

FONVCA

Minutes of December 18th 2003

Attendees:

Eric Andersen (Chair)	Blueridge C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
David Knee	Norgate Park C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
John Miller	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
Allan Orr	Seymour C.A.
Diana Belhouse (Chair)	Delbrook C.A.

J. Knee (notetaker)

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

- 6.2 Invite James Ridge to January Meeting.
- 6.3 Seymour OCP
- 6.4 Code of Ethics for Councillors

2. ADOPTION OF Nov 20TH MINUTES

John Fair was left out from a earlier draft minutes but was listed in final version. Dave/Cathy moved/seconded – minutes accepted unan.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Northlands Committee: Corrie reported on the committee recommendations. Illegalities by District (not just to District) are to be part of policy. The lack of the usual purchasing system in District was noted. Criminal case proceeding to Court January 15/2004, North Vancouver Court. Cathy will co-ordinate those who wish to monitor the proceedings should it go to trial.

3.2 Brian sent letter

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/dec2003/sign-bylaw.pdf> to Council requesting deferral of adoption of **sign Bylaw** until such time as each sign character areas specific regulations are incorporated into the draft. Staff to bring report to Council on all points raised at meetings before Bylaw goes for adoption.

3.3 Bill 75 – FONVCA letter

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/dec2003/f23.pdf> was sent - second reading - third reading to come.

3.4 GVRD meeting fees - Brian e-mailed GVRD <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/dec2003/gvrd-fees.pdf> - Marvin Hunt sent immediate reply indicating he will look into this issue.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from regular emails:

Some 60 emails received since last meeting. Corrie reviewed some of them.

4.2 Non-Posted letters. None this period.

4.3 Paper on Direct Democracy by Yvette Roberts

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/dec2003/dd.pdf> was made available by Corrie to members interested in this issue.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 TRANSLINK:

Corrie reviewed the \$4B plan.

5.2 Vancouver's Downloading of Festival of Lights:

Corrie discussed his letter http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2003/17nov-to/Corrie_Kost_7dec2003.pdf to council about his concern that Vancouver's request to the GVRD may unfairly download costs to DNV.

5.3 Rental Housing - concern was expressed over the elimination of inexpensive rental housing by redeveloping to non-rental strata housing.

Motion was moved by Corrie, seconded by Allan to send a letter to Council *requesting that if and when Council holds a North Shore Housing Symposium they review the current policy on preserving rental housing.* Carried unanimously.

5.4 Canopy Walk - Maureen/Brian/Dan gave an overview of the proposed Lynn Valley Canopy project. Corrie/Brian gave an update of the current status of the Capilano Canyon Canopy, the existing structures can be seen if you go into the Capilano Suspension Bridge. Cathy mentioned there is free admission to Capilano Suspension Bridge until Dec 31 with donation to food bank. Corrie to bring the 'flow chart' for Canopy approval process to next meeting.

5.5 Housing Affordability - Corrie reviewed/distributed a Dec 12/2003 SUN article stating housing costs cheaper today (than 14 years ago) due to very low mortgage rates and salary increases.

5.6 Budget meeting - Dec 17 meeting reports on the website

Points of discussion:

- Charging an annual fee for all existing Security Alarm systems
- Bicycle registration/fees
- Pay parking in parks/rec. centers
- Satellite Police stations

5.7 Waterfront access: Diana Belhouse expressed concern over lack of will on Council's part to open up street ends identified by the Waterfront Task Force. Corrie referred to the Delta experience where the court upheld that the public has right of access to public property. Links available on our website to Delta articles. Discussion followed on other land encroachments onto District property. Legal/Ethical/Political aspects were outlined.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 District of West Vancouver decision: Court case <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/Jdb-txt/SC/03/16/2003BCSC1678.htm> affirming illegalities of having staff provide key information after the close of a public hearing was recommended for all to read as it has direct implications on how DNV conducts its public hearing process.

6.2 Invite James Ridge to next meeting in January.
Inform him of FONVCA website. Brian to send invitation.

6.3 Allan reported the Seymour Plan passed with some sections taken out for further staff input but without public input.

6.4 Eric commented on the lack of fair implementation of Code of Ethics by councilors as a result of derogatory comments made by member(s) of council.

**7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING –
Brian Platts, Edgemont Community Association,
Tel: 604-985-5104
7:00 p.m. Thursday January 15th 2004
at District Hall**

Group picture taken (to be posted).

Meeting adjourned 10:00 p.m.