



## **Safety Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

May 15, 2025, 2:00 PM, LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

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I. Call to order

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II. Land acknowledgment statement:

Land Acknowledgment

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

Anti-racism Statement

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

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III. Attendance: Members: Rick Asai, Chair; Tom Henning, Vice-chair; Daniel Harris;; Ted Wang; Judy White. Debbie Davolio(excused absence), Kolleen Mitchell(unexcused absence)

Quorum is present

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IV. Adopt the agenda, adding approval of minutes to agenda

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V. Minutes approved as submitted. Thanks again to Debbie Davolio for doing such an outstanding job of preparing the minutes.

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VI. Announcements: Fire Wise cleanup in progress by regions in SV, weekly through May 23. Blood Drive June 6 at the Welcome center. Signup info on SVCA Announcement page of website.

VII.

Program updates (continuing business)

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VIIa. Judy White-Wildfire Workshop Recap: attendance noted ~39 not including committee, staff, and presenters, plus several viewing on Zoom. This was discussed as being a good attendance. Another observation was that there were a number of new residents in attendance, which supports the idea of repeated presentations Year to Year as ownership

turnover occurs. Comments: what went well, what could be improved? Ideas for improvements next year? Many good questions: microphones could be better utilized by having questioners come to podium to ask their question so all can hear the question without having to take time for the presenter to repeat the question. Obtain information on how people became informed about the presentation. Utilize A-board or other signage to publicize the event a few days before and on the day of the presentation at each gate. Get a list of names and contact information of attendees; consider having a drawing for a raffle prize to help obtain this information. To do: write up article for the Views: Taimi took some pictures that can be included. Include the QR code for having a home assessment by Robert Walters for Firewise suggestions. The video of the presentation is on the Sudden Valley u-tube channel-the link is on the SVCA website under:

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VIIb. Ted Wang- Water safety-life preserver update and next steps. We are at the point where we need a resolution to take to the BOD for approval. See addendum. Discussion. Rick noted that he was informed that there are a number of life jackets in the Marina office, and were being checked out at least once this season already. These life jackets present in the Marina office was news to Ted. He will look into this when he reviews site of placement of loaner rack with Mike Brock in maintenance. Materials list and estimated cost discussed. Drawings and plans for loaner rack is suggested to be submitted instead of photo of Blowdel-Donovan rack. Can loaner rack be attached to Marina office building for enhanced stability? The GM has agreed to cover these expenses from his GM budget. Needs the following: signed forms related to limit of liability and submission of receipts for reimbursement of material costs. Ted will followup on forms.

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VIIc. Mapping your neighborhood- the June 9th date does no longer work for Greg. 6:30-8:00 pm-June 9th HAS BEEN CANCELLED. When Judy spoke with Greg, he offered June 23rd instead. Need to reschedule room and date. Greg Hope (city of Bellingham office of emergency management) and Amy Cloud, (Whatcom Sheriff's Division of Emergency Management). What do we need for setup? For the MYN presentation no special AV is needed, just a microphone. Discussion of his presentation format does not seem likely to succeed as people show up as individuals not as neighborhood groups. It was suggested that a Go-Bag presentation would be preferred, with an introductory session on arranging a MYN presentation subsequent to this Go-Bag session. Judy will approach Greg on this idea. Will need resolution to take to the BOD. Room has been reserved for June 23rd. See addendum of proposal to request funds.

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VIIc. Kolleen Mitchell-School bus safety-update and next steps; discuss recommendations to BOD on signs/lights/etc. Need \$\$ estimates for recommendation to move forward. Need solution to speeding issue too. Kolleen absent. Tom offered to look into used radar speed signs at county and hardware surplus locations to ascertain availability and cost. He will report back.

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VIIId. Discuss dates and topics for two more Safety oriented programs this year (Go Bag, Disaster Preparedness Plan, Emergency Communication Plan, other?) July 23, Aug 27, Sept 24, Oct 22. Discussion ensued on attendance during summer months, and maybe pause for July and August and resume after school starts up in the fall.

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VIIe. Parking: LRPC has a subcommittee looking at parking management in areas near public beaches, ie. Marina/dog park and AM & PM Beaches.

VIII. New Business:

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Alternate evacuation routes. Judy has a good start that she shared with some text and some photos with the committee. Matt Klein has scheduling issue, needs to reschedule our initial meeting. June 3rd cancelled due to a conflict on Matt's end. Daniel suggests that we accept his offer, as his schedule is more restrictive than ours. His offer is May 28th. Matt requests that the GM and some board members be present as well as the Safety Committee members. Will check on availability of GM before confirming and sharing date with BOD and Safety Committee.

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IX. Adjourn

Next meeting: 2:00PM Wednesday June 19, 2025. In person at the Library Conference Room.