

FONVCA

Minutes of June 16th 2005

Attendees:

Eric Andersen	Chair – Pro Tem Blueridge CA
John Miller	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate NA
Corrie Kost	Edgemont CA
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate NA
David Knee	Norgate Park CA
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
John Hunter	Seymour C.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.

Jenny Knee Notetaker

Meeting started 7:12pm

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

Add - 6.2 Transportation - Cathy
6.3 Council Remuneration - Corrie
6.4 Newspaper Boxes – Corrie
6.5 Development Servicing Bylaw 7388- Corrie

2. ADOPTION of May 26th MINUTES

Moved/seconded Cathy/Dave and carried that the minutes be approved as circulated.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Alpine Recreation Strategic Study:

Now scheduled for June 21st 2005 - as requested – for a 7:00 pm start time, but there was a change of venue to 1370 Crown Street (District Yard). Brian to enquire as to why the change in location.

3.2 Dog Bylaw

This bylaw has been largely staff generated and no-one spoke in favor of it at the public hearing. Councillor Jim Cuthbert has asked for reconsideration. The clerks office has advised Councilor Cuthbert to reconsider this bylaw, a new public hearing would be required. FONVCA motion requesting staff reconsider changing the boarding of animals regulations to:

1. No boarding permitted in residential zoned areas.
2. That there be a minimum 50 m. separation required between such commercial use and residential zoned areas. Corrie/John – carried unanimously

3.3 Alarm Bylaw

Corrie updated members on this issue and no further action required unless it comes back to council.

3.4 Letter to Council re Waterfront Street-Ends

Discussed the follow-up letter from shirt sleeves meeting re: spending funding already designated for this use. Two responses from Councilors Nixon and Walton - both positive.

3.5 FONVCA meetings for summer months

It was decided to defer cancellation of the August meeting until after FONVCA's July meeting. Likely to be cancelled unless new issues make an August meeting necessary.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 51 regular emails – 30 on the Mountain Biking issue. No discussion.

4.2 Non-posted letters

There were 10 non-posted letters. **ACTION:** One will be posted after Brian has checked with James Ridge - nine will not be posted.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 June 8/9 open houses held on Lower Capilano Community Centre - Cathy/John reported the project has been scaled down to 13,000 sq. ft. from the proposed 18,000 sq. ft. No second floor - greater setbacks from lane and road requiring greater impact on sports field. Not acceptable to most of the original committee. Will go back to council in July for additional funding.

5.2 DNV 2004 Annual Report - Corrie has a copy of the report and it is also on the web - presentation style better than last years but it still lacks key indicators statistics. No basis for comparison with last year. No specific time for public input before going to council June 27.

5.3 Development Variance application - Eric - Blueridge C.A. was asked for comments on an application that did not yet contain all of the specific information on the variance. He was concerned when, contrary to the usual practice, staff later advised that the variances for this application could set a precedent for the area. **ACTION:** Brian to write to council requesting Community Associations and the immediate neighbours not be contacted for comments until the relevant information with actual size of variances is available.

5.4 55+ housing survey - Eric - questions the validity of the results of a private survey requesting responses from readers of the N.S.N. by a Real Estate agent.

5.5 2005 Canada Building Code - Corrie - expressed concerns that all district buildings currently in development process would not be constructed to the latest proposed revised building codes (which have more stringent earthquake requirements).

5.6 Sale of GVRD Parkland - Corrie - GVRD are selling 40 acres of "surplus" parkland of Crippen Regional Park on Bowen Island for 2 million dollars and are using the **alternate approval process which would require 140,125 signatures** to force the holding of a referendum on the sale of parkland issue

ACTION: Motion - an open letter to be sent to District Council, MLA'S and NSN. This illustrates that the counter petition process – using the 10 % rule does not work and could be used in other sales of parkland. Corrie/John - carried

5.7 Bear Bylaws - many concerns were expressed on the proposed Enhanced Garbage Management Bylaw by Councilor Cuthbert agenda item at meeting Monday 20 June.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues: Corrie referred to item listed in agenda.

6.2 Transportation - Cathy - the transportation department presented to Marine Drive Improvement Committee the proposal to put a combined bike/bus lane on both sides of Marine Drive from Capilano Rd. to City of N. Vancouver
- this is contrary to past recommendations made by this group.

Corrie - the province is proposing to revisit connecting the Upper Levels Highway with the Lions Gate Bridge. Three routes proposed, Taylor Way, along Capilano River or Capilano Rd.

6.3 Council Remuneration - John Hunter - as a member of the committee John gave an over-view of the process arriving at the \$85,000.p.a. for the mayoral position and \$34,000 p.a. for councilors (40% of the Mayors salary) and both to be indexed annually. As is current practice, councilors to get \$1,000 a week extra when serving as the Mayor. Agenda item at Council Meeting June 20

6.4 Newspaper Box Location: Corrie gave a handout outlining the technical measurements which determine the locations where newspaper boxes may be located.

6.5 New Development Servicing Bylaw - Marcel Bernier section manager Engineering Design Services requested to present the draft bylaw to FONVCA, this will be arranged for the July 21 meeting.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting on the usual 3rd Thursday – July 21st, 2005.

Pro-tem Chair will be Diana Bellhouse, Delbrook Community Association. Tel: 604-987-1656

Meeting adjourned 9:52pm