

FONVCA

Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting, Wednesday February 19th, 2014

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair Pro-tem: John Miller – LCCRA Tel: 604-985-8594 mail:jlmmam@shaw.ca

Regrets: Dan Ellis, Cathy Adams

Attendees:

John Miller (Chair Pro-tem)

Corrie Kost

Diana Belhouse (notetaker)

Val Moller

Lower Capilano Community Residents assoc.

Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.

Delbrook Community Association

Woodcroft / L.G.N.A.

1. Order/content of Agenda

a) Motion for Call to Order at 7:12 pm

b) Chair Pro-Tem Suggests: as is but with addition of items

- 7(c) 2014 budget meeting by DNV staff with Community Associations

- 2(b) reference to 5(b) follow-up by John Miller

2. Adoption of Minutes of January 15th, 2014

a) <http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2014/minutes-jan2014.pdf>

Unanimously adopted.

b. Business arising from Minutes.

- email to DNV council re: Jan 15th agenda item 5(a)

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2014/January-29-letter-to-council.pdf>

- a motion passed at the Jan 15th FONVCA meeting urging Mayor & Council to follow up on Councillour Nixon's November 13th suggestion "to review the impacts of mountain biking and trail building on the North Shore" was to be updated with Dan Ellis addition "We would be grateful to hear from you as to whether such a review is being contemplated and when it might occur." The updated version was the one actually sent to M&C.

3. Roundtable on "Current Affairs"

a) EUCCA – Corrie Kost

Phase 4 of the Edgemont Village Refresh process has resulted in two informational meetings/workshops attended by about 60 persons at each event.

Two critical issues raised:

- partial 4th floor option would be considered under exceptional circumstances. This would apply to the Thifty Foods project where about 100 residential units are being proposed above the supermarket.

- removal of the boulevard in the middle of Edgemont to allow for wider sidewalks and narrowing of the roadway, thus allowing street trees on the sidewalks. A controversial move since many residents like the central boulevard, not only for its beauty but also for the safety it offers for mid-block pedestrian crossing.

A public hearing would be held if such a change is contemplated

- Regional Growth Strategy changes/amendments require a public hearing – but Metro has the final say on any approvals.

b) Blueridge Community Association

Eric Andersen of the BCA was given an Award of Honour at the Feb 3rd Council meeting. This was lauded and FONVCA members toasted Eric in his absence. Congratulations on a well deserved honour!

c) Woodcroft/Lions Gate Neighbourhood Association - Val Moller

Val reported that the presentation on the Design Directions of the Public Realm given by DNV staff at the Feb 13th public meeting at the Grouse Inn (attended by about 80 people, about 20 being staff/consultants) was largely unchanged from previous meetings – ie. 100,000 sq-ft of “commercial space” was replaced by ~125,000 sq-ft of underground public storage facility. Concern was expressed that Councillor Nixon spoke improperly against a person who questioned the Larco plan. A second meeting was to be held in Woodcroft on Feb 20th. Traffic impact/consultation on the broader community of this project on Capilano Rd have so far not taken place. McGuire will need to build sidewalks to accommodate the proposed increased traffic. In the proposals, the “transition areas” to the denser core fully removed any prospects of retaining the single family homes. Capilano river would be lined by Townhouses (with increased setback from the river). Plans did not include a public riverside park. Larco has made it clear that the ~24,000 sq-ft community centre will only be built if the proposed density guidelines are approved – and even then, not for at least 5 to 8 years. It was alleged that the Lower Capilano Larco plan does not strictly require a public hearing in order to proceed.

d) Delbrook – Diana Belhouse

Corrie reported attending a lecture at Hycroft (University Womens Club of Vancouver) by Andy Yan, Planner, Bing Thom Architects and Adjunct Professor SCARP (UBC School of Community and Regional Planning) where he explored the “10 data points you should know about your City, from demographics to civic participation, to real estate ownership”. Many of these “points” apply equally well to DNV.

Diana invited interested FONVCA members to attend the March 4th lecture by Dr. Maged Senbel, assistant professor SCARP –on “*What are the Current Challenges and New Trends in Public Engagement for Neighbourhood Planning?*” For details see

http://www.uwcvancouver.ca/index.php/programs-events-events-entertainment?task=view_event&event_id=237

Four members of the Delbrook Community Association will attend. Phone 604-731-4661 to make a reservation. Cost is \$10 plus tax. Meeting will be held at Hycroft, 1489 McRae Ave., Vancouver

http://www.uwcvancouver.ca/index.php/programs-events-events-entertainment?task=view_map&location_id=1&tmpl=component&format=html

4. Old Business

- a) **“Process” FONVCA Committee** – the committee is to meet 2pm February 20. Little progress has been made in last months. We may need to go back to basics – and agree on a common set of fundamentals for what CA’s should be.
- b) **OCPIC** – meeting set for Feb 12th was cancelled – new date unknown. Committee term has effectively expired and is being reviewed by the Advisory Oversight Committee of Council in late February.

- c) **Healthy Neighbourhood Fund** – DNV repaid the payment (\$444) that Corrie paid for the FONVCA website (now paid up for a 3 year period).

5. Correspondence Issues

a) Business arising from 8 regular emails

- It was unanimously decided to unpost the Jan 26th letter from Doug Curran since it impugns the reputation of District appointed residents of the Marine Drive Committee.
- Thank-you letter to M&C regarding funding received by FONVCA from the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund for website costs.
- Issue of last minute addition to council agenda – without prior public notification was discussed.

b) Non-Posted letters – 0 this period

6. New Business

a) “FONVCA” anticipated amalgamation

Corrie explained how the FONVCA name was designed to be forward looking.

The Feb 3rd DNV Council motion by Doug McKay-Dunn (carried 4/3)

“THAT:

1. Council support the forming of an independent committee consisting of distinguished members of the three North Vancouver communities to examine the all possible benefits of an amalgamation and report back to Council no later than September 8, 2014;
2. Council request that North Vancouver City and the District of West Vancouver support asking the Province to provide funding to assist in any research and/or studies required on a possible amalgamation;
3. The Minister responsible for Municipal Auditor General’s office be formally requested to direct the Auditor to assist in this review;
4. Both the City of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver be invited to participate in the selection of the members of the committee;
5. In order to ensure that the entire process is impartial and its findings are driven by evidence, politicians and staff should not directly participate except for the selection of the members of the committee and to provide any necessary support or requested information;
6. Subject to the results of the review, the question of amalgamating the three North Shore municipalities be put to our communities by way of referenda in the next municipal election; and,

THAT the referendum question be crafted in consultation with the Province in accordance with appropriate legislation and best practises.

b) Changing Landscape of Municipal Libraries: COW meeting of Feb 11

Library presentation material (from Feb 11th COW meeting) distributed at FONVCA meeting.

Meeting was attended by Library Board. Diana is one of the few remaining original residents who started the DNV Library in the 60’s but was unaware of this meeting and decried the lack of publicity before such an important event.

Corrie (only member of public at COW meeting) reported that the new vision would see more programs and opportunities for community engagement in local governance. The big question: Will the room rentals be waived for community associations?

Currently Kindle support (for downloading free books) is blocked by Amazon for Canada (expected to change soon as per policy in US). However Burnaby has a 3-week limit download under trial.

Cross-Canada book purchases would reduce costs. In the 50's many libraries could purchase the ~ 20,000 new books/yr. Not so with the ~ 300,000 books published annually today!

Do libraries still have a role to play in this computer age? Emphatically YES!

http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Agendas_Minutes/140211CW_AA.pdf

7. Any Other Business

a) Congestion and Nowhere to Go – Road pricing in Metro Vancouver

http://www.bcbc.com/content/1027/RoadPricingPaper_FINAL.pdf

Limited copies of this 53 page Oct/2013 document were distributed at meeting.

As well the dated but largely relevant publication "Road Charging. Is it fair?"

http://erf.be/media/doc/2387_icp_manifesto_v5.pdf was also distributed to attendees.

Metering of all roads is still in the far future.

b) Searching for specific information in a large collection of pdf files.

All back issues of the local newspapers have been collected in pdf format for global keyword searching. PDF Professional makes this practical. Corrie noted that many issues come up time and time again!

c) DNV 2014 Budget Meeting with Community Associations

Rick Danyluk from DNV will be giving his annual presentation of the DNV Draft Budget (presented to Council Monday March 3/2014). Corrie will email members to determine which of two dates – March 4th or March 5th is the better. [**Subsequently the best response was determined to be for 7pm Tues March 4th**]

8. For Your Information Items

a) Non-Legal Issues

i. News-Clips of the month Feb 2014

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2014/news-clips/>

The annotated newspaper clips may be worth a read!

Listing of titles of all collected articles will now be made available for future FONVCA meetings.

ii) Triple Bottom Line – What is it? How does it work?

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2014/Triple-Bottom-Line-insert.pdf>

iii) DNV 2014 Assessment

2013: \$30,516,638,459 2014: \$30,709,475,273 ← very little change!

Tax rate comparisons (2013):

http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lqd/infra/tax_rates/tax_rates2013.htm

iv) National Municipal Adaptation Project

<http://www.localadaptation.ca/>

For BC see <http://www.localadaptation.ca/resources/NMAP%20FS%20-%20BC%20J2014.pdf>

v) Vancouver Consumer Price Index for Year 2013

December 2012 to December 2013: +0.2%

Dec2002: 100.0, Dec2012: 118.3 Dec2013: 118.5

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/tables-tableaux/sum-som/l01/cst01/cpis02a-eng.htm>

Examining the DNV Budgets over the past 10 years indicates that taxes are FAR exceeding the cost of living increases. This trend is clearly not sustainable.

vi) Affordability Index – by the numbers

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2014/news-clips/Affordability-Index.pdf>

vii) TRANSLINK - by the numbers/governance

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2014/news-clips/TRANSLINK-by-the-numbers.pdf>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2014/Mayors-to-have-more-control-over-transit-diagram.pdf>

b) Legal Issues

i) OCP Process and Consultation

http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/feb2014/LGD_OCP_Process_and_Consultation.pdf

9. Chair & Date of next meeting

Chair: Peter Thompson –EUCCA [subsequently confirmed]

Date: Wed. March 19th 2014

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10pm

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