

Subject: Fwd: Informed engagement with a community voice

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Corrie,

Please add the item below to the Agenda for the next FONVCA meeting as it relates to other issues regarding the use of the CGA blog site.

thank you, Doug

Begin forwarded message:

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Hi Brian,

The CGA blog site (www.capilanogatewayassociation.blogspot.com) has recently passed the 1,600 page view mark on its blog site. For such a small community this indicator has to be considered an extraordinary event by any standard.

It was troubling then, to notice that recently one of our blog followers, and the key contact resource staffer for the community Tom Lancaster, removed himself as an open follower of the site.

Our thinking is that it should in fact be mandatory for anyone dealing with this community through the current process be regularly reviewing the range of ideas and topics circulating in the community.

Additionally, the open appearance of DNV staff monitoring the site acts as a guarantee that information appearing on the site, while not endorsing any particular views of the CGA, are at least subject to scrutiny and oversight by a professional authority.

As you are aware, this lack of oversight from other quarters has actually allowed anonymous and unsubstantiated information to flourish within the community, with predictably negative effects on community dialogue and for rational community outcomes for the OCP process.

Whatever reasons may have been advanced for removing Mr. Lancaster's following of the blog site, they are misinformed and work against thoughtful open dialogue and realistic outcomes for our community's future.

sincerely,

Doug

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