

## DRAFT MNUTES

### Sunriver Garden Council Meeting

Via Zoom video conference

April 15, 2020

**In Attendance:** Paula (Chair), Janet R (Communications, Work Bee and Interim Registration Coordinator), Fiona (Secretary)

#### 1 Reports:

##### **Food Chi Board Meeting**

Paula attended the Food Chi Board Meeting held by video conference on April 7, 2020. Pending review of upcoming minutes, Paula reported that Food Chi is exploring new initiatives for gardeners in Sooke to grow their own food – called Growing Together.

##### **Volunteer Food Growing Program**

Paula and her group of volunteers have completed one delivery of approximately 45lbs of community plot harvest to the Sooke Food Bank. This was achieved in adherence to current SRG Covid 19 protocols. A second harvest will be carried out on April 16. Thanks to those who participated. Any plot holders able to assist should contact Paula.

##### **General Maintenance** (Compost, tools, water etc.)

Maurice and Jacqui are willing to continue their oversight of SRG tools and equipment. Council appreciate their commitment to this valuable resource.

The appropriate use of compost piles by plot holders remains an issue. Information will be circulated via newsletter. Thanks to Doug for his continued work on compost.

The water has now been turned on.

**Action:** Paula and Janet to review the current tool and water supply equipment. Janet to request inventory list from Maurice and Jacqui and circulate to Council.

##### **Communications:**

Discussion of current communication between Food Chi and SRG Council. All agreed that timely and transparent two-way communication is necessary and important. Current SRG council requested that any Food Chi committee struck for events involving use of the Sunriver Garden should include an SRG council member to ensure timely notice of events and input/feedback from gardeners. Council also welcomed the circulation of Food Chi Board agenda and minutes.

**Action:** Paula to convey this information to Sook Food Chi Board at the next meeting on May 5, 2020.

##### **Work Bees:**

Council is seeking volunteers to assist with day to day maintenance in the garden.

**Action:** Request to be made in the forthcoming newsletter.

## 2 New Business:

**Election of new Executive and Council.** Council discussed the composition of the 2020 Council. It was agreed that a Council Treasurer may be superfluous, given that Food Chi operate the SRG budget. Food Chi is currently seeking a new Treasurer. Council are seeking information around last year's budget.

Council agreed to include two members at large to Council, in addition to the current Chair, Secretary, Plot Registrar and Pod reps, Food Chi and Orchard representatives. Jill and Laura have volunteered to be members at large.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a "Survey Monkey" will be compiled to ascertain plot holder feedback and elect Council for 2020, given the current Covid 19 ban on open meetings.

**Action:** Fiona to continue to seek information from Beth, past SRG chair re. the 2019 budget. Paula to request budget information from Anita, Food Chi Board Chair. Fiona to begin compilation of Survey Monkey.

**Newsletter.** Janet and Dave have prepared a newsletter. It was agreed that this should be a monthly event throughout the growing season.

**Action:** Fiona and Paula to review the draft newsletter and add where necessary.

**Orchard:** Council agreed that increased two-way communication from the Orchard representative would be helpful.

**Action:** Paula to discuss with Glen.

## 3 Issues Arising from Previous Meeting

**Erosion.** Pod 4 plot holders have now been accommodated on previous Grow A Row plots. There has still been no confirmation from the District on the status of insurance and whether/ when the cordon on Pod 4 will be lifted.

**Action:** Fiona to continue to seek information from the District of Sooke.

**Fencing:** Food Chi Board minutes indicate that Food Chi intend to carry out fence repairs and renewal themselves, given the cost. More information will be available in the future.

**Covid 19.** Protocol signs have now been posted following collaborative action from SRG Council, Food Chi and the District of Sooke. Thanks to all for their prompt action in averting closure of the garden.

**Council agreed that close attention to the protocols is essential to maintaining the health and safety of plot holders and ensuring the continued operation of the garden.**

Friends of plot holders who work on garden plots must be registered as co-plot holders and must be members of Food Chi as per the current regulations for liability coverage and the Covid 19 protocols.

**Action:** Janet to contact a plot holder to ensure that their co-worker has been registered.

**Format and Date of Next Meeting.** May 13, 2020 via Zoom video conference.