

FONVCA

Minutes of November 17th 2005

Attendees:

John Miller (Chair-Pro-Tem) * Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Diana Belhouse * Delbrook C.A.
Cathy Adams * Lions Gate N.A.
Brian Platts * Edgemont C.A.
Hugh Murray Lower Capilano C.R.A.
David Knee * Norgate Park C.A.
Corrie Kost Edgemont C.A.
Monica Craver Upper Lynn R.A.
Maureen Bragg * Save Lynn Canyon Park
Eric Andersen * Blueridge C.A.
Patrick Higgs * Lynn Valley C.A.

* Members that paid \$10 towards \$120 cost of renewing fonvca.org domain name for 5 years

Meeting started 7:10pm

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add - 6.2 Affordable Housing
6.3 All Candidates Meeting
6.4 50meters rule for bylaw complaints

2. ADOPTION of Oct 20th MINUTES

Moved/Seconded by Brian/Dave – carried unanimously to approve minutes as circulated.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 12 unposted emails of previous month:

The unposted emails were circulated to members present. Brian reviewed the reasons for their nonposting:

- writers request
- inappropriate language
- impugning character

Dave Knee requested that non-posted e-mails be sent with the e-mailed agenda to facilitate reading and digesting before the meeting. It was decided to email them to all fonvca members.

3.2 Questions for Municipal election

- Corrie updated that all responses to the FONVCA and Lions Gate questions are posted on the website. Difficulty producing a hard copy for posting at All

Candidates meetings - due to length of some replies. We should consider limiting the replies for next time.

3.3 Crippen Park Issue - Brian updated - no response to our second letter from the Minister.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 61 regular emails – Top issues were:

- Bus depot (15) and
- Municipal Elections (13)

Dave Knee reported that there should be a meeting in early Dec. with TRANSLINK on relocating the bus depot to Norgate. There will be a public hearing on this in early January 2006.

4.2 Non-posted letters –4 this period.

No discussion of these. See item 4.1 above.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Industrial Waterfront ads. - one community association contacted them with regard to who they represented.

5.2 Forecasting election results - Brian requested all forecasts before 8:00 pm. on Saturday Nov 19.

5.3 Evelyn Drive court case - Corrie reviewed the rationale behind the court's decision to uphold W. Van's rejection of the proposed development.

5.4 FONVCA org domain name renewal - see attendees list. FONVCA.ORG domain name registration extended to Nov 2010.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues:

Two references were thought worth a read...

- Charter Cities in Canada – powers are pretty toothless
- Donald Lidstone April/2004 paper on assessment of various Municipal Acts in Canada

6.2 Affordable Housing - Eric Andersen reported on the Windridge development which council approved on the basis of "affordable housing" (~\$300k/unit) in opposition to surrounding residents and lack of consideration for Senior Housing. The units now are on the market for approx. \$100,000 above the price

suggested at time of 4/3 council approval. "affordable housing" is a myth and we should replace it with "subsidised housing which serves a social need" Corrie proposed chastising and/or correcting council next time they use the term "affordable housing" unless it is subsidised or a co-op program. Seniors housing falls into the same category. "means test" suggested as an option.

6.3 All Candidates meetings:

Brian, Cathy and Eric reported on the meetings they were involved in.

6.4 50m. Rule - Hugh reported that when requesting information on by-law infractions to make a valid by-law complaint he was told that if he did not live within 50m. of the infraction he would have to get a signed complaint from someone resident within 50m, of the infraction. He was informed by mail that this rule applies to all residential by-law complaints which effectively removes the anonymity for residents to report violations through their Community Association.

We need to confirm if and when this 50m. rule was approved by council for ALL by-law complaints. No action at this time due to elections. To be raised again in December meeting.

General discussion followed on the candidates for election.

Discussion on Ernie's farewell from council.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting on the usual 3rd Thursday

– **December 15th, 2005.**

Pro-tem Chair will be **Maureen Bragg** – Lynn Valley C.A. Tel: 604-985-7272 email: m.bragg@shaw.ca

Meeting adjourned 10:00pm