

Vision Steering Committee Meeting

SEAPARC Boardroom

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

March 27, 2007

In attendance: Wayne Fritz (chair), Arnie Campbell, Rosemary Jorna, John Charles, Heather Phillips, Alanda Carver, Liz Petersen, *Regrets:* Emma Taylor

Note: Start was delayed for celebration of John Charles' birthday and for other reasons.

Called to Order at 10 am.

Appointed secretary for this meeting: Heather Phillips

Agenda approved as circulated

Approved minutes of 27 February 2007 with corrected spelling of "Petersen"

Reports of sub-committees:

Gathering information—Arnie. We have a bibliography. We have no summaries yet. We need to track down items listed that are not yet available to us. We can add more items. Arnie will prepare a summary report sheet on which reviewers can identify "themes" in the documents.

John said he will find the 2005 census report and also review the Economic Development Committee's list of businesses in the JDREA. John and Rosemary will review "Community and its Counterfeits." when Heather provides them copies. Rosemary will review the Broom Hill Mountain Bike park report. Liz will also review document.

Arnie, Heather & John to review as many as possible for 24 April Meeting.

Funding Opportunities—Wayne & Attachment B.

Grant application went to the Juan de Fuca EDC on 22 March. EDC asked for "deliverables" within their mandate.

Group discussion. We cannot file any application for funding for which we might not be able to meet the criteria: i.e. not to make commitments we cannot keep.

The visioning exercise may provide information:

--to amend the OCPs, comment on Resource Lands development, Regional Growth Strategy

--to identify needs and resources for recreation

--to identify regulations and bylaws which are seen as impeding small business or industry, and those needed,

--to assess need for commercial and industrial zones

--to suggest sites for such features as churches, schools, community gathering places, mobile home parks

--to make recommendations on needed infrastructure ex Shaw cable west of Otter Point, sustainable water supply for Sheringham Estate and other developments, bicycle paths

Other funding sources we might qualify for:

Van City “Community Partnership Program.” We need a Van City member to sponsor the application. Slim chance of meeting 2 April application deadline, next deadline is 3 July. Wayne anticipates a 4-month wait from successful application to available funds.

BC Real Estate Foundation “Communities in Transition.” No deadline, the Foundation is looking for economic development opportunities, as JDF EDC.

Group Discussion. Consensus: Wayne to write a letter requesting interviews with the representatives of corporations that have a local presence. We will present the vision project and ask for contributions. Also, that we should approach smaller local businesses as well. We will only accept funding on the understanding that the community directs the visioning process, not the funder.

MLA John Horgan will help with this project if he can. MP Keith Martin was approached. “Jeff” at his office wanted a contact person from the project.

Smart Growth—Arnie for Emma.

West Coast Environmental Protection Association is mentioned as a funding source on one of the Smart Growth sites.

Notes on bringing other groups into the Visioning process: Sandy Sinclair is the BC Landowners Association representative on the Vision Committee. Pat Jensen, a local realtor, expressed interest. No response from letter to Sooke Cooperative Association of Service Agencies (CASA) or from Scouts who own Camp Barnard at Young Lake. Rosemary and Heather will contact Guides, who own Camp Jubilee on Kirby Creek.

Group discussion. Jason Emmert’s presentation enforced that we are on the right track: get information to the community first, then ask for input from them. First information forum will focus on rural zoning. No date set, as “experts” have to be identified and scheduled. Realtors suggested: Tom De Zang, Bruce and Linda Macmillan, Pat Jensen. Also, suggested asking BC Landowners Association for help in identifying experts since they organized two sessions on “legal non-conforming” properties.

Publicity/Communications—Arnie, Alanda & Attachment D.

Bulletin for other members of Vision Committee. Arnie will send a one page -funding, Smart Growth, new committee members, plans for first info forum -ask for help with website development, reviewing background documents and to go on the JDFEA Governance committee.

News Release. Alanda will prepare piece for Rural Observer spring edition. We don’t have enough organized to put a story in the Sooke News Mirror. Can take the “Rural Zoning Forum” issue to them when we are ready to advertise the forum.

Website. Wayne moved that the Vision Subcommittee direct the OPSRRA Directors to allocate up to \$75 for establishing a website for the Vision Project and to cover related expenses. Carried. This money will come from the JDFEA grant in aid of \$1000.

Group was asked to read and think on other ideas broached on Attachment D.

General Discussion—Round Table

Sub committees are asked to give reports to Wayne the Tuesday (week) before the Steering Committee meetings. Next meeting 27 April: reports due 17 April.

Emma Taylor is sitting on the Community Health and Transport Committee which may seek public input in May and June. There will be overlapping discussion and findings. This is a CRD committee struck to follow up on some rural themes and issues identified but not dealt with by the Community Health Initiative Program. Ex: sustainable safe domestic water supply, rural pedestrian and cycle paths.

Regional Director Lund and LUC Committee member Ken Douch have asked OPSRRA if the organization can identify two people to sit on the JDFEA governance study committee. Shirley has set up a smaller governance committee and identified two people who will sit on the main committee and report back. Request for Otter Point citizens to participate will go in the Vision Committee Bulletin to Committee members.

Time lines for visioning process. We are setting out to do our first information forum. We have yet to identify the themes for information bulletins and other forums, or the number of bulletins and forums we can support. Time lines suggest a workshop in the fall, or possibly more than one.

Motion to Adjourn—moved by John Charles. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.