

FONVCA

Minutes of January 19th 2006

Attendees:

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

Jenny Knee Notetaker

Meeting started: 7:05pm

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add: 6.2 Shirt sleeves meeting with council
6.3 50 m. Rule for bylaw infractions
6.4 Berkley Landslide
6.5 Bus Depot relocation

2. ADOPTION of Dec 15th MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes of December 15th approved with Corrections of following additional attendees:

Allan Orr Seymour C.A.
John Hunter Seymour C.A.
Liz James (Guest) C.A.G.E

Move/seconded by John/Maureen, passed unanimously

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Translink Taxes Skyrocket - Corrie gave a handout re: the impact of the doubling of Translink taxes for property owners on the North Shore (was to be \$60/yr for average home but was additional \$140/yr thus bringing the total contribution to about \$300/yr) for homes in DNV.

3.2 Purpose of Community Associations – Corrie asked if the criteria we put forward to Council for official recognition of a Community Association is still valid or do we want to change it? After some

discussion it was decided that as District staff are monitoring the validity of the Associations by requesting documentation of Annual General Meetings on a yearly basis this meets the criteria.

As there were some concerns expressed by a Councilor at the Community Facility Meeting as to whether the Association spoke for the entire community a suggestion was made that this should be a topic for future Shirt Sleeves meetings.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 11 regular emails – No major issues.

4.2 Non-posted letters –0 this period.
No discussion.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Learning from Katrina –

Corrie referred to a good report posted on the web, by Todd Litman of the Victoria Transport Policy Institute re problems with locating public services in poor locations in the event of a disaster. Care should be taken on locating the bus depot so that access to them is not compromised following a major disaster like a storm or an earthquake.

5.2 Opening Waterfront Street-ends-

Maureen reported on the approval by Council in a 4-3 vote to spend \$80,000 to open up the Panorama Dr. Street end and change the zoning of the Lowry Lane property being to PRO. For the Lowry Lane site \$40,000 is needed to remove a very aggressive weed.

Moved Maureen/ seconded Diana - **Brian to write a follow-up letter** to his original letter to Council requesting these projects be done, applauding them for their difficult decision on approving this improved access to the Waterfront and that FONVCA is looking forward to further improved waterfront access in the near future. It was also recommended that more funds be provided in the upcoming 2006 budget. Letter to also request that staff advise us when these works can be scheduled so as to give assurance that current funds are not lost. To cc James Ridge. Carried unanimously.

Corrie applauded Maureen for her tenaciousness in getting this issue approved.

Diana suggested it would be appropriate to have a plaque in memory of longtime local resident Bill Blakely installed in the park. The Deep Cove C. A. may still have some funds set aside for this. Dave will follow up with the Deep Cove C.A.

Diana asked if a lease is being paid on one of the District owned properties just down from the street end that is being used by a resident. Will check the leased property list and bring to next meeting.

5.3 GVRD Population estimates –

Corrie distributed GVRD estimates of population growth for the different GVRD municipalities. Growth in North Vancouver City actually dropped slightly from 2002 (46,864) to 2005 (46,759)! North Vancouver District is creeping up at about that 1/3%/yr from 85,905 in 2001 to 87,083 in 2005. West Van growth was about 1/2%/yr from 2002 to 2005.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Translink Board terms of reference -

Dave got a copy of their terms of reference which showed that the board is valid for a calendar year regardless of if they are re-elected in an election year, 15 position on the Board 8 people are required for a quorum, the three positions on the board for three Provincial representatives (MLA's) have been vacant for some time as the ones on the Board resigned and no one else was appointed. The concern expressed was that decisions were being made by a board constituted of some members who are no longer elected officials - thus further weakening the democratic process. We should **consider requesting the Board change their terms of reference so as to not to have any meetings between municipal election day and the new Board being installed** (in a municipal election year). Corrie said we have almost three years before it will again be an issue. Will work on this as a background project.

6.2 Shirt Sleeve meeting –

Dave, when he recently met with the Mayor, asked if he would be in favour of a shirtsleeve meeting with FONVCA. The Mayor indicated that one in the spring would be fine but he would be away 5-15 March. Cathy will check on FONVCA member's availability and will set it up with staff. **FONVCA members are to bring potential topics to next FONVCA meeting (Feb 16th).**

6.3 50 Metre rule for bylaw infractions –

This is a Council Policy and only applies to reporting illegal secondary suite use,

Some members would like to know when this was approved - **Dave will follow-up.** Corporate policy 9-4555-1 Illegal Secondary suites reporting amended Feb 5th 2001

6.4 Berkley Landslide –

Corrie had attended Monday night's meeting and reported on the issues that are still being resolved. Legalities not brought out - Municipal act and Charter state the Municipality cannot do private work on private property. As an incentive to get the work done by about March/2006, the permit costs are being waived, as well as being given a \$500 grant. Maureen referred to the mandatory (realtors) disclosure statement initiated in the early 1990 when selling a property.

6.5 Bus Depot –

The public Hearing is still open and will be reconvened on 24th Jan. There are some **process issues** that have arisen that should be responded to so they do not happen again: It was reported that an e-mail from district staff was placed in a public area of Woodcroft apartments which appeared to lobby support for the Bus depot. **Concern was also expressed that additional time restraints are being placed on public input** - after everyone has been allowed to speak up to 5 minutes for the first time. The break-up, say of a 20 minute presentation, into 4 pieces is inappropriate. Dave will talk to District.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting on the usual 3rd Thursday of month:
February 16th, 2006.

Pro-tem Chair will be **Maureen Bragg** – Save Lynn Canyon Park Tel: 604-985-7272 email: **m.bragg@shaw.ca**

Meeting adjourned 9:35pm