

FONVCA

Minutes June 18th 2009

Attendees

Diana Belhouse (Notes)	Save Our Shores
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
John Gilmour	Lynn Valley C.A.
John Hunter	Seymour C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
K'Nud Hille	Norgate Park C.A.
Eric G. Andersen (Chair)	Blueridge C.A.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM
Regrets: Paul Tubb – Pemberton Hts. C.A.
Lyle Craver – Mt. Fromme R.A.

1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Adoption of May 21st minutes (Agenda Item 2.) was moved by Dan, seconded by Val and carried.

Added items:

- 6.2a Diverse issues by Corrie Kost
- 6.2b Pesticides by Don Hunter

Agenda item 5.3 was moved to head of schedule

5.3 Strategic Planning by NV RCMP

Media Relations Officer (Marlene) 604-983-7433

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2009/Strategic%20Plan%20of%20the%20North%20Vancouver%20RCMP.pdf>

1. What should be the priorities for the North Vancouver RCMP?

- traffic enforcement (speeders)
- COLA Housing Allowance so officers can afford to live in NV (based on cost of each specific community)
- Lynn Valley Town Centre Community Policing Office to be a min-detachment (as promised)
- At present there are only 3 community officers for all CPP's (need 2 in each)

2. What are we doing right at the present time?

-Block Watch

-There is a desire to track the origin of all calls so RCMP can track where resources are being expended.

3. What services would you like to see continued?

- Community events. Community Services, Youth intervention unit.
- Desire for more honesty and openness – eg. Taser incident a airport.

4. Are there any programs or services we should discontinue?

- If any – urged that there be community consultation before any decisions are made.

5. How can we improve?

- improved co-ordination with West Van

- greater presence of officers to discourage “Dial-A-Dope”, etc.
- Foot patrols (as in some Ontario cities). It was stated that RCMP do this in summer on Lower Lonsdale.
- Need more RCMP coverage in Seymour area.

Marlene thanked FONVCA members for their input.

Regular Agenda resumes...

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 OCP Roundtable – appointment of FONVCA recommendation (Corrie) as well as Dan Ellis were accepted. Both were congratulated for their appointment to the Roundtable Steering Committee. A second public meeting is scheduled:

“Our People,” to take place Saturday, June 20, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Norgate Elementary School (1295 Sowden Street). This session will look at our demographics, cultural diversity, local economy, and rate of growth, recognizing that our people are an important resource and also contribute to our unique identity as a community.

Bring your thoughts on:

- Who are we planning for?
- How are our demographics changing?
- What kind of growth can we anticipate into the future?
- How can we encourage a resilient and sustainable local economy in the District?
- A third meeting is set for July 25th at North Shore Winter Club.

See <http://identity.dnv.org/> and particularly <http://identity.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1079>

A new section has been added to the FONVCA web site. Dan mentioned that answers to questions such as “Who can live here?” and “How much growth do we want?”, along with questions of density, were important.

3.2 Update on LV Olympic Celebrations

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jun2009/Olympic-Celebrations-Planning-June-16th.pdf> - Dan

Ellis / John Gilmour.

Torch Relay – set for Feb 10/2010- with details to be announced several weeks after the torch initially arrives in Vancouver. See

www.vancouver2010.com

There was a call for more volunteers to assist in Lynn Valley celebrations. To sign-up simply email spiritvolunteers@yahoo.ca

The North Shore Credit Union is now an official corporate sponsor. Group has hired an events

coordinator – there will be a large LED screen mounted on a trailer – events during the week to include Black Bear Band – all to be in Lynn Valley Centre Plaza.

John Gilmour left meeting at close of this agenda item.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 6 regular e-mails

Nothing to report on this item.

4.2 Non-posted letters – 0 this period.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Council and other District Issues

5.1 OCP, Local Area Plans, Neighbourhoods: Diversity vs. Conformity & Sum vs. Parts

- Strong network of neighbourhoods
- Community driven growth and change

See also “Text Revisions” on page 4 of

http://www.nanaimo.ca/UploadedFilesPath/Site_Structure/Corporate_Services/Corporate_Administration/2008_Committee_Minutes/PNAC080506M.pdf

and contrarily in section “Plan Precedence” on page 5 of http://www.richmond.ca/_shared/assets/mclennan563.pdf

and also at

<http://www.coquitlam.ca/Business/Developing+Coquitlam/Strategic+Plans/Citywide+Official+Community+Plan.htm>

This conflict/uncertainty must be resolved/clarified BEFORE a new District wide OCP is drafted. The public deserves clarity on this issue in order to choose wisely.

A useful overview of OCP’s is available at

<http://www.wcel.org/issues/water/bcgwlp/o22-4.shtml>

A useful overview (although somewhat dated) of the concepts of Smart Growth and Local Government Law are found at

<http://www.wcel.org/wcelpub/2001/13300.pdf>
<http://www.wcel.org/issues/urban/sbg/case.pdf>

We (public and FONVCA) need clarification from council on precedence of existing neighbourhood and local area plans. It was noted that the courts only invalidate such plans if there is a “direct conflict” between the OCP and a bylaw.

The DNV Draft Strategic Plan exists, but according to John Hunter, the public is not allowed to review it. This document was formulated by Staff and Council – being the future of the Corporation and its staff. On

the other hand, the OCP is the future as formulated by its citizens.

5.2 West Kelowna Strategic Priorities 2009

A concise example of strategic priorities...

<http://www.districtofwestside.ca/docs/Strategic%20Priorities/Strategic%20Priorities%202009.pdf>

No further discussion.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues

Phased Development Agreements (PDA):

<http://www.bcrelinks.com/articles/phk1.htm>

http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/LocalGovernmentAct/data/gsd0c150_1096.html

<http://www.cityofrevelstoke.com/pdf/Inclusionary%20Zoning%20Policy%20and%20Procedure.pdf>

<http://causs.ca/?p=94>

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/logo/2007/spring/spring2007-2.html>

Can commit 3 to 6 terms of future councils to zoning in a prescribed area.

-John Hunter, as per pre-notification – left meeting.

It was noted that density bonusing may be a planning tool which offers some benefits but also has a potential downside since once it is clear what developers can and cannot do there may be a problem associated with implied authorization.

A hypothetical case was examined on how PDAs could be abused:

For example, Cove & Mountain Forest was dedicated as parkland by referendum. An unscrupulous council could, by simple majority vote (and ignoring any feedback from a required public hearing) rezone the area for development and place it under a PDA – leaving future councils powerless to stop it. It was noted that although the risk of such a scenario is low the consequences could be horrendous. Pre- PDAs developers had remedial access via the courts. The balance has now shifted such that the public has neither remedial access via the courts, nor via the democratic election of a new council.

The Citizens Against Urban Sprawl Society (CAUSS) – a group based in Mission City BC (see link above) alerted BC residents about the dangers of PDAs – citing that “*unless a more rigorous and transparent approval process is developed, PDA’s could be passed all over the province, leaving a legacy of environmental destructive and financially high risk projects.*”

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

A)

Corrie noted a number of publications that may be of interest to FONVCA members:

- a) A notice of alternative approval process on page B4 of 17 June 2009 in which a part of Kanaka

Creek Regional Park is being sold. To stop this requires the petitioning of 10% of GVRD (of which DNV is part) population of 1,552,660 ie.155,266 signatures – a virtually insurmountable task.

- b) A SUN article of 13 June/2009 by Michael Geller “My 10 solutions would create government challenges”
- c) A SUN article of 13 June 2009 “Aging citizens drive new urban ideas”
- d) A SUN article of 16 June 2009 “Vancouver consider tiny suites in effort to ease renting crunch”
- e) A SUN article of 16 June 2009 “Parking restrictions will fail in their aim” – particularly that *“In making their decisions, civic politicians should take into account how people live, rather than how they think they should live”*

B) BC Bike Race – June 28th - ~ 400 participants.

C) Canada Day (July 1) celebrations at Lynn Valley Centre – Dan welcomes all.

D) Val reported that there is an **Open House** tonight (June 18th) re: Capilano Rd to Marine Dr. – dedicated bus lane on LG Bridge with little public consultation noted in report. DNV staff indicating that it’s a done deal.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7:00pm Thursday July 16th 2008

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Alternate: Cathy Adams

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.