

FONVCA

Minutes May 20th 2010

Place: DNV Hall, 355 West Queens

Time: 7:00pm

Attendees

Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A. and NV Save our Shores Soc.
Cathy Adams(NOTES)	Lions Gate N.A.
Val Moller (CHAIR)	Lions Gate N.A.
Lyle Craver	Lynn Valley C.A.
John Hunter	Seymour C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

3 items were added under Any Other Issues.

- d) FutureQuest (OCP) of Parks – May 20
- e) Police Review meetings (see also 3.1)
- f) Community Gardens

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption moved by Lyle Craver, seconded by Diana Belhouse. Last month's minutes were adopted as circulated.

***Action - Noted as outstanding: item under 5.2 concerning sending a letter to District staff in regards to the Sign Bylaw's "sunset clause", which becomes effective this fall. Cathy to follow up.**

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Review of May 5th Shirtsleeve Meeting with Council

There was good turnout for this meeting. And all but one councilor (Alan Nixon) attended. While some thought that too many topics ended up on the agenda, almost all were discussed and those in attendance found the meeting to be very worthwhile.

Policing/speeding concerns- The RCMP will receive feedback on local issues such as this from any community association that has a problem in their area and take action as appropriate. It's

difficult for the RCMP to be aware of all issues such as this, and they welcome community input. On the related issue of Community Policing and Community Policing Offices it was pointed out that this was more a philosophy than a location issue. The need is to have programs run in the community. The existing situation has some RCMP staffing issues – and some felt they should even be 24/7 if run in the communities. Also – what gets measured gets done. When photo-radar was abandoned it seems speed enforcement dropped. There seems to be a need to have a force somewhat answerable to community needs. DNV has very low crime rate – but then also one of the lowest case-loads/officer. **CA's were to be encouraged to provide feedback to RCMP liaison.**

OCP Review Process:

There have been 22 workshops to date. The next public ones are scheduled for Wed June 16th and Sat June 19th. Need for complete communities – not just a case of more housing. Housing stock impacts on demographics uncertain. Citizens need some certainty about future direction of the community.

Street-ends – Opening of street-ends was another discussion item. **Community Associations are encouraged to provide input to the District on priority street-ends and/or community links in their areas.** It was noted that staircases that might be desirable in some areas are expensive to build, and partnerships could be an appropriate method to addressing some of these items.

It was pointed out that there is a need for alternatives to using property taxes to fund projects (esp. Translink)

The meeting ended with agreement around the table to hold another shirtsleeve meeting in the fall. Dave Stuart mentioned that he would find it valuable to use such a meeting to get feedback on issues surrounding making critical financial choices (so called "service adjustments") in the District.

***Action – FONVCA will send an email to the Mayor concerning a shirtsleeve meeting in the fall, and indicating that FONVCA members would find the topic Dave Stuart put forward to be of interest.**

3.2 Renewal of FONVCA.ORG by Oct/2010

We would like to collect a total of \$300. so that the renewal can be for 3 years. While some community associations have contributed the suggested \$20. , many have not. Cathy agreed to assist with some follow up on this.

3.3 Update on OCP Process

There have been something like 26 meetings so far for the OCP Process – about 20 have been for stakeholder groups, so about 6 have been public workshops. Summaries of the input received are available on the District's OCP "Identity" website under Resources/then go to documents.

<http://www.identity.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1092>

Upcoming Dates: Forums on making choices in the OCP process are scheduled for June 16th and 19th.

LGA Regulations/Requirements:

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2010/LGA-OCP.pdf>

May 18 Roundtable:

http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2010/OCP_Round_Table_May18_all_9pp.pdf

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 5 regular e-mails

No discussion.

4.2 Non-posted letters – 0 this period.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Council and other District Issues

5.1 (Lack of) Bylaw Enforcement

Diana Belhouse presented an issue in her neighbourhood that has been going on for several years. There is a landscaping business operating in a single family house that has been a problematic situation for residents in the area. Despite multiple complaints, meetings, etc. with District bylaws officers, there continues to be significant problems associated with this home based business. There was some brainstorming and input given by those in attendance.

5.2 Public Land-Use Planning

http://circle.ubc.ca/bitstream/handle/2429/10308/ubc_2000-0128.pdf?sequence=1

The above reference may prove useful on the subject matter.

5.3 Metro's Waste Management Plan

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solidwaste/planning/Pages/default.aspx>

http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solidwaste/planning/SWMP_Docs/DraftISWRMP.pdf

Some useful references on the issue of Metro's waste management plan – but some members wondered where this issue is really heading?

5.4 Local Plan Monitoring Committees

– Request by Cathy Adams

- Getting started.

- What works?

- Problems?

- Terms of reference?

Cathy was looking into the need for such a committee for Lower Capilano. Some information sharing took place on monitoring committees that are currently in place, and what those involved feel about their effectiveness, etc.

5.5 Risk for different transportation modes

This was an "informational topic" – details at

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2010/Risk-vs-travel-modality.pdf> but a highlight was...

"Relative to passenger vehicle occupants, motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians are 58.3, 2.3, and 1.5 times, respectively, more likely to be fatally injured on a given trip."

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues

a) Public Correspondence sent to Mayor & Council –

<http://www.westvancouver.ca/Level3.aspx?id=27458>

http://www.bclocalnews.com/greater_vancouver/northshoreoutlook/news/90867004.html

This issue is about open/transparent governance and improving citizen participation in local government.

West Vancouver is currently looking at this issue in their municipality. There was some discussion about the availability of public correspondence in DNV, and the lack of consistency in how making it available to the public seems to be handled.

*** Action – Moved by Corrie Kost, seconded by Eric Andersen, that a letter be sent to Mayor & Council requesting that public correspondence be posted on the District's website, as well as on council agendas, where correspondence is received that pertains to an agenda item.**

b) Provincial Changes to Liquor Licensing Policies – Bill 20.

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2010/Changes-Liquor-Licence-Policy.pdf>

The Province is giving consideration to deleting the requirement to consult with Local Governments on granting/renewing liquor licenses. The UBCM is asking for input on the proposed changes from Municipalities.

***Action – FONVCA will request that District council consider the impact of Bill 20 Sections 120&121 on our community and support the UBCM's work in addressing municipal concerns with the Provincial Government.**

c) Public Notification Bylaw

DNV regulations:

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2010/updated-bylaw6078.pdf>

LGA Regulations:

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/may2010/LGA-892.pdf>

There were some concerns raised with the District surrounding notification issues on the Industrial and Commercial Rezoning Bylaws. The end result was that the District delayed closing the public hearing and resolved notification deficiencies. Reconvening of the public hearing is set for June 8th.

6.2 Any Other Issues

a) Save Our Shores – The walk will take place on Sunday, June 13th this year.

<http://www.fonvca.org/Waterfront-Walk-13jun2010/SOSad10.jpg>

b) Democracy in Summerland

TV broadcast of Public Input Blocked

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Council+public+question+period+deemed+unsuitable/3050753/story.html>

– Facing some uncomfortable questions from the public on recent issues in that municipality, Summerland council had blocked TV broadcast of the Public Input segment of their council meetings.

c) Only 1% would give up their car

Interesting stats...

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/292237>

<http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/canadians-choose-driving-over-sex-and-candy.1306507.shtml>

d) FutureQuest - This Parks planning process has given opportunities for input only at the meetings held to discuss this issue. There are some controversial issues to be dealt with. There was discussion on whether to request that input opportunities be able to be given electronically. **Update**-this is now the case. From the DNV website: ***Your feedback on our draft vision, guiding principles, goals, objectives and key recommendations would be appreciated. Are we on the right track? Have we missed anything? Please forward your comments to Carolyn Girard at girardc@dnv.org by June 11, 2010.***

e) Police Review Meetings – The first one was held on May 11th, with 5 attendees. One was also held in the City with only one member of the public there – Eric Andersen.

f) Community Gardens – There has been some criticism of these initiatives, which some feel are a poor use of public funds, benefiting very few people. Council recently approved a community garden in the Lillooet Road area.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 17th, 2010

Lynn Valley Community Association – Lyle Craver will notify Dan in regards to chairing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.
