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MEETING NOTES



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It was a chilly morning in May, But Gunn's Dairy Barn was warm with conversation. Rotarians gathered for our weekly meeting. With Brian Gentles handling door sales duties and Deb Dunkanson greeting us at the door we were guaranteed a great morning meeting. And the ensuing agenda did not disappoint.

With Brad Sewall as the guest chair, the bell was rung at precisely 7:01 and the meeting was underway. Stan Christmas led the group in the singing of O Canada and Brad provided the indigenous moment.

Guests for the day were: Bob Merchant (Guest Speaker); Dave Graham; Tom McIntyre; Dave Townsend Catherine Von Brunschot; Anna Do (Calgary Public Library)

PROGRAM

Jamie Powell then introduced our speaker Bob Merchant. Bob graduated from the University of Michigan and is a registered Architect with over 35 years experience in commercial and residential projects. As past vice-president and council member of the Alberta Association of Architects, Mr. Merchant is an active member of a community association assisting in planning related issues. He has volunteered on several City of Calgary planning committees including the Industrial Zoning Review, Restaurant/Drinking Establishment/Entertainment Facility Review, Commercial Zoning Review and Third Party Signage Review.

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In 1972, the Calgary Land Use Bylaw was 78 pages, by 2008 it was over 1,000 pages and still had many problems. In particular there was no zoning for townhouses. In discussions with developers it was deemed that the permit process for developments was much too long. The proposed blanket rezoning was meant to address this. The R-CG land-use zoning is a low-density zoning which means a variety of low-density dwelling types can be built, including single family dwellings, semi-detached or duplex dwellings, and row-housing, all of which can include secondary suites if certain requirements are met. There are two types permits – permitted use which means all the rules have been met, and Discretionary – which means it needs review and approval. The problem is R-CG being permitted use. Bob went into a detailed hypothetical situation where a townhouse could be built with minimal setbacks (stairs extending almost to the sidewalk) and have 10 units with the parking requirement set at 3 spaces.

FRIDAYS 7 AM. GUNN'S DAIRY BARN, HERITAGE PARK, 1900 HERITAGE DRIVE SW, CALGARY



MOTIONS

On behalf of Vocational Services, Jim Sawers moved that RCCHP provide:

1. \$2,000 to the Aventa Centre of Excellence for Women with Addictions in order to offer two \$1,000 'Supporting Women in Recovery' grants for Aventa Alumnae who are pursuing education at a college, university or trade school and
2. \$300 towards capital costs for opening the second-hand clothing store in the Aventa location.

Motion was seconded by Doug MacDonald and carried.

MINUTES

Asha Paul introduced Anna Do from the Calgary Public Library and presented a cheque to her in support of the Readers and Leaders (formerly 'It's a crime not to read') program. Anna accepted the cheque and provided a brief summary of the program and its importance.

HAPPY BUCKS

It seems that despite the weather, many Rotarians were happy today. **Brian Gentles** informing the CAWST presentation will be on May 23, **Linda** is off to Ontario to do some serious birding, **Phil**, **Peter** (baseball season and golfing), **Steve** (presentation) **Brad** (concern buck) **Richard** – 2 new membership applications.

BIRTHDAYS& ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

PETER HARDING.....MAY 14
SUSAN HOPE.....MAY 17

ANNIVERSARIES

BOB & MARYANN COVE (46YRS) MAY 2
TED & TAMMY WOOD (31YRS)MAY 15

SHERIFF

The sheriff (Roger) made a surprise return to the barn this morning and he was in an ornery mood starting off with a gutsy fine for our guest chair. Since he hadn't been around for a while he even resorted to some retroactive fines for infractions earlier in the year. Other culprits were Asha (phone), Phil and Janet (late), Janet another fine for trying to get another Rotarian in trouble, Brian Gentles (late for door sales and blamed the sheriff), Doug Kinley (coffee machine infraction), Jim Sawers (Roberts Rules), Asha again (microphone infraction) and Richard assuming Gary Gray was a shoo-in for reinstatement into RCCHP

PROGRAM (contd)

If this was a midblock unit, the neighbouring backyards could have a 3 story building beside it. Conceivably, for garbage collection, this unit could require as much as 30 bins which logistically would be difficult, if not impossible.

The current hearing process has about 85% of the speakers having issues with the rezoning. In the Q & A it was noted that there is a possibility that these numbers are somewhat skewed in that many of the respondents have a vested interest but overall a solution needs to be found.

Jamie thanked Bob and informed him that we have made a donation to Polio Plus in his name

DUTY ROSTER

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GREETERPHIL HOCHHAUSEN
DOOR SALES.....;.....BILL HOPE
INTRODUCE & THANK.....N/A
REPORTER.....STEVE DUNK

**If you are unable to fulfil your duties
please find your own replacement.**

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