

AREA F NEIGHBORHOODS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2024

1. **Council in Attendance:** Jenna, Glenda, Steven, Baz, Carrie, Earl, Jim, Myrna, Dirk, Nicole, Miranda, Bill
2. **Welcome and introductions. What brings each of us here?:** Topics of concern or areas of interest expressed were First Nations land transference, learning to live with wildlife, food sustainability, long term wellbeing of community, education/distribution of information to community members, soil and water quality, farmland affordability, OCP and Boundary Study communication
3. **Prospective organizational purpose statement?** Conversation around what our association goals will be: Our big, bold, overarching goal is to change the structure of RDN management of Area F. We will do this by setting smaller, achievable goals like:
 - Supporting our representative, currently Leanne Salter, and lend her our collective voices within the RDN meetings
 - Create and implement a communication strategy to educate community members about Area F issues ie market booth, website, bulletin board at PO and stores
 - Meeting with, and learning from, other neighborhood associations, existing community run boards (like the Errington Hall, Bradley Centre, Coombs Hall) to learn about their wins, losses, frustrations, and points of success.
4. **Seek Non-Profit status discussion?** More information needed. Is it worthwhile? Tabled until next meeting.
5. **Thoughts about organizational structure?** Tabled until next meeting. We briefly discussed different structures but the general feeling was to be careful not to unintentionally create rigid hierarchy, alliances, or something that felt like a “mini RDN”. Ideas suggested: 2 voting members from each area on the board, OR principal operators, smaller committees, welcome to the public. We request that members think about “What are the general structures of associations that are successful” so that we can create a structure for ourselves that aligns with our purpose and goals.
6. **What will we call our association?** Our temporary working title is the Area F Neighborhoods' Association. Members are asked to give this some consideration so that we can create a name at the next meeting that encompasses all neighborhoods of Area F, and the work that we will be doing.
7. **Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be held at the Meadowood Community Centre on **Tuesday, Oct 1 2024, at 7-9 pm.** Please spread the word, as we would love to have more voices from Meadowood join the conversation!

Miranda is scheduled to meet with Leanne Salter on Aug 22 to inform her of our association, ask where she needs our help most, find out what RDN meetings are most important for us to

show up for, and get updates on the boundary study and OCP progress. Stay tuned for more info!