

FONVCA

Minutes Apr 21st 2011

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6
Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Attendees

Brian Platts (Chair)	Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.
Diana Belhouse (Notes)	Delbrook C.A. & N.V. Save Our Shores
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Doug Curran	Capilano Gateway Assn.
Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights C.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.

Regrets: Katherine Fagerlund; John Hunter; Val Moller

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

John Hunter sent regrets tonight so Items 5.1 & 6.2c deferred to a future meeting.

Discussion on item relating to referendum for OCP was/had been removed at the request of Capilano Gateway C.A. as, both its anonymity and timing were inappropriate. There being no clear policy on content of agenda this was tabled for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Cathy requested an item be added under Correspondence Issue.

Note: Items marked with * are mainly for information and usually involved little or no discussion by the members present.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2011/minutes-mar2011.pdf>

Minutes of Mar 17th FONVCA meeting were approved as circulated.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Council Agenda Distribution - continued

Basic Agenda listing still missing from NS News. We will continue to monitor this unfortunate situation and build evidence about this deficiency until sufficient evidence warrants a letter to Council.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 19 regular e-mails

Cathy expressed concern about alleged untrue personal statements about her being posted on the Capilano Gateway blog site <http://www.capilanogatewayassociation.blogspot.com/> as well as the existence of a link to the blog site on the FONVCA home page. Cathy was concerned about statements there that allegedly impugned her motives. When FONVCA did not entertain further discussion of this at this time, Cathy left the meeting (7:50pm).

The Terms of Reference of FONVCA were displayed on screen... "Our mandate is to improve the quality of life in our neighbourhoods. Furthermore, the Federation is a forum for the common concerns of member associations and its purpose is to strengthen these organizations through the sharing of information and experience. Full autonomy of each Community Association is to be maintained."

It was suggested to remove the link to the new member blog site of the Capilano Gateway Association until they are well established. It was noted that the DNV sets standards about web sites they link to and we tend to follow those standards. Just as letters posted to the FONVCA web site are screened for appropriate content it was felt that Web sites should not impugn the reputation of others.

4.2 Non-posted letters – 2 this period.

Removed at request of author.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Council and other District Issues

5.0 Roundtable on "Current Affairs"

Dan Ellis suggested we get "back to our roots" by having a discussion (of up to approx 30min) near the start of each FONVCA meeting to provide an opportunity for each association to discuss current affairs as they impact their association. Agreed by members present and future agendas to accommodate this.

5.1 Status/Update on OCP

Three letters were sent last month by FONVCA to Council. The first letter asked that a public hearing always be associated with Council's discretion to consider zoning bylaw amendments to permit density over and above that indicated in the table on a case by case basis where the proposed development is otherwise consistent with objectives and policies of the OCP. This change was inserted on page 26 of the newly revised OCP.

The second letter requested that when key reference policies of merged local area plans are changed by council they should at the very least be subject to a public meeting on the matter.

The third letter requested, in accordance with section 882 of the LGA, that more information be included/referenced by the OCP about the Financial Plan which is in support of the OCP.

Dan Ellis expressed concern about the 3 letters that were sent out since, although he was absent from this meeting, he would not have agreed with the contents of the letter(s). He proposed to reconsider these motions (which were unanimously agreed to at the time) but this was disallowed on the basis that he was not present at the meeting. Note that this is in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order which stipulates that the motion can only be reconsidered by a member who had voted in favour of the original motion.

Dan Ellis suggested that all motions to send letters to council be emailed to the members who were not present to see if they had any major objections to the expressed requests.

Corrie expressed concerns that the OCP could fail because of technical flaws. He wants the OCP to succeed, and thus the request of letter 3 that the financial information relating to the OCP be readily publically available.

***5.2 Proper Use of Council In-Camera Meetings, Council Workshops, and Green Projects**

- John Hunter - due to absence deferred till next meeting

***5.3 Using Web to conduct simple surveys**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/pricing/>

Useful for those who want to do simple, but professional looking, surveys at little or no cost.

***5.4 Ethics of Gambling**

<http://debates.juggle.com/does-gambling-make-up-for-its-bad-rap-with-its-charitable-contributions>

http://www.responsiblegambling.org/articles/legalization_of_gambling_in_canada_july_2005.pdf The Executive summary of the above was attached and is worth a read. Questions one should address are:

-Do the ends justify the means?

-Applicability of the concept of "do no wrong"

-What about the "greater good"?

-Can "dirty money" do "good"?

-Do "net good" economics make sense?

5.5 Tall or Sprawl?

<http://www.vancouversun.com/opinion/4462759/story.html>

Little objective science has been applied to these problems/solutions.

5.6 Fire Service Study – Safety vs. Costs

<http://www.bcclocalnews.com/news/11811554.html>

<http://www.nsnews.com/news/4431377/story.html>

The real question is whether amalgamation of NS municipalities would cut per capita Fire Service expenses. It was noted that "fire events" keep dropping, while taxes for this service keep rising. It was opined that the province should compensate munis for their "ambulance" services.

***5.7 Should Mayors retain extra meetings pay?**

<http://www.bcclocalnews.com/news/118049679.html>

<http://www.edenprairienews.com/node/10099/print>

<http://www.albertalocalnews.com/rimbeyreview/news/117155523.html>

***5.8 Joint Water Use Plan (JWUP) – Gain or Loss?**

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/water/planning/Pages/JointWaterUsePlanSeymour-CapilanoWatersheds.aspx>

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/water/planning/Docs/JWUPPanels.pdf>

Recreational uses sets off alarm bells?

5.9 Translink Supplemental Plan Rejected by Default

<https://www.translinklistens.ca/MediaServer/documents/2011%20TransLink%20Supplemental%20Survey%202010.pdf>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/apr2011/Translinklistens-March%202011%20Newsletter.pdf>

Two (2) municipalities rejected the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy

-Port Moody, would no longer accept any growth until Greenline is constructed

-Coquitlam's objection were similar but broader.

Dispute resolution is usually 2 step – non-binding arbitration, followed by binding arbitration if the former fails. Metro is seeking to jump to the latter step to save time. This requires OK by province.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues

a) DNV changed Public Notification Bylaw

- See Council Mtg Feb 28/2011 – see Feb 27th email by Corrie to Council on subject discussed by Council on Monday Feb 28th/2011. Corrie opined that reverting to the default legislation removed flexibility from the hands of Council.

b) Phased Development Agreements: Councils

reneging vs developer reneging on developments

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/business/4454326/story.html>

This is the other side of the coin – where a developer (Concord Pacific) allegedly did not fulfill promises relating to a school & parks as part of a development in Vancouver. In the past, as a result of a municipality getting the amenities first and then stopping the development – although the developer was awarded costs by the courts – this led to the province allowing binding long term (10+ years) phased development agreements (as did DNV for Seylynn). So will the courts award compensation to Vancouver?

The notetaker Diana Belhouse left the meeting at 9pm (in accordance with her previously stated commitment) and before departing expressed deep concern over the comments and actions of a newly attending member at their first attendance at a FONVCA meeting and cautioned members that such behavior can result in other members ceasing to attend in the future. She reminded members that Cathy has been a long time member who had contributed much to the success of FONVCA.

c) DNV Council advertizes holding Public Hearing before approval to do so.

<http://www.nsnews.com/business/business/4502294/story.html>

This has the appearance of a "done deal". Council, for expediency, appears to have decided to advertise

before making this formal decision. Council noted it as exceptional.

***d) Study of incremental Single-Family densification**
<http://dspace.mit.edu/bitstream/handle/1721.1/42418/237800669.pdf?sequence=1>

e) FSR and 12ft ceilings on Marine Dr.

This item relates to 3rd Marine Drive development project to get a height variance (out of 4 proposals to come forth since Marine Dr. Plan was adopted in 2009). This was for a significant - 8.5 ft variance. On the 12ft height ceiling portions of the upper floor it was noted that:

- All SF residential zones double count those floor areas
 - Some CD zones (CD57) double count those floor areas
 - C9 (Marine Dr.) zones do not double count those floor areas
- Perhaps a review of this aspect should be examined?

6.2 Other Issues

***(a)Terms:**

BANANA: Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anybody
ABSNS: Always Building Something Near Someone
NIMBY: Not In My Back Yard
NIMTO: Not In My Term of Office

(b) Healthy Neighbourhoods Funding Status?

Only \$5000/yr now available – and this too may soon disappear!

(c) Update on Maplewood CAP

– John Hunter to address this at a future FONVCA meeting.

***(d) Community Policing Checklist**

<http://www.policing.com/articles/pdf/COMMUNITY%20POLICING%20CHECKLIST.pdf>
<http://www.nsnews.com/news/Community+policing+RCMP+priority/4568423/story.html>
Basically for information – not necessarily about “community” policing.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Due to potential conflict with a Public Hearing on the OCP for May 19th, the next **meeting will take place at Thursday May 26th, 2011**

Chair: Eric Andersen

Notes: John Hunter

Meeting adjourned ~ 9:10PM.