

FONVCA

Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting June 20th, 2013

At DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd, North Vancouver

Attendees:

Peter Thompson (Chair pro-tem)	Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.
Lesley Brooks	Blueridge C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A. & Woodcroft
Cathy Adams (Notes)	Lions Gate N.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A. & Save Our Shores
John Miller	Lower Capilano Community Res.Assn.

Regrets: John Hunter, Seymour C.A., Eric Andersen, Blueridge C.A.
The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Order/content of Agenda

No changes.

2. Adoption of Minutes of May 15th

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2013/minutes-may2013.pdf>

Adopted as circulated.

Business Arising: Item 7a) from May minutes-FONVCA web site hosting costs/possible contribution from DNV Healthy Neighbourhood Fund?

Cathy contacted DNV/Planning Dept. deals with Healthy Neighbourhood Fund applications. Was advised that DNV will now accept applications for funding through the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund through the year. In October, they will determine what is to be supported, and make disbursements.

Action: Corrie offered to pay the approximate \$400. cost of the website renewal - good for term of 3 years, contingent on FONVCA either receiving funds from the District at the end of the year to offset the cost, or being reimbursed by members of FONVCA if the Healthy Neighbourhood fund application is not successful. Corrie to make payment in September/Cathy will apply to DNV to meet the October deadline.

3. Roundtable on “Current Affairs”

Delbrook C.A. Diana addressed the issue of speaking to an item before council, and the perception many times that input is ignored. Often a lot of work has gone into a presentation, without any acknowledgement/response from Council. Is it/when is it/ worthwhile to give input? Are minds closed? Many examples of concern were given around the table. Notices sometimes don't mention Public Input opportunity-is that because it's not encouraged? Also concern expressed that Council sometimes seems to not pay attention during meeting to a member of the public who is speaking, and rudeness towards those speaking is sometimes the experience.

Lower Capilano C.R.A. John reported on the community's perception that what was proposed for Lower Capilano centre is not what is currently being put forward. “Village” proposed in Larco plan no longer has the retail component promised/100,000 sq ft of new commercial not included. Residential density only. Staff response to question on where shops are in plan was that the retail will primarily be along Cap Road/this is not what was allegedly shown during the OCP process. Members of the OCP Implementation Committee present encouraged this feedback to the committee in written form. Next Meeting of OCPIC - June 26th

John reported that standards for sidewalks with new construction on Marine Drive have not been consistently in keeping with standards of the Marine Drive Plan. Lower standards without reference back to the community?

Dan Ellis Solid Waste management. Dan reported on Metro discussions at the Lions Gate Public Advisory Committee (LGPAC) level. Late May- Day long meeting was held/lots of information provided/good discussion. Felt to be worthwhile by those on the committee.

Blueridge Lesley Brooks reported on Good Neighbour Day, June 9th. Bigger than ever/hundreds of people came out. Numbers are increasing each year.

Woodcroft Val also reported concern that the “village” aspect had been lost in the Lower Capilano Plan, as shown in the Larco application. Council has given DNV staff the go ahead to look at funding options for Fullerton Avenue improvements.

Corrie addressed the issue of input at Public Hearings. There is no check on the veracity of statements made by presenters. There are inherent weaknesses in the PH process – input is late in the approval process/can be confrontational/ no opportunity to work towards consensus. Metro Vancouver waste flow meeting-was last Monday. Audio/video is not good in the DNV committee room. Recorded meetings will move to council chambers until improvements can be made to the committee room.

Garden waste-future ban of kraft bags? 77 litre garbage cans may also be banned-due to weight. DNV is looking at a different system that would require the purchase of multiple containers, and automation for crews. Council has deferred decision on this for 6 months.

E.U.C.C.A. Meeting on road closure for the Edgemont seniors living project.

Village refresh plan is going to Phase 2.

There seems to be little appetite for increased height in Edgemont Village. DNV has done a good job of covering input and summarizing issues on DNV website page. See

<http://identity.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1168>

William Griffin-meeting to show designs nextThursday

(see <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5648> and <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5576>).

Funding-sale/lease of Delbrook lands or not is a big question for the future!

Save our Shores Diana reported on planning for this year’s Waterfront Walk/June 23rd. Notices in the paper/well advertised. This year, for the first time, there will be a water taxi to shuttle participants back to the start. It will run continuously. Sign in is at Cates Park.

4. Old Business

4.1 Update on “Process” Committee of FONVCA

At last month’s FONVCA meeting, concerns were expressed about the mandate of this committee. The mandate was passed last October. It’s a long term, grassroots effort/the understanding of some at FONVCA may have been different. Committee is working with the mandate and process. More discussion at this meeting on these issues.

5. Correspondence Issues

5.1 Business arising from 5 regular emails:

Distributed with full package and posted on web-site

Discussion on one letter, which some felt was in the nature of a personal attack on a member of the public. Letter was in response to letter published in the North Shore News, but the original letter is not available as a reference.

The letter is posted on the FONVCA website-discussion on whether to remove it or not.

Motion-John. 2nd-Diana. to remove the posting from the website. Carried.

(Followup-there was later clarification via email on what vetting the letter had, and those present were asked to verify their vote to unpost the letter. Majority of follow-up supported removal. Carried.)

5.2 Non-Posted letters – 0 this period

6. New Business Council and other District Issues

- a) DNV Annual Report <http://www.dnv.org/annualreport2012>
Public input coming up on June 24th
- b) Recent longboarder injuries see articles at <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jun2013/news-clips/>
Becoming a big topic of discussion/concern for municipalities. It's an issue everywhere.
- c) July/August FONVCA meetings, etc.
July 17th meeting-decide whether to cancel closer to the date. Decide on a summer social get together when polling in July.
- d) OCP Implementation Committee next meeting June 26th 5:00 in committee room. The mandate is posted on the dnv website at <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5515>

7. Any Other Business

a) FONVCA website hosting dealt with in business arising in section 2.

b), c) and d) are FYI items. No discussion.

8. For Your Information Items No discussion,

9. Chair & Date of next meeting:

July 17th and August 21st are summer dates. September 18th is first one in the fall.

Decide via polling of members on whether to hold the summer meetings, as well as whether to have a summer get together. (subsequently **August 21st was cancelled and July 17th will be a social meeting** at the Northlands Golf Course – 7pm)

Next Chair: Eric Andersen Sharlene Hertz – Notes

Meeting Adjourned.