

## **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Business arising from previous meeting
  - a) Pender/Galiano trip report (Farm Management Team – FMT)
  - b) Location of fire pit (Property Management Team – PMT)
  - c) Proposed burning guidelines/policy (Susan)
  - d) Research project timeline (Maya)
  - e) Bulletin boards & signs (Communications Team – COM)
  - f) Logo (Communications Team – COM)
3. New Issues & Concerns
  - a) dealing with waste, debris, garbage
  - b) volunteers/participants needed for 'visions and voices'
  - c) fallen trees
  - d) change voice on outgoing message
4. Team Reports & Discussion
5. Any Other Business
6. Summary (Jinny)

**Next Meeting: 07 June 2011 @ 7.00 pm**

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### **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Attending:** Charlie Cheffins (People for Healthy Community – PHC), Rebecca Furnell (co-facilitator), Jinny Hayes (co-facilitator/summary), Doug McKnight, Judith Roux, Maya Ruggles (recorder), Susan Yeend, Kit Szanto, George Szanto, Shawn Jackson, Carla Thompson, Heide Brown, Raymond Tremblay, Alex Vardy (Poetry Gabriola), Hans van Kessel, Linda St. Clair, Bob Andrews, Patrick Roux, Sheila Brooke, Mary Aikin (Labrynth), Sharon Pattison, Linnet Kartar, Christine Gagnon.

### **2. BUSINESS ARISING**

#### **2a. Pender/Galiano trip report (Farm Management Team – FMT)**

• fun, interesting and well-received • possibly have visitors here from other islands • interest from Salt Spring for our presentation • need a boat ;)

#### **2b. Location of fire pit (Property Management Team – PMT)**

• Patrick and Susan to discuss re: connect location with guidelines/policy proposal

#### **2c. Guidelines for burning on the Commons (Susan Yeend)**

• need to hear from other teams; general comments about cleaning it up (making it clearer and more consistent layout) • from Sharing the Commons (SCT): spell out Lung Assoc. points in body of proposal; also question of whether fire starters are acceptable or not • from Communica-

edit layout; once done, new version to go to teams again for next round of comments

## **2d. Research project (Maya)**

- current timeline as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> round of research (interviews and group discussions) wrapped up by end of May; report back to Council, with separate time for longer presentation and Q&A, beginning of July (check relevance and direction for further research); 2<sup>nd</sup> round of research to end of August; write and defend dissertation by end of 2011; final report back to Commons early March

## **2e. Bulletin boards and signs (Communications Team – COM)**

- comments from other teams requested, on questions of **1 or 2 sided board, sign on top or separate, where they should be located** • STC: divided in opinion on bulletin board • Bob: checking into size regulations for sign • sign no problem; separate issues of sign and bulletin board • sign at entrance, maybe move one from edge of tennis courts and Rick has offered to make another one • connected to issue of logo if we want the sign to include it • logo should be short, simple, thematic • competition idea is good; guidelines need to be developed; send out to arts community; maybe keep it open and see how artists view the Commons; include footnote about no obligation to choose any entries • ACTION: Doug will talk with Kathy (arts community) • teams to address specific questions about bulletin board/sign (bolded above), send comments to COM team

## **2f. Logo (Communications Team – COM)**

- see 2e. above

## **3. TEAM ISSUES & CONCERNS**

### **3a. Dealing with waste, debris, garbage (Property Management – PMT)**

- if we bring it somewhere else, it'll be burned there; should we be passing it on to others to deal with? • idea: use burnable stuff to instigate community party with bon fire • GIRO doesn't take wood anymore • maybe Restore or Demex would take • usable material would be used here • berms have been started; will use some materials • garbage: Commons/PHC garbage adds up; others bring stuff here and leave it • chipper option still open for fresh cut stuff; chipper doesn't work for Broom and Daphne • maybe another berm with Daphne closer to tennis courts • ACTION: Patrick will make list of things to deal with so that specific solutions can be developed for each type of waste • ACTION: Sheila will find info on how to deal with Daphne (if we can't burn or chop it, what can we do with it?)

### **3b. Volunteers needed for 'Visions and Voices', June 10-12th**

- Judith provided outline of general purpose of this event • need volunteers/participants for planning and for day of • Hans has list of potential volunteers • need help with calling list from Hans • For now, Doug and Judith are contacts for those interested in helping • generally the process for getting in touch with new participants is that Hans gets the list (often from Mary – Vol/Part Team). who then sends specific names and contact info to teams they're interested in: but the

will talk with Judith and Doug and send his contact to COM team • ACTION: Judith, Doug, and Shawn (newly revitalized SET?) will provide more info about 'visions and voices' soon • ACTION: Hans will send list of potential volunteers/participants to SET • ACTION: Maya will send 1<sup>st</sup> version of events & networking worksheets to SET

### **3c. Cutting and selling fallen trees?**

- discussion needed between TAGS and FMT; some fallen trees could be left to become base for more growth

### **3d. Change voice on outgoing message?**

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## **4. TEAM REPORTS**

### **4a. Foundation (Linda) [Written report attached]**

- Re: nominations • still open; could be nominations from the floor; has to be allowed, according to Commons constitution • make voting process clear • difficulties in 3 key ppl leaving at same time • principle of rotating Trustees is important • board doesn't 'run' the Commons • new Trustees must be familiar with charter, principles and constitution; maybe a more explicit commitment to them • must also be responsive to community and recognize that it is always evolving
- Re: archivist • gather materials for new archivist – Dale Stark
- Re: 'office hours' • ½ day per week keep office open for walk-ins; Monday, 9-12am • 3 have signed up; 10 ppl is ideal, so that we have a couple for back-up • contact Linda if you want to sign up

### **4b. Poetry Gabriola (Alex)**

- received award to hold summer arts lab series • ~ 10 half day labs throughout the summer • dates TBA • also received award to commission 6 artists for next festival

### **4c. People for a Health Community – PHC (Charlie)**

- gas stove donated; propane tank installation donated • sometimes quick decisions are nec.; contact PMT – Patrick – for building related emergency decisions • for future use of workshop, contact Sharing the Commons Team • want to submit grant application, due before end of May; need discussion with STC in time for that • different decision-making processes (Commons and PHC) working together sometimes difficult but necessary

### **4d. Labyrinth (Mary)**

- planning to do some activities to help revitalize Labyrinth • ACTION: will send note to Doug re: need ppl to help with benches, events, rock garden

### **4e. Farm Management Team – FMT (Susan) [Written report attached]**

### **4f. Communications Team – COM (Doug) [Written report attached]**

TAGS doing mapping exercise; maybe FMT to do same thing and compare

**4g. Covenant Team – COV (George) [Written report attached]**

**4h. Grant Writing Team (George) [Written report attached]**

**4i. Infrastructure Team – INF (Hans) [Written report attached]**

**4j. Sustainability Team – SUS (Bob) [Written report attached]**

**4k. Sharing the Commons – STC (Kit) [Written report attached]**

#### **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **6. SUMMARY OF MEETING (Jinny)**

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