

FONCVA

Minutes February 21th, 2002

Attendees:

Diana Belhouse(CHAIR)	Delbrook C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano R.A.
John Miller	Lower Capilano R.A.
Tom Hodson	Panorama Dr. R.A.
Bill Maurer	Seymour Valley C.A.
Allan Orr	Roche Point C.A
Dave Sadler	Seymour C.A
David Knee	Norgate Park C.A
John Fair	Lynnmour Inter-River C.A
Ron Adams (TPAC)	Guest
Jenny Knee (notes)	

1. ORDER CONTENT OF AGENDA

Added items:

New -6.2 Corrie Kost – Garbage Rules – Act X
New-6.3 Dan Ellis – Lynn Valley Library Update
New-6.4 Bill Maurer – Bear Network

5.3 Changes to Council Procedure Bylaw – moved up as first item of business

5.1 Correction to Agenda – should read FOI

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

5.3 Changes to Council Procedure Bylaw

Mayor Bells' revision to Council Procedure Bylaw was discussed at length and revisions to this document suggested by the members present will be forwarded to Mayor Bell by Brian Platts. These rules to apply only to Council/committee meetings. Public Hearings should have different set of rules.

It was unanimously recommended by FONVCA that 18 (c) be amended to read:

"c) Any member or other person permitted or invited to speak by the presiding member on any matter during the meeting shall confine their remarks to matters of fact and opinion and shall not speak disrespectfully of any other person or use any rude or offensive language or make a statement or allegation which impugns the character of any person;"

In addition to the above, it is recommended also that there be a statement which ensures that in

consideration of the formal nature of a Council Meeting, Council members will consistently use title and surnames when referring to a member of the public. The above was moved/seconded by Al Price/Dave Sadler – and adopted unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Budget Review process – Council responded positively to FONVCA's request (see Jan/2002 minutes and <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2002/financial-plan-process.pdf>) to hold another public meeting on a weekday evening. One has been scheduled for 7pm Wed Feb 27th in Council chambers. Ads being placed in NSN and Outlook.

3.2 Community Charter – Corrie gave an overview of information that is available (see agenda) – a handout was provided. There were many areas of concern. Al Price to set up a meeting with Ted Nebbeling as soon as possible.

3.3 Public Land Leases -some concern with the appropriateness of response provided by staff to Dave Sadler when he questioned the accuracy of information on land leases. Much discussion on how situation evolved. We should be very careful of the words we use when questioning accuracy of staff information. The consensus of the opinion of the members present was that the tone of the response from staff was inappropriate.

3.4 Questionnaire of Council performance – deferred.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from extensive e-mail - Corrie reviewed current subject matter of e-mails, since last meeting. New e-mails highlighted in blue with red subject heading for those with entries since last meeting. No new business was discussed from e-mails.

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Fees for FOI - after some discussion it was apparent that fees are not consistently being applied to all public requests for varying types of information. **Motion** - chair will ask for written procedure/policy regarding this issue. Question - is service being overused and thus taking up excessive staff time? Moved Brian Platts/Eric Andersen Response from staff to be discussed at future meeting.

5.2 Closed meetings of Council/committees - some Council/committee meetings are closed when there is no justification for this to be so considering the topics under discussion e.g. who should represent us at Translink was discussed at closed meeting.

5.3 Changes in Council Procedure Bylaw – dealt with earlier.

5.4 Extraordinary DVP passed by Council - many concerns about some of the DVP's being passed at present time:

- Excessive degrees of variances.
- District is only such council to grant variance to FSR and Maximum Site Coverage to single family.
- That these excessive variance constitutes rezoning.
- One councilor suggested all homes that don't conform to become so when they are rebuilt.
- Suggestion that any home that burns down should be allowed to be rebuilt to the way it was despite being non-conforming.
- Lack of distinction between major and minor variances on Council agenda.
- Unavailability of insurance for non-conforming structures was felt to be untrue.
- Promotes disrespect for district bylaws.

A draft letter was to be tabled for next meeting which addresses the following elements:

- expressing concern that recently approved DVP's undermine the neighborhood zoning
- that insurance is available for non-conforming structures
- that DVP's for requested structures can be granted without regularizing existing non-conforming components
- FSR and/or Maximum site coverage not be allowed as "variances"

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.2 Garbage Rules – Act X – Corrie read list of rules he correlated from many sources on restrictions for garbage disposal which will probably end up applying in the District at Act 10 – humorous if not scary.

6.3 Lynn Valley Library - new development process under way 100,000 sq. ft. building - 60,000 to be utilized by library and archives initially, expanding to 100,000 as required in future. 40,000 to be used as commercial space initially until required for District use. Some negotiations with adjacent developments to get the best result – Public Hearing to be held possibly by July or may be deferred until after election. Projection for completion -Spring 2004.

6.4 Bear Network - Bill Maurer attended Bear Network meeting and suggested that they give a presentation at a future FONVCA meeting. Program has been successful at reducing the number of bears killed – only 2 in district this year. More public education still needed.

6.5 Lower Capilano Community Facility – John Miller spoke about this \$3million Referendum funded facility. The full construction committee has had its first meeting. Field preparation work to be done ahead of building to reduce disruption of field use during construction.

7.0 Chair and Date of next meeting.

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**7pm. Thursday, March 21st/2002
District Hall,**