

SUNSHINE VALLEY COMMITTEE

SUNSHINE VALLEY COMMUNITY VISION SUMMARY REPORT MEETING 3

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF SUNSHINE VALLEY

**20TH OCTOBER 2007
SUNSHINE VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL
9:00AM – 12:30PM**



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SUMMARY

A Vision for the Future of Sunshine Valley

Sunshine Valley Committee Meeting October 20th, 2007

Introduction

This is the third of four meetings – the start of building a vision for the Sunshine Valley community. The overall goal of this meeting was to translate the issues and challenges identified in earlier meetings into values and interests. Specifically the meeting focused on:

- Establishing the community interests
- Defining the community values arising from the interests
- Identifying the elements of the community vision

See Appendix A for the Agenda for this meeting.

Roll up our Sleeves and Get to Work

This section reviewed the committee work to date and described the work plan for this session.

The first item of business was to confirm the Sunshine Valley Committee membership. There are 34 members who attended either or both meetings held Aug 4 and Sept 8. Note that the committee members are listed in Appendix B of the Summary Report for Meeting 2: Plans and Processes for Crown Land.

The Feedback Comments from Meeting 2 contained a suggestion that the Committee post the meeting rules agreed to in the first two meetings. These *Rules of Engagement* (see Figure 1) were well received by the committee.

The structure of this meeting was laid out for the participants. The intention was to develop the values and interests based on the issues and concerns previously identified in earlier meetings, then to determine their relative importance using small group break out sessions. Appendix B summarises the presentation by Graham Daneluz (FVRD).

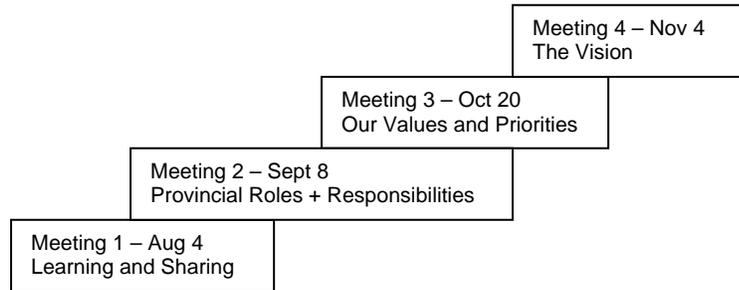
Figure 1: Rules of Engagement

BE CONCISE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE CONSTRUCTIVE
SPEAK POSITIVELY
STAY FOCUSED ON THE ISSUE
LISTEN WHEN SOMEONE IS TALKING
CHALLENGE THE IDEA NOT THE SPEAKER
APPRECIATE THE PAST; FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Overview of Sunshine Valley Committee Achievements to Date

The presentation by Hugh Sloan (FVRD) outlined the work accomplished in the previous two meetings. Figure 2 illustrates the steps taken towards building a vision for the Sunshine Valley. The first two meetings were learning opportunities for both the committee members and the FVRD staff. The committee members were given an opportunity to identify their issues and concerns in non-threatening and constructive ways. The FVRD staff learned from the committee members what makes Sunshine Valley a special place.

Figure 2: Steps Towards a Vision



Identifying the Individual Interests and Values

In previous meetings, the discussions revolved around issues and concerns facing the Sunshine Valley community. These discussions were summarized into six general categories:

- community interests
- recreation interests
- development interests
- resources interests
- environment interests
- service interests

In the third meeting, the objective was to translate these previously identified issues and concerns into interests and values. To accomplish this, the committee was divided into three smaller groups to facilitate individual participation in the discussions. There were two sessions with three stations for each of the defined interests and the groups rotated through each station. For each category, all committee members had an opportunity to redefine those issues and concerns previously identified into interests and values. Appendix D summarizes the interests and values discussed at each station. Following is a brief synthesis of these discussions for each of the categories.

Community Interests

The dialogue on community interest issues was varied but linked with a central theme of community cohesion. A united voice for the community, or the term ‘for everyone’ kept emerging as a common value throughout each group. The discussion focused on how to achieve this cohesion. The first approach is through formal structures or governance. The second is through informal participation - a shared responsibility or ethic that everyone in Sunshine Valley can participate in, such as volunteering or assisting newcomers with an introduction to the area. The group consensus was that through the building of a community ethic outside of formal structures, the community as a whole becomes stronger, respect grows and Sunshine Valley becomes better informed to shape its future.

Recreation Interests

Comments from the discussion on recreation focused on three main topics: trails, community centre, and crown land. A significant number of values were identified for each of these topics. In general, it was recognized that the natural landscape and existing community centre are Sunshine Valley amenities to be enhanced for the benefit of the entire community. For example, the groups identified a desire for a well maintained and accessible trail network, connections between the existing Provincial Parks and the community, and a multi-use community centre accessible to all and able to serve as a gathering place.

Development Interests

The group discussion on development values in Sunshine Valley highlighted a strong interest in planning for development which involves community consultation and decision making. The group concurred that modest development was appropriate and desirable but not at the expense of their natural environment and their rural quality of life. The group observed that development and the affiliated opportunity to improve or contribute to new services needs to be balanced with its impacts to the community, but clearly gave these improved services and diversity of amenities a high value.

Resource Interests

The small group discussion on resources confirmed that Sunshine Valley owners have a very strong interest in the planning and development of resource activities. These activities may be located outside the settlement area but their impact on the community and landscape is significant. Group comments were clear from all sessions – in order to interact with industry and government on these issues, Sunshine Valley needs to speak collectively, be well informed, have the capacity to participate, and become proactive with forward planning policy on resource development in and around the community. Resource extraction was also seen as a lost opportunity worth exploring. The group noted that, at present, no direct economic or non-economic benefits of resource development are experienced by the Sunshine Valley community.

Environment Interests

In considering the broad area of the environment, the small group discussions considered topics such as natural hazards, the landscape and a diverse set of miscellaneous values related to environment. Clearly the topic of environment was wide-ranging but the dialogue emphasized the need for the community to live in harmony with the natural environment, whether it is hazard avoidance or habitat protection. In discussion, detailed values regarding the importance of community preparation and protection from environmental hazards such as fire, flood, water contamination, and landslide, etc were emphasized. Also given the beautiful natural setting of Sunshine Valley, group discussion highlighted values that maintain natural features as view scapes from logging activities or inhibited light intrusion into the dark night sky.

Service Interests

In summary, the discussion focused on the desired values for service, including; type, delivery, financing, organization & structure. Committee members clearly felt that a rural level of service was appropriate, but valued provision of services in a clear, affordable and accountable manner where owners have a say. A diverse list of services was identified and discussed, from fire protection to road maintenance. While some of these services are already provided to some extent and others not at all – it was clear that there was room for improvement and change.

Value Prioritization

Following the small group discussions, the key values from each category were presented on cards at the front of the room for Committee members to review. In order to identify top values from the morning discussions, the Committee members were asked to vote in a ‘dotmocracy’ exercise to identify their top five values. It was explained that by identifying top values, other values identified are not excluded. Rather the exercise helps visually inform the Committee where their collective values are found. This important exercise provides the base for the development of vision statement(s) for Sunshine Valley.

Introduction to Vision Statements

The collective values from each of the small group discussions are the building blocks leading to the creation of a vision for Sunshine Valley. To assist with this shift from values to visioning, the Committee heard an

introductory presentation from Dawn Smith (FVRD) on *Vision Statements – Not a Blueprint but a Direction Forward*. The presentation touched on the following topics;

Vision statements are:

- Written reflection of our community values
- Synthesis of community expectations
- Foundation for the Vision Plan
- Collection of aspirations
- Sets out the goals
- The big picture – think global

But Vision statements are NOT – a detailed list of plan

Visions can be a collection of statements or one sentence – long or short. The common elements, however, reflect:

- positive tone
- shared values
- uniqueness of the community - one size does not fit all
- sets benchmarks

The Committee looked at three example vision statements, including the Skownan First Nation, FVRD Electoral Area “H” – Sumas Mountain, Sechelt – Sunshine Coast, BC. Each example is representative of vision statements created for community based planning projects, and provides an example of statements such as simple, comprehensive and list formats. For the complete presentation see Appendix E.

In the presentation the Committee was asked to consider the importance of vision statements. Throughout sessions one and two, Sunshine Valley Committee members have clearly expressed a collective desire to speak together as one community. This shared desire emphasizes the importance of capturing the broad based values and setting the foundation for a collective Community Vision. A vision statement can bring everyone together on the same page before moving forward. One might consider it similar to agreeing which trail the group travels on before beginning a hike, and hopefully avoiding everyone heading in different directions.

Starting the Vision Statement

After considering the form, function and importance of vision statements, the Committee moved on to a discussion and review of the top values identified earlier in the ‘dotmocracy’ exercise. The Committee also considered how these values might be incorporated into vision statements, which will shape and guide the Vision for Sunshine Valley.

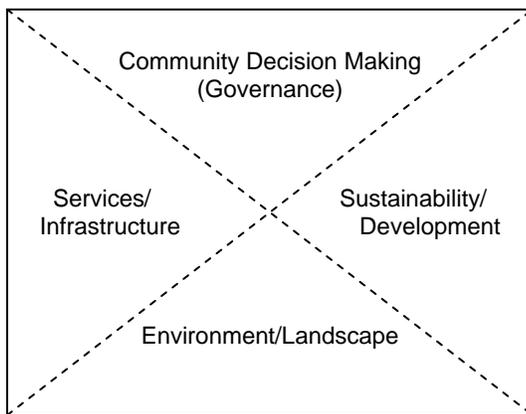
Hugh Sloan (FVRD) and Graham Daneluz (FVRD) led the discussion and review of the top values. It was explained that the intention is to build on these values, and bring back vision statements for the consideration of Committee in the next meeting.

The values and interests identified in the small group exercises can be summarized into four categories. Figure 3 illustrates these four categories:

- Community Decision Making (Governance)
- Services/Infrastructure
- Sustainability/Development
- Environment/Landscape

It was noted that during the small group discussions, that many values cross boundaries and do not necessarily fit into only one heading or title. Figure 3 visually represents the blurring of these boundaries by having the four categories separated by a dashed line. A more detailed table of these top values is presented in Appendix G.

Figure 3: Four Categories for a Vision



In the Committee discussion of the top values, the following were emerging thoughts for the vision statement:

- Sunshine Valley is part of the surrounding area, where impacts from beyond reach the local level
- A place where the community comes together, with one voice and builds trust
- Accountability and transparency in community issues
- Modest growth community, which sustainability managed to ensure the rural quality of life is maintained, and development occurs in harmony with the environment.

Summary of the Comment Sheets

Of the 23 attended, 21 completed Feedback Comment Sheets. Overall, the participants were positive about the meeting structure and accomplishments. The common feeling was one of anticipation for the next meeting where the committee will work on the vision. See Appendix G for a summary of these comments.

Next Steps

Committee members participated fully in session three, and worked very hard to move forward from community issues and interests, to setting common values which will shape the Vision for Sunshine Valley. In the next and final session scheduled for Saturday, November 24, the committee will consider ideas for a vision statement based on their work from the past session. The objective of this next meeting is to reach consensus on a community vision statement and discuss possible avenues to achieving the vision.

Appendix A: Agenda Sunshine Valley Committee

A Vision for the Future of Sunshine Valley
Saturday 20th October 2007
Sunshine Valley Community Hall
8:30am - 12:30pm

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to assist Sunshine Valley Residents in:

- Establishing what their community interests are.
- Defining what the community values are arising from the community interests.
- Identifying what their community vision is.

MEETING AGENDA

- 8:30 – 9:00 am *Registration and coffee*
- 9:00 am **Welcome and introductions**
- 9:05 am **Roll up our shirt sleeves and get to work**
 ^ reaffirm expectations of the Sunshine Valley Committee
 ^ introduce the *Rules of Engagement*
 ^ reminders of website, Stories and Histories
 ^ outline the structure of Meeting 3
- 9:15 am **Overview of Sunshine Valley Committee Achievements to Date**
 Presentation: Hugh Sloan: *What the Sunshine Valley Committee has Accomplished*
- 9:25 am **Community, Recreation, and Development Interests of Sunshine Valley**
 ^ Concurrent small group sessions, all to examine the following:
 ▪ community interests
 ▪ recreation interests
 ▪ development interests
- 10:00 am **Recap of Small Group Session #1**
 ▪ Brief presentation of the results of the discussion of the three concurrent
 small group sessions
- 10:10 am *Refreshment Break*
- 10:10 am *Refreshment Break*
- 10:25 am **Resources, Environment and Service Interests in Sunshine Valley**

- ^ Concurrent small group sessions, all to examine the following:
 - resources interests
 - environment interests
 - service interests

- 11:00 am **Recap of small group session #2**
Brief presentation of the results of the discussion of the three concurrent small group sessions
- 11:10 am *Refreshment Break*
- 11:25am Participants to place dots on their top values/interests that are posted on wall.
- 11:40am **Introduction to Vision Statements**
Presentation: Dawn Smith: *Vision Statement – Not a Blueprint but a Direction*
- 11:50am **Starting the Vision Statement - Whole Group Discussion**
 - ^ Whole group to discuss the following:
 - What values/interests are most important to your community.
 - How these values/interests become elements of a vision statement.
- 12:20pm **Wrap Up and Next Steps**
 - ^ Review of day's proceedings
 - ^ Objectives for the next and last meeting
 - ^ Completion of Comment Sheets
- 12:30pm *Adjourn*

Please return the Feedback Comment Sheets and the name tag holders before you leave

Appendix B: Roll Up Our Shirt Sleeves and Get To Work

Sunshine Valley Committee

Roll up our shirt sleeves...and get to work

Confirming the Committee

The Sunshine Valley Committee:

- 34 members
- Consists of all those who attended either or both meetings held Aug 4 and Sept 8.
- Consists of representatives from all Sunshine Valley villages.

Communication

Today we have:

- updated the Sunshine Valley Community page on the FVRD website
<http://www.fvrd.bc.ca/FVRD/Services/Planning+and+Development/Projects/Sunshine+Valley.htm>
- emailed and mailed copies of the Meeting 2 summary report to all committee members

Rules of Engagement

- Be concise
- Be respectful
- Be constructive
- Speak positively
- Stay focused on the issue
- Listen when someone is talking
- Challenge the idea not the speaker
- Appreciate the past; focus on the future

Sunshine Valley: History and Stories

Sunshine Valley: History and Stories:

- History can be recent past
- Stories can be why you decided to move to Sunshine Valley
- Please use these forms to fill out the stories
...or you can email me at chalbert@fvrd.bc.ca

Expectations

Remember to set realistic goals

- these meetings are a starting point
- we won't solve all the problems or answer all the questions

Sunshine Valley Community

- Today the focus is on you, the community
- What values/interests are most important to your community.
- How these values/interests become elements of a vision statement.

Focus

Today we are asking you to:

- Divide into breakout groups to develop values/interests
- Determine the importance of these values/interests
- Develop these values/interests into elements of your vision statement

Appendix C: Presentation - Overview of Sunshine Valley Committee Achievements to Date

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Overview of Sunshine Valley Committee Achievements

Building towards a Vision

August 4, 2007

Learning and sharing about your Sunshine Valley

Meeting 1
Learning and Sharing

Building towards a Vision

September 8, 2007

The Provincial picture – roles and responsibilities in rural communities

Meeting 2
Provincial Roles + Responsibilities

Meeting 1
Learning and Sharing

Building towards a Vision

Today - identifying the community values and priorities....starting the Vision

Meeting 3
Our Values and Priorities

Meeting 2
Provincial Roles + Responsibilities

Meeting 1
Learning and Sharing

Building towards a Vision

Each meeting is a series of steps towards the Vision for Sunshine Valley

Meeting 2
Provincial Roles + Responsibilities

Meeting 1
Learning and Sharing

Today's session

What next?

- Build on already identified concerns
- Discover shared community values from concerns
- Think big picture
- What's our value or goal?

Small group sessions

- Three groups; Red, Blue, Green
- Rotate between stations

•Group Session #1 (9:25 am start)

- Community - Dawn
- Recreation - Connie
- Development - Graham

•Group Session #2 (10:25 am)

- Resources - Dawn
- Environment - Connie
- Services – Graham

Let's translate issues & concerns...to shared community values

Appendix D: Summary of Interests/Values from Break-out Groups

Community Interests

- Recognize knowledge and experiences of community
- A united but diversified voice respectful of each village
- A coalition of voices not one voice
- Representation and governance for everyone in Sunshine Valley
- Sunshine Valley as one community working together in harmony
- Value our differences but respect our community
- Place for everyone, everyone is equal
- Safe and reliable services for everyone (parking lot item)
- Well informed community that assists newcomers
- SV guidelines and regulations are applied for everyone to follow
- An informed community that respects the rules
- Maintain a rural quality of life
- Balance development between existing community and our growth needs
- Community ethic
- Local economy respectful to forests and community recreation interests

Recreation

Trails

- Well maintained and accessible trail network
- Experience SV as a destination for recreation trails
- All/multi purpose trails
- Need trails mapped and categorized
- Some trails should be dedicated to single or compatible users
- Signed and 'way finded' trails
- SV has a guidebook with rules and regulations for trails
- Integrated trail network connecting designated trails, local provincial parks, and forestry recreation areas with SV
- Trail system with designated uses (single/compatible vs. multi-use)
- Unique, safe, low use recreation community with respectful users
- Multi-use trail system
- Integrating SV trail system with crown land
- Respectful trail users

Community Centre

- Accessible, multi-use community centre
- Historical importance of the community
- Place to get community information
- Accessible to all age groups at all times
- A community gathering place
- A community centre with current amenities
- A community centre that also is a first response centre
- Accessible for all people
- Large, modern heated centre – multi function
- Community gathering place

- Comprehensive recreation facility with tennis courts

Crown Land

- Collaborative plans for resource, wildlife, including recreation use of surrounding crown land
- Corridor between existing parks to connect SV to recreation opportunities
- SV recognized as a view sensitive community
- Watchdog for protection of crown land
- Accessible to outside users as well as local residents (ie parking lot)
- Plans for crown land to be integrated with SV community plans
- Development of crown land to consider SV community
- Land Use Management Plan integrating all interest groups and users

Development Interests

- Environmental guidelines
- Clear responsibility for maintenance
- Park development
- Lodge accommodations
- Need ways to control/maintain facilities if development is to occur
- Very modest development within limits of ecological and rural constraints
- Development interests that involve everyone
- Community centre that is a park
- Development to support a cohesive community
- Community say in development
- Community benefits
- Planning process, community based – goals, etc. context for development
- Development has to be in safe locations
- Grandfather existing development, improve existing development
- New development should avoid problems with title & mortgages
- Find out what works in existing development
- Modest growth
- Plan/guidelines for how development is to occur
- Authority to enforce
- Commercial for local needs
- New development should bring community benefits for all
- Lodge
- Recreational development and infrastructure
- Community assets should be protected
- Community to have a say in development
- Communication with developer
- New development supported by adequate services
- Sustain development with secure reliable infrastructure within environmental limits
- Modest level, measured rate of change
- Maintain natural & rural environment
- Community impacts should be addressed – traffic, etc
- Skiing, recreation desirable
- Communications with developer
- Community to have a say in development
- Don't want emphasis on resource-industrial

Resources

- Informed community able to interact with resource industry
- Planned response to industry for development of resources
- Balanced approach to resource and industrial development in the community
- Realize economic and non-economic benefits from resource development – not just jobs we have other community needs
- A safe standard for industry and resource companies in the Resort
- Consulted and open communication between community and decision makers
- Giving back to community by all benefactors
- Local resources and capacity to interact with industry
- Shared responsibility to contribute on community concerns
- A proactive community
- SV comes first, and it's (1) livability and (2) health and safety
- Collaborative community with a strong voice to industry
- Values community investments by owners in the context of resource development activities

Environment

General

- SV community plan that is sensitive to the needs of wildlife
- Safe environment where SV residents and users can enjoy their external community
- SV that exercises constraints for use of guns and other weapons
- Protected habitat and indigenous plant species in community
- SV that is connected to its natural environment
- SV with agreements with logging companies protecting forested areas adjacent to community boundaries
- SV that is in harmony with its natural environment
- SV with protected river network
- Preserved O2 content/levels
- Noise restricted to preserve natural ambiance

Natural Hazards

- SV with a protected view-scape
- SV with protective measures for earthquake, forest fires, floods, land slides, etc.
- SV without propane lines susceptible to natural hazards
- Safe, clean uncontaminated water sources
- Expanded ES system that improves community ability to protect itself during a natural hazard event
- SV where natural hazards are defined definitively
- Community that is well prepared for fire hazards including awareness. Also for other hazards ie mud slides, flooding avalanches, earthquakes
- Community that incorporates natural hazard safety measures
- Community with a comprehensive ES plan

Landscape

- Protected view landscape for SV community
- Protected 'night sky' from artificial light
- SV that has an inviting entrance
- Logging practice that is sensitive to SV community aesthetics
- SV with a litter free program
- SV that has welcoming public spaces including entrance that focuses on natural environment features

- Private and crown land use plan that incorporates view scapes
- Community recreation plan that protects environment from degrading recreation uses.

Services

- Rural level of services, affordable
- Phone & cellular improvements for emergencies
- Level of garbage service is good
- Operations and maintenance improvements to services should be transparent and accountable, clear responsibility
- Owners want say in service delivery
- Roads, snow clearing, safety, inconsistent maintenance, bridge over Sumallo
- Fire protection, review of community desires
- Fire protection, forest fire risk & co-ordination with authority
- Facility for local services; ESS, Fire, etc.
- Upgrade recreation services
- Owners to have say in service levels
- Community decision making
- Get together
- Road maintenance; potholes & ditch cleaning
- Clear responsibility for who is responsible
- Residents want say in service levels, through strata
- Roads facilitate movement through whole community
- Strata's should co-ordinate services
- Everyone should have safe drinkable water
- Interested OR invest in flood protection works
- Development to improve service levels

Appendix E: Presentation - Starting the Vision Statement

FVRD Planning

Introduction to Vision Statements

Not a Blueprint but a Direction

Vision statements 101

Vision

- The ability to think about the future with imagination or wisdom.
- A mental image of what the future will or could be like.

Statement

- an expression of something in writing
- (*Oxford English Dictionary*)

A Vision Statement is:

- Written reflection of community values
- Synthesis of community expectations
- Foundation for the Vision Plan
- Collection of aspirations
- Sets out the goals
- The big picture – think global

- It is *not*...a detailed list or plan

Examples

“Our people work together to build a strong, safe and united community for our children and future generations.”

Skownan First Nation

Examples

“A community of low density rural residential neighbourhoods and low-impact recreational development connected by a network of local roads and trails that facilitate safe and efficient movement throughout the community by car, foot, bicycle and horseback. Development within the community is environmentally and economically sustainable and complements the Regional Park and Crown forest.”

FVRD Electoral Area “H”

Official Community Plan for Sumas Mtn

Examples

- “Sechelt ensures that growth and development is planned, managed and sustainable.
- Sechelt is a compact and well designed community that avoids sprawl.”

Vision Plan for Sechelt

Why are vision statements important?

- Sunshine Valley residents have expressed a desire to speak together as one community
- Builds on shared values - provides the foundation and shape to a Vision Plan
- Brings everyone 'on the same page' before you can strategize and finalize the Vision
- Captures what the community seeks to become
- Creates a guide to show ideas to follow, not a blue print
- Effective when communicating to outside agencies or parties

Group discussion

- What are Sunshine Valley's most important values?
- Review top values
- All values are important
- Foundation of Vision Statement(s)

Appendix F: Summary of Interests/Values from Break-out Groups

(Numbers in brackets are the total number of 'dots' received in the dotmocracy exercise)

Community Decision Making (Governance)

- Community say in development (13)
- A united voice for everyone, respectful of differences (5)
- Consulted community on resource + development (2)
 - Informed + proactive community to interact with industry + decision makers (1)
 - A caring community (0)
- Crown Land plan that provides for outside users (0)

Services/Infrastructure

- Accountable, transparent service delivery (11)
- A community centre that is also a 1st response centre (9)
- A community centre that is accessible for all at all times (5)
- A community centre that reflects history of SV (3)
- SV with safe, clean uncontaminated water sources (3)
- Communication infrastructure – cell phone, internet, land phone (2)
- Owners have say in services (1)
- A community centre that is a gathering place (1)
- Rural service level (0)
- A comprehensive ES plan for natural and man-induced hazards (0)
- Unique, safe, low-use recreation system with respectful users (0)
- Comprehensive recreation facility with modern equipment (0)

Sustainability/Development

- Collaborative plans (Land Use Management Plan) with other users of crown land – wildlife + recreation use (13)
- SV receives benefits from resource development (9)
- SV maintains its rural quality of life (8)
- Modest growth (4)
- SV values livability, safety + health before resource development (6)
- Development to benefit the whole community (2)
- SV a destination centre for trail users (0)

Environment/Landscape

- SV that is sensitive to the needs of wildlife (3)
 - Protected viewscapes for SV community (2)
- SV that protects its 'night sky' by limiting artificial lighting (2)
- SV community with inviting public spaces (including entrance) capitalizing on natural environment (1)
- Segregated trail system with opportunities for all users (1)
 - Trail system that is signed and 'wayfinded' (1)
 - Environmental sustainability (0)
 - SV community built to mitigate natural hazards (0)
 - SV community that protects its O2 levels (0)
 - Well maintained and accessible trail network (0)
- Trails with a guidebook outlining location, rules and regulations (0)
- Established corridor connecting SV with designated trails, parks, and forest recreation areas (0)

Appendix G: Summary of Comment Sheets

Sunshine Valley Committee Meeting 3 – October 20, 2007 Summary of Feedback Comments

Total Respondents – 21

1. *Did you try to access the information on the FVRD webpage for Sunshine Valley?* Yes 15 No 6

Comments:

- Very good and informative.
- Didn't have time but I like and want it there for me to review but also for others to see what was discussed.
- Was good review for today's meeting.
- Great page; well put together. Looking forward to the next postings.
- Nice to see the results and be accessible to everyone.
- I will – as yet not accessible.
- Very good.
- I tried twice – 'page was not accessible' at times that I tried (Thursday and Friday).
- I will ASAP.
- Very good, complete.

2. *Was the overview of the Sunshine Valley Committee achievements useful?* Yes 19 No 1

Comments:

- Great start for today's group strategies.
- Very useful.
- Very encouraging to see all levels work together in positive manner.
- I think it was just a reiteration of information that we either just heard or already know. Suggest going directly into a program next time.
- I really enjoyed this session. People had a chance to express and understand what the other person would like to see.
- They started these meetings for example (meetings yes) – first step.
- Informative and interesting.

3. *Did you find the small group discussions helpful in developing values/interests?* Yes 20 No 0

Comments:

- Yes, but facilitator needs to lead not direct.
- Yes, seemed a little rushed but we covered a lot of territory.
- Breaking into smaller groups allows a more comfortable venue for comments.
- Great.
- The group discussions were too rushed, though I learned a lot on what others want.
- I felt rushed through the topics but in the end as whole, small groups accomplished loads.
- Strong topics, a little time, but gave everyone a chance for input.
- Bur I thought we had done this already.
- Many ideas were explored and noted.
- This meeting yes on Oct 20; not the last one – too big and soft speakers, kids playing loudly upstairs for the last hour – not good.
- More time could have been provided.
- Results in a lack of vocal conflict that was falsely predicted at the outset of these meetings.
- Very good model to create involvement, perhaps make each session 5 minutes longer.

- Well conducted – facilitators were very skilled in leading b/out sessions; participation was democratic and forward thinking.
- To the point and very informed.

4. *Was the presentation on Vision Statements a useful lead into the group discussion?* Yes 21 No 0

Comments:

- Good presentation – now to put on our thinking caps.
- Values that were pointed out as trust, openness is important.
- Many duplicate topics.
- It sets one thinking about how to put our thoughts into a ‘mission/vision statement’.
- The dots made everything come to a head – it was good.
- Planted the seed for discussion.
- Well done.

5. *Were the ‘dots’ helpful in identifying the top values/interests of the Community?* Yes 20 No 0

Comments:

- Nice to see that other people have the same interests as you.
- Very helpful. I was surprised by some of the answers – i.e. community centre.
- Absolutely.
- Very successful exercise.
- It was interesting to see what is important and see that we have common goals that we are trying to achieve.
- Defining goals – possibly better to integrate similar statements.
- It shows what everyone wants and what our goals are.
- Absolutely.
- We now realize where most of the SV Residents interests lie. What is important and what is not quite as important. (Thanks for putting this together!!).
- Yes it was great to see a clearer view of all of us.
- Focus on trust, balance, healthy, collaborative.
- Shows clearly what concerns are most important to most people.
- A good way to visually identify values and themes. Leaves no doubt as to what the priorities are.
- Not very accurate – needs more development.

6. *Do you have any additional comments about today’s meeting on Vision Statements?*

Comments:

- No.
- Became more clear to me that SV needs to come together under the same rules, enforcement, goals and vision.
- Qualitative aspects of community are important (rural, recreational character – not suburb of Hope or Chilliwack).
- Informative; looking on situation positively.
- Was very helpful.
- Great focus of goals. It is all about land, recreation, resource use management. We need the compromises from all stakeholders and we need realistic governance.
- I would like to thank Hugh, Graham, Dawn, and Connie for coming to SV to make all this happen. I am only hearing positive thoughts on all our meetings. This is an exceptional sign of good things to come!
- It was handled well, and time was handled well – thank you.
- Emphasis on community collaboration model for all users.
- Process was excellent and hopefully will continue in this positive way for last meeting and beyond...
- Avoid the ‘BANANA’ attitude – Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anyone.

7. *What would you like to see incorporated in next meeting? (topics, speakers, meeting structure)*

Comments:

- How could the FVRD help us obtain some of the goals? Enforcement of rules (bylaws). All villages should be made into one big village – all freehold. How can we get new development (building lots) approved.
- Contact of incoming developer to attend the meetings – they are an important part of SV's future. Challenge will be process of opening up dialogue ongoing with those interested in resource development/extraction.
- Would like to see values and interests worked into a Vision Statement acceptable to SV.
- How we will accomplish our vision for SV – financial, taxes???? grants??? and who will do actual work???
- Looking forward!!
- Realistic solutions.
- What the Regional District can do for us. How we can bring the community together as one. It is so nice to see these meetings with everyone working together and no arguing and fighting.
- Difference between becoming an incorporated village or FVRD (facts, features, benefits of both)
- Since there is a lot of talk about lack of consultations and communication, I would like to know what the obligations of the Area Representative have towards this.
- I have heard many many times that the SVCCC cannot apply for grants but I know this not to be true. Which financial benefits would the community centre enjoy as a public facility rather than a co-op?
- Organization chart of who is responsible for what – community, province, agencies, FVRD, Forest, Transportation, DFO?
- Regional District interest in SV
- Goal setting towards our 'Vision Statement'.
- Same structure. PS I feel the historical page should be used for people that have been here that have seen great things or change – I have not.
- Recognition/importance of this process – acknowledge the participants with small item i.e. FVRD pin, mug etc. Thank you.
- Role that Regional District would be 'if' it returned to SV for purpose of bylaws that were removed in 1984. What is the next step to a community plan?
- A concise handout (2 page maximum) outlining highlights of first three meetings – it will help to focus the group for the final meeting.
- Speaker from a community that has formulated a vision statement and community plan. A 'next steps' outline as well as a vision statement.
- Possibility of self-control via incorporation SV as a village and much easier to work out Goals + Vision right without bogging down FVRD staff facilities and budget.