

Sandy Hook Community Association

Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 13, 2017

Type of meeting: regular semi-monthly meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Peter Harvey – president elect

Attendees: Kara, Bruce, Jenny, Peter

Regrets: Flavio

1. Call to order – Peter called meeting to order at 3:07pm
2. Adopt Agenda,
 - a. All agreed to adopt.
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - a. All approved the meeting minutes.
4. New Board Member – Bruce Woodburn
 - a. All approved the addition of Bruce as a new board member. Bruce is a member of the Sunshine Coast Astronomy Club and is interested in advocating Sechelt to receive a Dark Skies designation.
5. Open issues:
 - a. President report
 - i. Was not able to attend the last DOS sustainability meeting.
 - ii. SHCA is receiving frequent emails from DOS.
 - iii. Forwarded the last minutes from SCAF to SHCA Board Members.
 - b. Treasurer report
 - i. Peter to get financial information and signing authority from former Treasurer.
 - c. Secretary report
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - d. Bruce – presentation about Light Abatement from Sunshine Coast Astronomy Club
 - i. Key issue that Bruce cares about re: light abatement is that light glare from headlights makes it difficult for older people to go out at night (driving or walking), as well as migratory birds.
 - ii. Keeping light out of the sky is to use light wisely rather than eliminating light at night.
 - iii. Strategy is to aim for dark sky designation. To receive this designation, the community would need to have a policy and actually apply it (ie. Building code for lighting for community lighting)
 - iv. Bruce did a presentation to the DOS Council September 2016 and they were supportive in principle.
 - v. Would like to bring this initiative forward to the DOS Sustainability Committee.
 - vi. Street lighting did come up at one of the DOS Sustainability meetings – discussion ensued to put in more street lights and sidewalks, which Peter did not think would be supported by the majority of Sandy Hook residents.

- vii. Peter encouraged Bruce to give personal opinion at a future DOS meeting and will include a question about the initiative on the Sandy Hook survey,
 - viii. Bruce to provide an explanation about the Dark Skies designation and framing for the questions.
 - e. Update on membership
 - i. Peter to discuss membership with Flavio.
 - ii. Section on survey to include request to become a member.
 - f. Update on newsletter
 - i. Need a date for the annual carolling night and for the Meet and Greet. Peter to check in with Valerie re: Meet and Greet date. Carolling to be Sunday, December 17 @ 6pm at Valerie's or Flavio's to start, then Tot Park.
 - ii. Board members to read Flavio's email update regarding membership and newsletter.
 - iii. Members to finish writing articles. Article to introduce Bruce. Bruce to write a short blurb on dark skies.
 - g. Discussion about survey for residents of Sandy Hook
 - i. SHCA Board to finalize survey as soon as possible.
 - ii. Jenny and Peter to split the neighbourhood and canvas each household for survey response and memberships.
- 6. New business
 - a. OCP Amendment
 - i. Jenny to read staff report and provide comments to SHCA for review before Dec 7 deadline.
 - b. Parks Masters Plan
 - i. Peter has an interview on November 16 with DOS to discuss – will bring up where SHCA is at re: feasibility of a Sandy Hook community centre/space.
 - ii. Kara to attend the Master Parks Plan Open House on Nov 16.
 - c. DOS Sustainability Committee
 - i. Next meeting is December 13 – Bruce to attend this next meeting.

Adjournment: 3:58pm

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 10 @ 3:30pm.