

FONVCA

Minutes Nov 21st 2002

Attendees

Hugh Murray(CHAIR)	Lower Capilano R.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
John Miller	Low Capilano R.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
Alf Cockle	Blueridge C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
Al Price	Pemberton Heights C.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Tom Hodson	Panorama Drive R.A.
Allan Orr	Seymour C.A.
David Knee	Norgate Park C.A.
Eric Andersen(9pm)	Blueridge C.A.

Jenny Knee (notes)

1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Added items:

6.3 draft recreational vehicle parking bylaw

6.4 respect for council

6.5 mountain biking damage on trails

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Cathy Adams, seconded by Diana Bellhouse – carried unanimously

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Best Election Guesses – 3-way tie with 6 out of 7 correct – Corrie Kost, Dave Sadler, Maureen Bragg

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from e-mail

No discussion on the 4 new letters which were posted since the last FONVCA meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Review of Municipal Election

Discussion of what worked and what did not work well at the All Candidates Meetings

- Vancouver Sun article said all candidates meetings were too filtered.

- Allan reported Real Estate board meeting mainly biased towards development.
- Mayoral meeting was good
- Different opinions with regard to nametags around neck – shorter strings suggested.
- Merits of 2 minutes at beginning/end of meeting – no conclusions.
- request candidate state name each time they speak
- suggested random speaking order
- good to have variety of questions on hand before the meeting in case public input lags
- social mixer (coffee/cookies) held first to break the ice, followed by meeting can be good for smaller meetings
- FONVCA & Lower Capilano questions will be kept on the website.
- policy should be sent out with invitations with regard to banners, advertising etc. Candidates should be asked to remove this after meeting
- policy to disallow distribution of totally anonymous literature - should have at least a telephone number.
- no changes are being contemplated by the province with regard to election policies in the new Community Charter.

Brian reported on advertising expenditures - \$102 left in the account to be put to defray Corrie's printing costs and more space for FONVCA website.

5.2 Election Signs – vandalism, time limits

Many signs were vandalized & stolen during campaign.

- limit (say 2-weeks before election) should be put on time signs can be displayed.
- election signage should be brought to council's attention before new revised sign bylaw approved.

5.3 Promoting Community/Council Dialogue

Brian to write a letter of congratulations to all council members and encourage councilors to use FONVCA website to communicate with the community associations and consider possibility of future shirt sleeve meetings with FONVCA - moved by Al Price seconded Dave Knee - carried unanimously.

Brian to contact District to re-establish FONVCA link to District website and promotion of FONVCA in District Dialogue.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 FONVCA.org domain name - was renewed until November 2005 at cost of \$70US. Corrie reported unethical business practice by a Canadian company, and we thus stayed with the U.S. company that originally provided our service.

6.2 Legal & Misc Issues:

Responses to all the questions put to the winning candidates for Mayor/Council of the 2002 Municipal election by FONVCA, OUTLOOK, and Lower Capilano were posted on FONVCA web site at <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2002/allq.pdf> Corrie again explained how the Community Charter proposes to weaken the requirements for "electors approval" in that it may be done either via the current practice of holding a vote (referendum) or by now allowing a form of negative billing – the so-called "alternative elector approval" which would mean automatic approval unless a sufficient number of voters (raised from 5% of eligible voters to 10% of eligible voters) successfully petition in a 30 day period to force the holding of a referendum. So for example, under the Draft Community Charter a simple council bylaw may be all that would be required to un-dedicate a previously dedicated Park!

6.3 Draft Recreation Vehicle Parking Bylaw

Dave Knee advised that a new draft on recreation vehicle parking bylaw is available from him for those who wanted to see it. The general feeling was as this may be coming up at a council before FONVCA'S next meeting that therefore all associations should receive notification before the public hearing.

6.4 Respectful council?

General discussion took place.

6.5 Mountain Bike damage to trails.

Maureen Bragg expressed concern of additional damage by mountain bikes on District trails in light of the promotion of this recreation by tourism industry - resident situation explosive - this could be a huge problem if not brought to council's attention and dealt with appropriately.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

David Knee (Norgate Park C.A.)
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Backup – Tom Hodson, Panorama R.A.

7:00PM Thursday January 16th 2003
District Hall

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM.