



FONVCA MINUTES THURSDAY November 15th 2007

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: John Miller – LCCRA Tel: 604-985-8594,
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Attendees:

Diana Belhouse	Delbrook CA
Lesley Brooks	Blueridge CA
Lyle Craver	Mt Fromme RA (notetaker)
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley CA
Corrie Kost	Edgemont CA
John Miller	Lower Capilano CRA (chair)
Val Moller	Lions Gate NA
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano CRA

Regrets: Cathy Adams, David Knee

Meeting Convened 7:00 pm

1. Order/content of Agenda

Add: November 28th meeting, C5 zoning, District OCP

2. Adoption of Minutes of October 18th

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2007/minutes-oct2007.pdf>
were adopted.

3. Old Business

3.1 None

3.2 Shirtsleeve Review of Nov 14th Meeting with Council

Members felt this year's meeting was more dominated by Council than previous meetings. There was a consensus that DNV should get the best possible value out of the old Official Community Plan rather than starting completely from scratch.

There was a discussion on the role of of the Local Area Plans vs. the District wide OCP.

There was a discussion of the respective roles of the Rec Commission and DNV Parks Department. It was pointed out that so far neither the NVRC nor DNV Council has accepted the Needs Study.

It was noted public input has a tendency to take place towards the end of the public process as people tend to react once they believe "their ox is being gored".

3.3 Climate Change Presentation (November 6th at Parkgate)

The meeting was held at Parkgate and was attended by the majority of Council. Four "World Scenarios" were presented each more stringent but without much detail. A brief report of the meeting was made by Corrie and others.

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/oct2007/dnvclimatechange.pdf>
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2007/forum-climate-change.pdf>

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from 13 emails

Corrie submitted an email warning that Development Cost Charges levies with respect to parkland requirement may be substantially reduced (factor of 4 was suggested). The issue is one of sustainability vs.affordability when there is growth.

It was noted that DCC charges are ALL higher in municipalities that have reviewed their rates more recently than DNV, with municipalities reviewed before DNV having lower rates. Throughout Vancouver 80% of DCC usage was to buy parkland. It was pointed out that DCCs can only be spent on Council-voted initiatives and must be co-funded from current revenues – it is NOT "free money".

4.2 Non_Posted letters – 0 this period

5. New Business

5.1 New Chief Administrative Officer

Moved (Hugh/Val), and carried unanimously, that the new CAO be invited to speak to the next FONVCA meeting on his priorities and concerns. Brian to draft/send invite.

5.2 Atmospheric CO₂ and Population Growth

<http://faculty.washington.edu/blewis/papers/co2/>

Corrie noted that the above reference established a clear relationship between world population and CO₂ in the atmosphere.

5.3 Banning of Wood Burning Fireplaces

Corrie submitted the reference

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2007/wood-burning.pdf>

which alleges that a normal wood burning of a chord of wood produces as much smog causing emissions as 10 SUV's produce in a lifetime!

5.4 Community Facilities Plans in Chilliwack

Corrie noted that the 10 year comprehensive municipal plan <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2007/chilliwack-projects.pdf> in Chilliwack will fund their community facility plans without the need to borrow funds.

5.5 Conservation of our Forests

On the issue of hiking vs. biking vs. Multi-use of trails some felt that allowing Multi-use would result in a defacto biking use.

5.6 Governance: Global Actions and Visioning

Corrie gave a summary of West Van presentation by Dr. Martha Piper & Dr. Michael Byers found at <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2007/governance.pdf> It was noted that the property crime rate in Vancouver is second only to Miami in North America.

5.7 Workshop on Development Cost Charges

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Workshops/cwm071022.htm

In the above staff told council that:

DNV Parkland supply standards used in 1997

- *Neighbourhood = 1 hectare per 1000 people for neighbourhood park*
- *Community = 1 hectare per 1000 people for community park*
- *District = 2 hectares per 1000 people for District park*

This standard is very ambitious and not necessarily sustainable at today's land values so may need to be readjusted.

At this meeting it was suggested that standards for parkland be reduced by 75%
How would this mesh with "sustainability"?
See also item 4.1

5.7b Earthquake Threat on West Coast

Corrie reported on a LSCR (Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve) meeting on this subject. Summary of presentation given by GVRD at LSCR (Learning Lodge) 1-3pm 27-Oct-2007 can be found at <http://www.fonvca.org/Issues/GVRD/Earthquake-Risk-27oct2007/>

5.8 Trends in Snowpack & Water Supply

Summary of presentation given by GVRD/Metro Vancouver at LSCR (Learning Lodge) 1-3pm 4-Nov <http://www.fonvca.org/Issues/GVRD/Snowpack-Presentation-3Nov2007/>
see also reply to watershed usage/reserves at <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/nov2007/watershed-reserves.pdf>

5.9 Public Works and Construction Standards

There was a spirited debate on this subject concerning the respective roles of engineers vs. municipalities.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Legal Issues

Review of process leading to CSB (C5) Rezoning. There is to be a PH on this issue on Nov 20th.

6.2 Metro Vancouver Growth Management Study

http://www.gvrd.bc.ca/growth/pdfs/RGSIssues_Options2007.pdf
There is a meeting on this issue at Harry Jerome Rec. Complex 7-9pm on Nov 28th

Other matters:

- The existing/current District OCP is now on the FONVCA web site at www.fonvca.org/OCP/ (and has been offered to DNV IT staff)
- there is a Mayor's meeting with Norgate area businesses November 28th with another scheduled for Westlynn businesses.

7. Chair & Date of next meeting:

Thursday January 17th 2008 – to be chaired by Dan Ellis - Lynn Valley CA – no December meeting is scheduled.

– Meeting Adjourned 9:15 pm