

MINUTES
DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC VISION STEERING COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, July 8th 2008

Location: Sooke Region Museum

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Present: W. Fritz (Chair), V. Diment, J. Charles, R. Jorna, C. Gardener, A. Campbell

Regrets: H. Phillips

1. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to accept the agenda: Charles/V. Diment

2. Appointment of Recording Secretary:

A. Campbell by rotation.

3. Approval of the July 02, 2008 Minutes:

Motion to approve subject to changing “mid-August” to end of July” in item 5 - point #1 and the deletion of item 5 point re Guelph. R.Jorna/V. Diment

4. Review of Consolidated Feedback:

- Twenty-four replies received.
- Need to consolidate the replies. A. Campbell, V. Diment and H. Phillips to do this in time to be reviewed at the July 14th meeting.

5. General Discussion re 2nd Draft

Reviewed Values:

- Changed wording on item #2 under The Environment to read “creation, preservation and access to green space.”
- Deleted item #3 under Rural Living.

Reviewed Vision Statement:

- Added “fisheries” in paragraph 2
- Deleted “a spirit of volunteerism” and added “the contribution of volunteers” in paragraph #3.

Reviewed Goals:

- Added Transportation as a goal. W. Fritz to develop the wording.
- Completed an exercise to prioritize the goals, with *the following* agreed to as a “first cut” with the number of votes for each goal identified in the margin.

Strategies as Prioritized by the Steering Committee at their July 8 Meeting

Strong Community Identity and Ties

- 5-increasing volunteerism to support essential community services*
- 3-creation of a multi-purpose recreational and social center*
- 2-community events/celebrate rural lifestyle*
- 2-change governance to better support community development*

Secure Sustainable Water and Environment for People and Wildlife

- 6-acquire more public parks and trails and coordination of development to support wildlife corridors*
- 6-improvement of water and environmental mapping, protective services and planning and identify sustainable water sources for the community and protect watersheds, streams, and water sources for humans and wildlife and lobby for improved mapping of natural features*

Transportation/Trail Goal

- Two strategies to be forwarded by Arnie for review*

More Successful Rural Businesses

- 6-support rural businesses by: improving high-speed Internet services and protect green spaces and the environment for eco-tourism and recreation and establish a local business directory and support local business organizations and review zoning bylaws to facilitate home based businesses on large rural lots*
- 6-protect green spaces and the environment for eco-tourism and the environment and protect forestlands for forestry, recreation, wildlife and watersheds*

Sustainable Rural Land Use

- 6- review/amend zoning bylaws and OCPs to maintain a sustainable rural environment and rural lifestyle*
- 6-land use decisions that are fair, equitable, reasonable and are effectively enforced*
 - mapping to identify eco-sensitive areas, watersheds and wildlife corridors*
 - Cleo to forward a strategy for review*

Government that is Elected, Affordable and Accountable to the Local Community

- 6-lobby for funding and comprehensive review of local government options*

- 3-giving local authority to make decisions re; subdivision approvals, land use planning and road locations and specifications
- 2-updated and publicly debated zoning bylaws
- 1-increased accountability of current local government

W. Fritz and V. Diment are to work on editing these strategies so they can be used in the circulation of the 2nd draft for community comment.

6. General discussion of 2nd Draft:

Discussion re format:

- Agreement that we needed a briefer and more presentable (readable?) format.
- Agreement that we go with a single page, printed double sided and folded into 6 sections.
- Priority for space would be the Goals & Strategies and that remaining space would be used for "What is Our Vision".
- Space would be left after each Strategy to enter comment.
- Coloured paper preferred.
- Add Transportation & Trail as a strategy.
- Wayne to check costs for a bulk mail-out.

7. Report on the Ad Hoc Committee on Family Photo Project

No report.

8. Committee Reports:

- a) Gathering Information – No report
- b) Funding – No report
- c) Publicity – Advertising for the 2nd draft will follow the plan used for the 1st draft. Ad to go into July 16th issue of Sooke News Mirror. C. Gardener and A. Campbell to write the ad and submit to Mirror by July 11th.
- d) Event Documentation - W. Fritz looking into formats.

9. Next Meeting:

Monday, July 14th 2008. 9:30 a.m. Sooke Region Museum

10. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn. - V. Diment.