

FONVCA

Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting, Wednesday March 19, 2014

Place: DNV Hall 355 West Queens Rd.,

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair Pro-tem: Peter Thompson – Edgemont and Upper Capilano CA

Regrets: Dan Ellis

Attendees:

Peter Thompson	(Chair Pro-tem)
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano RA
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley CA
Diana Bellhouse	Delbrook CA & Save our Shores
Doug Curran	Community
John Gilmour	Community (Note-taker)
Eric Anderson	Blueridge CA
Val Moller	Woodcroft /LGNA

1. Call to order at 7:05pm

2. Adoption of minutes of February 19, 2014

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2014/minutes-feb2014.pdf>

Val commented on the minutes that everything in the section attributed to her sounds like it's reported by her. Val said she spoke to Corrie about this that from the end of the 3rd sentence down [ending in "Woodcroft on Feb 20th"] was a result of discussions of other present at the meeting.

Moved: Val Second: Corrie Carried

Doug was not allowed to comment on the minutes as he did not attend the meeting.

3. Roundtable on "Current Affairs"

Woodcroft -Val reported a fairly good turnout at the public meeting on February 20th. Doug asked about the Woodcroft Feb 20th meeting relating to traffic on Fullerton and the improvements proposed. Doug advised that a portion of those improvements will be paid by Larco. Val said Woodcroft is up to date on that.

Blueridge - Eric Anderson reported that he has been having discussions with Courtenay Fraitzl, DNV Staff member who has been very helpful as a community building coordinator. She will be a guest speaker at the April FONVCA meeting. Eric is to coordinate.

Lynn Valley - Lyle Craver reported on the Public Information Meeting held on February 19 in the former Zellers space. John added that there were about 400 people there. Doug attended this event and was surprised that people seemed to recognize that this project was the future of Lynn Valley. Doug also reported that Bosa had offered as part of its CAC package, to pay for an additional traffic lane under the Hwy #1 overpass over Lynn Valley Road. John reported that the Bosa rezoning package is part of the agenda for consideration at the next council meeting. He added that the transcript of comments made by community members almost word for word at the meeting was

attached to the staff report. [Ref: pages 95-101 of http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Agendas_Minutes/ca140324.pdf]

Delbrook - Diana Bellhouse reported that Delbrook is hosting sessions on community and planning and will circulate the notice of meeting to FONVCA.

EUCCA - Peter Thompson:

- asked if anyone had heard if the fall municipal election date had been changed to October. No one had heard about this.
- advised that Metro van was now in the process of hooking up an 84" water main to the water pumping station location near the Cleveland Dam.
- advised that the LGSWWTP is progressing along. Price tag is about \$700million. The funding formula and commitment from senior levels of government is not clear yet. Doug said that the 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 split is proposed but he had been told by Darrell Mussatto the project would not proceed if the senior level contributions were not committed to. Doug said the odour issue is no longer an issue as it was absolutely necessary to address the odour issue for the Norgate residents in order for it to proceed. The cost to address the odour was said to be in the range of \$120million. Peter added that the pile driving during construction will create a lot of noise. Corrie expressed concern that a rise in sea level and flooding could damage the facility. Peter advised that any pumps and air intakes are located near the top of the building for this reason.
- reported the Edgemont and Upper Capilano CA had their AGM with guest speaker Jacqueline van Dyk from the NVDPL on the subject of the DNV Library Strategic Plan.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a) Update: "Process" FONVCA Committee

- Corrie was to draft some minimal standards. One stumbling block is how does a CA work with the strata councils and be a bonafide community group. He subsequently found that it's not a rigid requirement and is flexible. The draft is to be completed shortly.

b) OCPIC – Corrie said that the OCPIC mandate is in process of being renewed. Doug said he thought the DNV may not be using this committee much in the future. Doug also mentioned the Bob Ransford article in the Vancouver Sun recently [March 10th] which proposed a community jury to review project proposals rather than people already with a predetermined opinion on a proposed project.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Posted to FONVCA Website: An email to DNV Council. cc: FONVCA re: Mountain biking from Monica Craver was received re: Why don't the mountain bikers go to the ski resorts in the summer rather than damage the public trails on [DNV] lower levels. FONVCA response has already been sent in [<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2014/January-29-letter-to-council.pdf>].

(b) Non-Posted emails – distributed to attendees only
Letter #1

Re: Various Lower Cap issues. The discussion of Marine Drive was valid due to Doug previously sending an email to Corrie to have this placed on the agenda. Val said the Marine Drive committee was formed by the DNV, Ross Taylor and residents to get rid of auto-related business, add wider

sidewalks, etc, which did end up happening. Doug referred to councillor Muri's comment re: lost dollars due to lower density. This letter was not initially posted because it was addressed to Corrie.

Letter #2

Topic: Public design guidelines – Doug said the proposed public realm is not well supported by DNV staff but these ideas were central to the idea of a walkable community. Susan Haid is alleged to admitting the dept had not well communicated the community wishes and were admitted as defects to the plan.

Motion to **post** letter. M: Corrie S: Diane Carried

Doug said that the Woonerf St design is actually not fully embraced by staff and should be. There are 6000 of them in Holland where accidents were lowered by 80% as a result. Val said she had received 2 comments for lower Cap residents which were:

Q. How can trucks make deliveries while on the Woonerf Street?

A. Corrie said that it is not a problem and the roads should be able handle it.

Q. The towers on the Larco site cast shadows on the street?

A. Doug said the shadow study showed the shadows are cast on the Larco property

Letter 3

Topic: Public Realm designs are similar to what Roger Brooks has been recommending for the Lower Lonsdale waterfront area. Motion to **post** letter. M: Val S: Doug Carried

Letters 4, 5 & 6

Non-posted emails to FONVCA. Corrie said these letters were not immediately posted to the website due to possible impugning of individuals or identifiable groups.

Topic: These letters relate to comments made at the last FONVCA meeting

Motion to **not post** these letters M: Corrie S: Val Carried

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Majority of Seniors live in own home.

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/140224/dq140224a-eng.pdf>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2014/news-clips/Majority%20of%20seniors%20live%20in%20their%20own%20homes.pdf>

Interesting article

b) 2014-2018 DNV Financial Plan

<http://www.dnv.org/budget2014>

Discussion of CA's/DNV mtg of March 4th

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2014/2014%20Municipal%20Taxes%20on%20my%20home.pdf>

BC Analysis of Municipal Property Taxes

http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/Lgd/library/revenue_source_review/An%20Analysis%20of%20Property%20Taxation.pdf

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2014/cities-grossly-underestimating-money-they-receive.pdf>

Discussion of Item was deferred

c) Appropriate term length for municipal councils.

- Corrie distributed response from MLA Ralf Sultan to this issue. He had written to Ralph Sultan recently who said this idea came from UBCM to increase the length of term to 4 years from 3 years. Peter asked John what he thought of the proposal. John said he had no problem with the 4 years but there should be a limit to the number of consecutive terms due to long term councillors become more self-serving the longer they are in office. Corrie and Doug agreed with this as they thought it

should be no longer than 2 consecutive terms as it encourages career politicians. Erik thinks it should stay at 3 years. Val thinks 4 years is better so there is less thinking about elections. Corrie said the idea should have been voted upon by the people.

- Lyle objects to the closeness of Election Day to Remembrance Day. Diana also thinks that Election Day is at the wrong time of year.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Municipal taxation – for information purposes

b) Housing affordability study by Demographia – Annual Affordability Survey. Their conclusion is that density causes housing to be less affordable. Doug said he thought this was not correct. Peter said he thought this was not correct also.

8. For Your Information Items

No discussion - See agenda for details.

9. Chair & Date of next meeting

Wed. April 16th 2014 Chair: Val Moller – Woodcroft

[Note: Subsequently the Date was tentatively changed to **April 9th** due to room availability – consult www.fonvca.org for any update]