

FONVCA
DRAFT Minutes of Regular Meeting Wed. February 17th 2016

Place: District hall – 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver

Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm

Attendees:

Diana Bellhouse	Delbrook CA/Save our Shores
Val Moller	Association of Woodcroft Councils
Margaret Fraser (notetaker)	Lynn Valley CA
Eric Anderson	Blueride CA
John Miller (Chair pro-tem)	Lower Capilano Community Residents' Assoc
Corrie Kost	Edgemont and Upper Capilano CA
David Knee	Norgate
Arlene King	Norgate

1. Order/content of Agenda

Additions to the agenda: se

2. Adoption of Minutes of January 20th 2016

With amendments under EUCCA report:

- a. Edgemont Seniors Living – construction well under way – w. new nearby sales office.
- b. Proposal for new townhomes at corner of Ridgeway and Edgemont goes to public hearing Feb 9th
- c. Grosvenor Connaught Development expected to begin in April 2016. Existing supermarket (Edgemont Market) will be closed during construction. 213 **public** parking spaces are included under new supermarket.
- d. Metro Capilano Watermain construction is well advanced on Capilano Road. Next stage involves major construction and closure on Edgemont Blvd close to Capilano Road.
- e. DNV requires non-single family home developers to prepare construction traffic plans to avoid interference with current Capilano Rd watermain work.
- f. Several property ownership changes in Edgemont Village. Discussion ensued on loss of some long-standing stores.
- g. EUCCA AGM will be on February 24th 7 p.m.at the library.

Moved/approved with amendments – Arlene –CARRIED

Note: Change to procedure for adopting minutes was discussed. All minutes are draft until approved at following meeting.

Business Arising:

- a) Motion to Council re: insurance coverage to be re-instated –Margaret to follow up with Cathy
- b) Expenses for FONVCA: Margaret to follow up with Cathy.

3. Roundtable on “Current Affairs”

EUCCA:

For information - diagram circulated and shown of proposed and current re-development sites around Edgemont village core.

Work on water main project will cease during summer months due to high demand on existing system. Completion with closure of Edgemont at Capilano scheduled Nov2016-May2017.

Costs to use library space will now add audio visual equipment, chairs to be set out/removed etc. This is common practice in many locations but costs to rent room more than doubles.

EUCCA AGM will be on Wed February 24th at the Capilano Library at 7p.m.

Delbrook: Letter circulated re: “Community Dialogue” meeting held regarding public land sale/use. The facilitators will present to Council on March 7th.

This meeting did not reflect the fact that discussion has been on-going since 2011 nor make known existing council policies related to this issue.

Blueridge: School Trustee to attend meeting to address concern over possible closure of a Blueridge school.

Starting April 29th, a joint project with UBC Community Building course students will include visits to shared garden, stream clean up, and other projects undertaken by Blueridge CA. Exciting possibilities!

Lower Capilano: project at 1600 Marine Drive is now OFF the schedule. New buyer. However, 1591 Bowser has permit to go ahead.

Woodcroft: 4th preliminary application in addition to current one has gone in for six homes and 43 town homes near the Glenaire Dr and Curling Rd intersection. Issue that the 75 metre rule for informing community has to be more flexible, as this 75 metres include part of the playing field! Suggest Woodcroft speak with council members.

LVCA: change of date for LV days to mid-June – same weekend as Save-Our-Shores walk: traffic meeting to be held in March sometime.

Norgate: open house to be held on February 20th regarding water treatment plant – at Norgate Elementary School. The Province needs to commit funds to this first, before any other contributions will come in.

New Phillip overpass to open in May – questions is, how will pedestrians cross tracks at Pemberton with change in access?

Bewicke crossing train whistle will be ending soon.

A member commented that LARCO is now to build 420 **rental** units in Lower Capilano.

4. Old Business Update:

a. OCP Implementation Committee: may be re-constituted in the future.

b. Update on NVCAN Workshops: moving forward, next meeting March 5th. Very close to having the actual structure of NVCAN. Feeling that at the next meeting we will move ahead quickly. All welcome.

Margaret corresponded with planning department re: e-mailing letters – no concrete/clear reply – she will follow up, again.

5. Correspondence: one-mail received re: by-laws not always being enforced. Will be posted. Video of latest extreme sport (Fromme Mountain) – ongoing concern about damage to natural environment.

6. New Business:

a) Public Input & Local Democracy

Extra copies of the extensive “Public Input Toolkit” by the Municipal Affairs department of Alberta was distributed.

http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/mdrs/ama_public_input_toolkit_Sept2014.pdf

An included article from the Seattle Times illustrates how contentious public input at council meetings can be. Despite this some local governments now allow a public input period at the end of a council meeting in addition to the one at the beginning.

<http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/public-comments-how-much-talk-is-too-much/>

The following is an undistributed FCM document on the subject

https://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/International/Local_Government_Participatory_Practices_Manual_EN.pdf

The following included reference is a view on the subject as it related to the First Amendment of the US Constitution.

<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/speaking-at-public-meetings>

The following included reference concerns the recent changes in the City of North Vancouver which previously had no limit on the number of speakers at the public input period and has now reduced this to just five.

<http://www.nsnews.com/news/city-of-north-vancouver-s-cap-on-public-input-questioned-1.2156723>

All agreed that we hope there is no reduction to the DNV public input session, as there has been in some other adjacent jurisdictions.

7. Any Other Business:

Corrie spoke to the following items as listed on the agenda.

a) Insurance for Community Associations

City of Richmond support of community sponsored events is outlined in the attachment of the following reference.

http://www.richmond.ca/_shared/assets/gp15202.pdf

Similar overviews were provided in the attachments of the following references.

<http://www.jltcanada.com/our-specialties/public-sector/not-for-profit-local-community-insurance-services/>

<http://www.saanich.ca/parkrec/recreation/pdf/Form-SaanichInsuranceRequirements.pdf>

<http://www.prrd.bc.ca/board/agendas/2009/2009-19-4646885120/pages/documents/14-b-CA-2MIATidbits.pdf>

It was concluded that we need to speak to our councillors regarding insurance coverage under DNV policy if nothing comes of FONCVA motion of January 20/2016.

b) Mountain Highway Interchange Project

Copies of the referenced Interchange project were distributed at the meeting.

http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/driving-and-transportation/transportation-infrastructure/projects/hwy1atmountainhwy/displayboards_january_19_2016.pdf

Watch for the LVCA traffic information meeting.

c) Corporate Policy on Developer's Public Art

It was noted in the attached Corporate Policy 10-4794 that “ In order to ensure high quality art, the recommended budget for the Developer Public Art Contribution should be calculated on the basis of 1% of the gross construction costs as noted on the building permit.”

d) How bad is the DNV Website?

A critique of the new DNV Website was outlined. Councillor Hanson is examining reviews of this issue.

8. For Your Information Items:

With little or no discussion the following informational items were outlined.

(a) Non-legal issues:

- news clips for month of February 2016 (item attached to agenda package)
- Open Town Hall
- No Parking Here (hardcopies distributed at meeting)
- Land use regulation impact on affordable housing (limited copies distributed)
- G3 grain terminal impacts on the North Shore

(b) Legal Issues:

- registering as a non-profit charity not so onerous
- DNV land opportunity reserve fund policy (hardcopies distributed at meeting)
- Release of councillors private e-mails –item attached to full package- (Decision of Privacy Commissioner of **Ontario**)
- Closed meeting reasoning falls short (Terrace BC article)

Chair of next meeting: Eric Anderson

Note taker: TBD

Date of next meeting: **March 16th 2016.**

Regrets for March meeting – Arlene and Margaret