

FONVCA

Minutes of October 19th 2006

Place: DNV Hall 355 West Queens Road

Attendees:

Lyle Craver(Chair Pro-Tem)	Upper Lynn Valley R.A.
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A.
John Miller	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
Lisa Thon(Notetaker)	Upper Lynn Valley R.A.

Meeting started: 7:10pm

1. ORDER/CONTENTS OF AGENDA

6.2 Update on Panorama Point viewpoint
6.3 Pump out stations

2. ADOPTION of Sep 21st MINUTES

Minutes were approved as circulated.

3. Old Business

Letter sent to Mayor and Council re: Highway Closure and Highway Dedication Bylaw 7524 was sent as attached to agenda and posted at

http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2006/18sep-to/Brian_Platts_1oct2006.pdf

3.1 Latest on BCRAIL Lands Proposal

Deferred as Cathy is attending meeting relative to this item in adjacent meeting room.

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from 12 regular emails

- some discussion took place with reference to Community Advisory Board (re: chlorine plant)
- publication procedures for permissive tax exemptions (see 5.3) – giving notice after council deliberation is not in keeping with open government. **Item 5.3 tabled** to next meeting – to verify extra exemptions allowed when list was already published. Possibly request entire list be re-published.

4.2 Non-Posted Letters

The 2 non-posted letters are to be distributed by Corrie at next meeting. Discussion of letters that contain information of a poisonous nature, noting in particular that they run counter to FONVCA mandate to assist in the formation of associations and assist with issues that are relevant to bringing a collective voice and rise up.

5. New Business

5.1 Getting on Board – Eric Anderson provided a review of an educational course taken that was presented as being beneficial to all.

Key Points – define what are the group's functions, mission, vision effectiveness, and resources. Read and know constitution of group. Have a mission and a vision. Proper notifications are very important. Set policy. Have position descriptions. Have 10-year goals and know that members have a fiduciary duty to those they represent. Do self-evaluation to monitor effectiveness. Be prepared to do something more. No motion is necessary if no one objects. Associations are to be cautioned against not registering as a society. Develop action oriented plans.

Discussion supported the idea to invite Barb McClellan, former NV school trustee (and also educational course presenter for Eric) to come out and give 10 minute presentation on the above.

5.2 Revision to the Subdivision Process

This item resulted from council agenda item #5 of Oct 16/2006. The notion is to Streamline the process and bring the DNV in alignment with other municipalities. No longer is notification of Community Associations required. Neighbours no longer receive a package of info. Discussion suggested that if the zoning is unchanged the issues are not substantial enough for the community association to be involved.

5.3 Permissive Tax Exemptions – returning next meeting as per previous discussion.

5.4 Amendments to Childcare Facility Business License Bylaw.

Issue – exceeding 20 children (open-ended). Use/impact of kids outdoors – drafting contentious and may have negative impact. Find out more info on change of density

5.5 Protection of Rental Housing Stock

Lost 58 units through conversion in Edgemont.
Corrie – Community Charter – use tools to make steps to maintain – suggestion that council change regulations to prevent loss of housing.

5.6 Financial Plan Meetings

Last year council allowed only 1 of 8-10 council meetings on plan for public to participate - 2 this year.
Award won for DNV 2005 Annual Report.

5.7 GVRD Budget meeting was held 1:30pm
Wed Oct 18th at district hall. No FONVCA members attended.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Legal Issues – exclusion of public from meetings of Council is not allowed except as specified in section 90 of Community Charter and then only by Council resolution as per section 92 – to be stated before in a public meeting.
Get Clarification as to why Oct 3rd council meeting was closed and under what authority?
Moved Lisa Thon
Seconded Eric Anderson

ACTION – letter to clerk via email carried unanimously

Article – Municipal Snooping

Informative article (distributed at meeting), agreed important to watch this issue.

6.2 Panorama Drive

Discussion of having Bill Blakely as name for park.

6.3 Pump out station - enforcement of holding tanks is being opposed. Waterfront task force – noted water quality impacts. Bylaw for the future?

Joint action needed- tax reduction or financial input for putting one in the future.

Good opportunity to ask DNV staff what could be done and seek their leadership.

Chair of next meeting – November 16,
2006 Eric Andersen – Blueridge C.A.
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Adjourned meeting at 9:40 pm