

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES FOR  
**The Stave Gardens Community Association**

Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Location: Stave Falls Elementary School, 30204 Brackley Avenue, Mission BC V4S 1C2

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm**

Meeting Chair: Birgit Keys

Secretary: Colleen Beland

Treasurer: Tony Reid

**Directors in Attendance: Keys, Cowan, Reid, Beland, Wissman, Nielsen**

**Directors Absent: Keys**

**Members in attendance: 40**

*Opening statement by President: thank you to all in attendance. Introduction of the BOD's. Let us please maintain respectful dialogue. If anyone has questions regarding the SGCA, please reach out by email or attend any of the upcoming meetings. Social media is not the place to get to know us.*

**2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETINGS MINUTES for General Meeting: 2023-01-04**

Corrections: NONE

Motion to adopt: Greg Cowan

2<sup>nd</sup>: Colleen Beland

All in Favor: Yes

Opposed: None

Abstain: One

**3. REQUEST TO ADD AN AGENDA ITEM**

The following was added:

Discussion Request from Paul Wozney	Bus stop shelters and community information boards
Motion from Jim Taylor	Parkland Development *see attached complete
Motion from Courtney Cardy	Re: Capital Reserve Fund *see attached complete

**3a** Jim Taylor made a request to move all motions to item 4 on the agenda.

The Board response was that all new business has a designated spot on the agenda as had been established as our process for many years. The Board also stated that even during meetings where presentations were given from outside entities, there had never been a time where a motion, a speaker or questions were not fully addressed within the timeframe of the set meeting times. The Board recognized the concerns expressed that time would run out before the motions could be heard, debated and voted on but will not amend the meeting agenda when it is not necessary to do so.

#### 4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

**President's report:** There has been no further contact from the City regarding the parkland development. Per councils resolution, we anticipate hearing soon with regard to an initial meeting for this. An email will be sent asking the City for an update.

##### **Treasurers Report/ Current Bank Balance and Expenses**

Bank Balance as of December 31/ 2022:	\$247,590.22
Deposits:	\$ 0
Cheques:	
Kirby Event Liability:	\$25.00
SARA for Women ( <i>xmas donation</i> ):	\$500.00
City of Mission/ Room Rental Jan-June:	481.50

\*Note: \$200,000.00 is in a locked in High Interest Term Deposit and due to renew on 2023/10/15

##### **Secretary's Report/ Correspondence and other Society Administration**

Summary of Correspondence - \*see attached summary

Members were informed that a binder of all correspondence is available for viewing at all meetings.

#### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### **Parkland Development update**

\*see presidents report above – no additional information to provide

##### **Event planning/ Easter Egg Hunt and Mothers Day**

**Mothers Day High Tea:** Saturday May 13, 2023. The Steelhead Hall rental was approved by the Steelhead Association. They have agreed to give us the Steelhead hall rate of \$500.00

Because this event will be charging a fee for attendance, the SGCA will ultimately realize little to no monetary cost for this event. A detailed budget will be available in future meetings.

**Annual Stave Falls Easter Egg Hunt:** Sunday, April 2, 2023. The City has approved the use of the parking lot and fields for this event. The cost for this facility rental is \$00.00

A detailed budget will be available in future meetings.

#### 6. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

*Member motions were brought forward prior to member request for discussion only.*

**Motion: Jim Taylor** regarding: SGCA's official position regarding the parkland development

Motion was read in full to members in attendance *\*please see attached motion*

**Discussion:** there is confusion within the community of Stave Falls regarding what exactly is being proposed and what the process for this development will look like. It appears to be a lot of mixed messaging. Many residents especially those who live very near to the proposed development are extremely concerned about what might be built there.

**The Board response was:** It has always been known that whatever might happen on that land would be done with input from the community. Now that the City has agreed to entertain some kind of investment into our area, they will take over this process. They will be the ones to host

community information meetings, form plans and do all reporting including for environment, geotechnical and fisheries.

The reason there are so many differing replies to many people's questions is because it is all relevant and true. It is not the purpose of the SGCA to be the sole body to decide what is built on that land. We have had many conversations with many people in the community, politicians from municipal to federal and many other potential stakeholders and the consensus has always been that the community of Stave Falls would have every opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions about this project. Our objective has always been to get the ideas into the hands of decision makers and provide them with ALL of the ideas. We did that. Now it will be the community who decides. Other than helping to ensure the voice of our community is heard during the process, we do not have direct or specific influence over this project.

Comments from general discussion:

- very concerned about what will be built there. Does not want to see huge concrete buildings
- who did the plans?
- doesn't like all the bickering and wants to see us all come together
- the plans were irresponsible
- some concerns about how the community will remain informed going forward

**Amendment to the motion:** put forward by Johan Nielsen  
to read at the end of the original motion by Jim Taylor

***With regard to the Parkland Development***

*"the Stave Gardens Community Association (SGCA) will support whatever the community instructs it to support"*

**Motion:** Jim Taylor                      **Second:** Cardy  
**All in Favor:** YES                      **Against:** One (1)                      **Abstain:** Two (2)  
**This motion and amendment have passed.**

**Motion: Courtney Cardy** Regarding: the implementation of a capital reserve fund

Motion was read in full to members in attendance. *\*please see attached motion*

The Board response was:

This board has already deposited \$200,000.00 into a locked in term deposit account at the Prospera Credit Union. It matures in October 2023

Is there really a need to make any specific changes to what we've already done. There has been a track record of fiscal responsibility demonstrated by this BOD's. We have acted responsibly knowing the funds belong to the community and it won't be until the community decides what to do with it that it will be spent.

Under the stewardship of this Board, in September of 2018 \$266,807.54 was deposited to the bank. At the last update, there was \$248,327.58 in the bank. That is a difference of \$18,479.96

When considering the expenses from the past five years, this demonstrates fiscal responsibility.

The directors were given spending limits on Feb 5, 2018, of \$500 per incident/ it must be noted that this authority has only ever been exercised one time.

**Discussion:**

- this motion adds additional levels of protection not only for the community assets but the BOD's

as well

- it gives the community additional assurances that the community funds are being protected

**Colleen requested that the amount be amended from 10K to 15K**

**In Favor: Sixteen (16)**

**Against: Twenty: (20)**

**Abstain: Four (4)**

**The motion proceeded to vote with no amendments**

**Motion: Courtney Cardy**

**Second: Taylor**

**All in favor: YES**

**Against: None**

**Abstain: None**

**This motion has passed.**

**Discussion Item: Requested by Paul Wozney** Re: Bus stop shelters and Information boards

- Has seen kids standing in the rain waiting for school busses

- There are 10 bus pick ups in Stave Falls

- There is a community notice board down at Hotties/ there is also a community library there where you can put a book or leave a book

- A general agreement that there are better ways to notify our community on upcoming meetings and other events and concerns

- Maybe signs at every intersection off of DTR – this would need City approval/ it might cause traffic concerns

- There are 10 mailboxes. Perhaps signs at the mailboxes

- Try a welcome wagon approach to new residents to the area.

We will make some inquiries into the above ideas.

**7. ADJOURNMENT: 8:03pm**

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 6:30pm

Location: Stave Falls Elementary School Gym