

Minutes
SVCA Long Term Planning Committee
January 29, 2025

Call to order by Ray Meador at 6:34 pm in the SV Library Conference room

Land Acknowledgment

I would like to begin by acknowledging that we gather today on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish Peoples

Anri-racism Statement

The Sudden Valley Community Association (SVCA) stands against racism of all colors.

Members present: Ray Meador, Rick Asai, Adam Tullis, Elizabeth Huthert, Gary Bara, Ken Van de Polder, Mitch Waterman. Observing member: Chad Avery.

Other guests from the Whatcom Mountain Bike Club: Dan Murphy, Michael Bretz, Kurt Keller, Mike Veazie, Lauren Church (photographer)

Self introductions by Board members and guests present.

1. Adoption of the agenda: approved by consent
2. Adopt minutes: there were no recorded or posted minutes from the June 17, 2024 meeting.

Announcements: Chad Avery is sitting in to consider joining the LRPC.

Business:

3. A well prepared presentation for a proposal by Sudden Valley Safe Cycling (SVSC) to request permission to seek approval of concept to build a pump track was made to the LRPC. The 13 page proposal gave a background of this group of men with families living in Sudden Valley, what a pump track is, the number of children living in Sudden Valley, benefits of having a pump track as an added amenity for Sudden Valley, with timelines, budgets, and resources available. SVSC anticipates a shared cost budget proposal splitting the cost 50-50 with SVCA. They are seeking approval to begin conversations with Whatcom County on the feasibility of a pump track on Sudden Valley property. The committee thanked them for their well organized and concise presentation. The committee will review the printed presentation for discussion, review and any warranted recommendation to the BOD.

3a. A short discussion of the proposal by the committee followed.

4. Rick Asai gave a short summary of the article seeking comments from members about priorities for SVCA to be considered by the LRPC. Membership comments strongly encouraged.

5a. Each committee member was asked to share topics for consideration by the LRPC. A long list of ideas were presented. The purpose of this format was to get as many ideas out in front of the committee for consideration at the next meeting, with some time for all committee members to digest in preparation for discussion and prioritization at the next meeting. Without going in to specifics topics included: maintaining existing amenities with a look at long term sustainability; how to manage heavy use times at the Marina; designing a prioritization tool that

takes into consideration- financial sustainability, environmental sustainability, climate change resistance, forest management, does it increase connectivity, does it increase visibility, have we assured community support?, ; responsible use of dues; generating more non-dues revenue; maximize use of rotunda space; more gathering places for events, clubs and seniors; preserve historical story of Sudden Valley from ranch and farm to HOA; consistent new owner orientation presentations; how to allow more seniors to age in place; reassess communication systems and modalities; solar generating project with storage for RV/boats; self-storage units; put vacant space in clubhouse to good use; long term plan for Marina; options for area Y; barns 8 and 6 long term plans.

5b. Ray Meador then presented current financial obligations with payoff dates on loans in addition to estimated costs to borrow 1 or 2 million dollars. He also listed current obligated funds set aside for barns 6 and 8.

6. Ray then explained that the LRPC would meet on the first Thursday of the month, starting next week at 6:30pm on February 6, 2025 in Multipurpose Room A. Agenda to follow.

Without further business, meeting adjourned at approx. 8:30pm.