

FONVCA

Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting, Wednesday April 9th, 2014

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

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: Val Moller – Assoc. of Woodcroft Councils Email: vmoller@telus.net

Regrets:

Attendees:

Corrie Kost

Diana Belhouse

Eric Andersen

Lesley Brooks

Val Moller (Chair Pro-tem)

Cathy Adams

Rene Gourley

John Miller (notetaker)

Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.

Delbrook Community Association

Blueridge Comm. Association

Blueridge Comm. Association

Woodcroft

L.G.N.A.

Delbrook Community Association

Lower Capilano Comm. Res. Assoc.

Guest: Courtenay Fraitzl – Community Beautification Coordinator DNV

1. Order/content of Agenda

a) Motion for Call to Order at 7:05 pm

b) Chair Pro-Tem Suggests: as is

A presentation was made by DNV's Community Beautification Coordinator Courtenay Fraitzl regarding the Adopt a Street program. The program originally started from a litter/graffiti/blocked storm drains program (called "little pickers"). Ms. Fraitzl presented herself as a one-stop shop for inquiries where she either answers the question or finds out who can respond to the query if it isn't covered by her department. She works on Sundays and Mondays to Wednesdays [604-990-3841].

Item completed 7:42 pm

2. Adoption of Minutes of March 19th , 2014

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/apr2014/minutes-mar2014.pdf>

a. The only recommended change was to correctly spell 'Andersen'. Moved by Eric and seconded by Diana – Carried.

3. Roundtable on "Current Affairs"

a) EUCCA – Corrie Kost

Advised that EUCCA will have 12 on their newly elected Board. DNV Council endorsed the refresh of Edgemont Village. Contentious issues were removing the median and having a partial 4th floor under exceptional circumstances.

b) Delbrook – Diana Belhouse / Rene Gourley

Speaker Series Invitation – Rene Gourley

http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/apr2014/PB_Delbrook%20Invitation.pdf

Reported on upcoming Delbrook Dialogue public discussions. Timing of discussions to be in line with the Delbrook Rec centre discussions in 2015. Association will hold an all municipal candidates meeting on Monday, November 3rd.

c) LGNA – Cathy Adams

Spoke about the Grouse Inn presentation with the proposed two towers.

d) BCA - Eric Andersen

Spoke on the sharing garden which isn't public yet but is expected to be announced in two weeks. The Seymour Plan done in 2007 proposed 50 units per year but is being ignored and Eric questioned why the public should partake in plans which are later ignored by District Council.

4. Old Business

- a) **“Process” FONVCA Committee** – no meeting was held to report on. It was pointed out that a committee member may no longer be holding a position with his local community. Discussion took place on this issue resulting in a motion made by Diana, seconded by Eric, that ‘Only bona fide community association representatives can sit on the Process FONVCA Committee.’ Carried unanimously.
- b) **OCPIC** – next meeting in May 2014.

5. Correspondence Issues

- b) No-Post: Motion by Corrie, seconded by Val, that: email #1 not be posted. Carried. Motion by Kathy, seconded by Diana, that: emails # 5 and 6 not be posted. Carried. All other emails (#'s 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9) were to be posted.

6. New Business

- a) Densification and Affordability –
<http://www.globalsiteplans.com/content/why-grandma-is-moving-to-denver-not-miami/>
- presenter not present so no discussion, received for information only.

- b) 2014 – 2018 DNV Financial Plan – see table for sample tax increases since year 2000.
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2014/2014%20Municipal%20Taxes%20on%20my%20home.pdf>

BC Analysis of Municipal Property Taxes – distributed for info only – no discussion
http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/Lqd/library/revenue_source_review/An%20Analysis%20of%20Property%20Taxation.pdf
<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2014/cities-grossly-underestimating-money-they-receive.pdf>

- c) Fostering Dialogues Across Divides – **no discussion.**

<http://www.pentictonherald.ca/local-columnists/dealing-with-differences-of-opinion.html>
http://www.publicconversations.org/docs/resources/Jams_website.pdf
<http://www.cawi-ivtf.org/sites/all/files/pdf/publications/Creating-Change-We-Want-en.pdf>

7. Any Other Business

a) Importance of Building Shadow Studies – discussion on the issue and effects on neighbouring communities (loss of sunlight hours).

For a little background:

http://www-bcf.usc.edu/~rknowles/sol_env/sol_env.html

Example of good shadow study standards of Mississauga Ontario:

http://www6.mississauga.ca/onlinemaps/planbldg/UrbanDesign/ShadowStudiesFinal_Feb2012.pdf

<http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/130723cai2.pdf>

they are easy to do:

<http://sustainabilityworkshop.autodesk.com/buildings/ecotect-shadows-sunlight-hours> ← visit website for details

8. For Your Information Items

a) Non-Legal Issues

i. News-Clips of the month Mar 2014

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/apr2014/news-clips/>

The annotated newspaper clips may be worth a read!

ii. Municipal Financial Performance Indicators

<http://www.novascotia.ca/snsmr/municipal/finance/indicator/definitions.asp>

iii. Community Development – Participation

http://www.centerforurbanstudies.com/documents/silverman_patterson/jcde_participation_special_issue.pdf

<http://www.charretteinstitute.org/charrette.html> explains the Charrette System.

b) Legal Issues

i. Law Discourages Designated Drivers

<http://www.pentictonherald.ca/local-columnists/law-discourages-designated-drivers.html>

ii. Metro power to veto land use curtailed

<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/SC/14/04/2014BCSC0413.htm>

because Langley did not, in fact, amend the regional context statement!

iii. Earthquake Preparedness

http://embc.gov.bc.ca/em/hazard_preparedness/earthquake_preparedness.html

http://www.bcauditor.com/files/publications/2014/report_15/report/OAG%20Catastrophic%20Earthquake_FINAL.pdf

iv. Is Music a Noise in the City of North Vancouver?

Singing, even amplified, is not “noise” – tickets invalidated.

<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/SC/14/05/2014BCSC0513.htm>

Corrie presented some Ottawa signage issues and examples of no signs from a publication Urban Commuter – Bike Ottawa Blog – “Of a Woonerf, Too Many Signs and Complete Streets”

<http://urbancommuter.wordpress.com/2013/04/15/of-a-woonerf-too-many-signs-and-complete-streets/>

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 21st

Suggested Chair: Eric Andersen, Blueridge CA