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Peaks of Grassi

Community Association

DRAFT MINUTES

THE PEAKS OF GRASSI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

October 14, 2015 Meeting

Present: *President - Steve Hrudey*
Secretary - Deanna Thompson
Director at Large – Lawrence Armstrong
Founder – Rodney Gair

Via Skype: *Treasurer – Kathy Brodeur-Robb*

Absent: *Vice-President – Ernie Mattern*

In attendance: Members of the community association.

- a. The President called the meeting to Order at 7:03 pm
- b. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. Deanna added request that POGA send a letter to Town of Canmore requesting a public forum on the MDP.
 - b. Steve informed us Mr. Rick Lamothe from Town of Canmore Bylaw would be in attendance tonight.
 - c. Steve- By-laws would need to be adopted.

- c. Approval of Minutes arising from September 10, 2015 Meeting

- a. The minutes were approved.

MOTION: To post draft minutes to POGA website, after they are approved by the Board, and prior to the next Board meeting. This will allow for the community at large to be more informed about the issues and what we are working in a timely manner. *Passed unanimously.*

- d. Open Issues:

A) **Peaks Landing:** Mr. Pierre Doyon and Mr. Dan Madlung presented the *Peaks Landing* development/re-zoning proposal. When asked Mr. Doyon stated the reason he asked to present at POGA “was for information only”. Mr. Doyon said he was not asking for support but rather “to present the facts”.

B) By-Law: Mr. Rick Lamothe- Bylaw officer and Mr. Michael Orr – morr@canmore.ca Supervisor of By-law Services presented. Mr. Orr has been in his position for six weeks. There are only three full-time By-Law Officers/Peace Officers. They are interested in: Education; Communication – through facebook, radio, and paper; and Enforcement. They are interested in resolving issues between neighbours.

Mr. Lamothe said these are the following concerns By-law frequently addresses in the Peaks of Grassi:

- **Numerous parking issues** – lot of cars, not enough room to park off or on street, and high density; the by-law requires 1.5 meters from edge of driveway to the parked car; they frequently waive this detail as this would allow very little parking in an already constrained area. Considered a parking violation when the vehicle is blocking a driveway. The home owner does not own the parking space on the street in front of their home.
- Calls about **abandoned vehicles** or those vehicles that have not moved for 72 hours.
- **Dogs off Lease** – Quarry Lake dog park is close; ticketing is not first line of intervention; with repeat offenders and aggressive dogs they take a stronger approach;
- **Sidewalk cleaning:**
- **Noise** – by-law is vague; construction noise allowed from 7:30 am until 10:00 pm; Monday until Saturday. No noise on Sunday or holidays. Suggestion to talk with them.
- By-law does not respond to disorder such as drinking alcohol or smoking pot in the park. If someone has concerns they are directed to call the police.
- By-law continues to hand out positive tickets (a gift card/coffee for Good Earth) for such things as having your dog on a lease.
- They recommended that people don't take pictures with their phones of infractions or concerns and post these on social media.

Lawrence asked for summary of issues By-Law has responded to in the Peaks neighbourhood in the last six months.

Rodney informed By-Law of the POGA website and use of this medium to inform community of By-Law issues.

Suggestion to use Town of Canmore utility bill to inform the community of By-Law issues.

By-Law Phone number is 403-678-4244. Hours are 7:30 am until 6:00 pm.

e. Business Arising from Minutes

- a. **BY-LAWS:** Steve is meeting with Jennifer LeBlanc at Alberta Registries on Monday October 19, 2015. Rodney put forward idea that not everyone in Peaks may want to be a member of POGA; discussed that membership is automatic if live in community.
MOTION: Vote to pass bylaws. Passed unanimously.

- b. **POGA sent a few letters to the Mayor and Council:**
 - i. **Announcing Board Members and positions**
 - ii. **MDP extension request.** MDP will not have first reading until the New Year.
- c. **Quarry Lake Foundation Survey results** – nothing yet from Alaric Fish
- d. **Community Notice Board – Special Project - Report by Lawrence**
 - i. Quarry Lake signs are large 10 feet by 7 feet.
 - ii. Lawrence - suggested we consider multiple signs in the neighbourhood at each set of mailboxes (up to seven/eight); and take on a theme such as railway or mining.
 - iii. Rodney – received a request from Canada Post asking that we do not post notices on their boxes.
 - iv. Ask By-law - where can we post signs in the community.

ACTION: Lawrence will continue with this project.

- e. **MDP**
 - i. Discussion.
 - ii. Request from Mavis that POGA look into addressing the MDP.
 - iii. Deanna suggested POGA ask the Town to give the public a presentation on MDP. Kay Anderson from Three Sisters for Wildlife is asking the Mayor for something more than the open houses. The open houses do not provide an opportunity to hear comments or questions being asked from others or the answers from the planning department.
 - iv. Steve is interested in a public forum that promotes two way communication including a question and answer session.
 - v. Maps, Agenda packages, and attachments previously available on the Town website have been removed.
 - vi. The Mayor in a newspaper interview and a MDP notice on the Town website states that a newsletter circulating about the MDP “is not accurate and is misleading”. These statements did not identify what was not accurate or was misleading.
 - vii. A delegation suggested POGA form a committee and ask for volunteers from the neighbourhood to arrange a public meeting.

MOTION: Lawrence moved; Kathy seconded. POGA to form an MDP committee, with volunteers from the community, to address the MDP as the Town is requesting public input and feedback into the MDP. See appendix (A) for the delegation proposal.

MOTION: POGA to contact Alaric Fish and Tracy Woitenko and inform them that POGA is forming a MDP committee. Lawrence moved; Deanna seconded. Passed unanimously.

- f. **POGA and FPGI**
 - i. Discussion.
 - ii. Reiteration by the Board that POGA is neutral with respect to the re-zoning proposal in Quarry Pines. POGA is not taking any action to oppose the re-zoning application.
 - iii. Discussion relating to Ms. Foubert’s article in the Outlook. POGA to send a letter

to the Outlook directing their attention to the POGA election results on the POGA website and mention that Mr. Doyon, one of the developers in the re-zoning proposal in Quarry Pines ran for a position on the POGA Board. Rodney suggested this letter come from the Board, possibly the secretary.

Meeting Reconvened With Only the Board and a Founder.

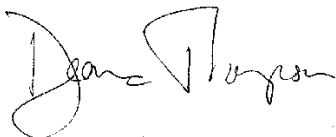
- g. **POGA Brand - Rodney**
 - i. POGA ROCKS.

 - h. **Communications – Rodney**
 - i. Lots of visits to the website.
 - ii. Ads for website.
 - iii. POGA has a Twitter account “@poga.rocks”.
 - iv. Skype account has been created “poga rocks”.

 - i. **Social/Welcome Wagon Committee – Delegation**
 - i. Discussion.
 - ii. Welcome Wagon.
 - iii. See appendix (B) for delegation’s proposal.
 - iv. Rodney to speak with organizer of Block Party.
 - v. Board member to be on each POGA related committee.
 - vi. Discussion on how we address the children in our community.
 - vii. Possibly organize a Christmas gathering.
- MOTION: Rodney to initiate organizing a Social committee and then pass this responsibility on to a Board. Deanna moved. Kathy seconded. Passed unanimously.**
- j. A brief In Camera discussion was held.

 - k. Doodle Poll to arrange next meeting – only a Board Meeting.
ACTION: Kathy to arrange.

 - l. Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 pm.



Deanna Thompson
POGA Secretary