of Mission such as Mike Younie and Chris Gruenwald, Superintendent of Mission School District, Mission Fire Chief, Brad Vis and Bob D'Eith.

There is very strong early support for a project like this

We will continue to follow this up as progress is made.

4. **Vice Presidents Report: Greg Cowan**

We walked the school grounds earlier today as we make preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt to happen on April 10th.

There are roof repairs currently happening but they should not interfere with access to the back fields for the day of the Egg Hunt.

We have over 120 people who have RSVP'd for the Easter Egg Hunt, including four (4) City Counsellors. Starbucks has very generously donated coffee for this event

Bruno Wissman (SGCA Director) has very generously donated the lit up sign currently on DTR

advertising the Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast. Thank you, Bruno!

5. Treasurers Report: Birgit Keys

Bank Balance as of Feb 28, 2022, is: \$253,967.06

Cheques that were written this month are as follows:

\$500 for the Student Bursary

\$100 for event liability insurance – valid until Nov 2022

\$1050 for taxes preparation

Expected expenses coming up are: reimbursement cheques for the Easter Egg Hunt

6. Secretary's Report: Colleen Beland

The cheque for a student bursary was hand delivered to Mission Community Foundation

The following has been planned for the Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast:

- Egg hunt will be done in 3 stages to permit for late comers
- Photo Booth
- Craft Table
- Guessing jar
- Cupcake decorating table
- Face painting

There will be some information available for the following:

SGCA – who we are, what we're doing

N.E.S.T program (offered through the Mission ESS program)

Sign up Sheet for an upcoming "COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY"

Thank you's for all the people and business's who supported and sponsored the event

A porta-potty will be delivered on Friday for the event

ICBC Community Grant Update:

With the support of Kate from ICBC, Colleen and Birgit are in discussions with Rimmi from the CPO and Paul B from the City regarding this educational initiative. The idea is to humanize the area of Stave Falls for people who visit here. The hope is that if drivers/visitors understand the area better then they may choose to drive at safer speeds.

Educational initiatives will likely be in the form of signage, speed watch days, blackcat deployment.

7. New Business and Food for Thought

- There will be door prizes available at the Easter Egg Hunt day. Tickets will be available for purchase
 - Kevin L. talked to Chris G. from the City of Mission regarding trail access through the end of Carr Street.
- He is supportive of seeing multi-use trail access in this area. It could be used for small quads, people,

bikes, horses

The Philips Creek bridge would need to be repaired/replaced

Chris is looking for community feedback regarding support

There should be some kind of gated and restricted access to ensure the area is used primarily for locals so that the residential area near there isn't negatively impacted by traffic etc.

Coded gates maybe?

Garbage would also need to be addressed

Kevin will continue discussion with Chris G to determine what next steps should be as well as more defined parameters for what community support is needed.

Tony R.

There was a pack of dogs in the Steelhead area that caused some significant safety concerns for hikers (with dogs) in the area.

The pack in question was not with human supervision and game upon the hiker quickly.

Stay aware when using local trails as there are many hazards.

Colleen B. asked that we open a discussion regarding becoming a registered charity so that we can access grant money and be able to provide tax receipts as we move forward to get a facility built on that City land near the school. This item will be added to the May agenda

Colleen B. mentioned she had spoken to the Principal of the Stave Falls School regarding our request of them for items they may need for the children at the school.

She did mention that picnic tables would be really appreciated.

The suggestion was made to take a look at the idea while we are at the school for the Egg Hunt to see if that is something we want to do.

It will be added to the May agenda for discussion.

8. Next Meeting will be on:

Wednesday, May 4/ 2022 at 6:30pm

This will be a ZOOM meeting

9. Meeting Adjourned:

7:13pm