

FONVCA MINUTES

THURSDAY September 20th 2007

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

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: Diana Belhouse – Delbrook C.A.

Attendees:

Eric Anderson	Blueridge C.A.
Diana Belhouse(chair)	Delbrook C.A.
Lyle Craver (notetaker)	Mt. Fromme R.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Valerie Moller	Lions Gate N/A.
Dennis Bevington	Seymour C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano R.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
John Miller	Lower Capilano R.A.

Regrets: Cathy Adams, Herman Mah

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

1. Order/content of Agenda

6.2 Climate Change

6.3 Lynn Valley Charrette

2. Adoption of Minutes of July 19th

Minutes approved as amended – ie. to include regrets from Hugh Murray

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2007/minutes-jul2007.pdf>

3. Old Business

3.1 Dennis Back Reply to “Annual Report”

Motion: FONVCA requests a printable version of the entire copy of the annual report (not merely the statutory requirements) be made available as freely downloadable from the DNV website and purchasable in hardcopy form at the Clerk’s Office.

Moved: Kost/Murray - passed unanimously

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from 15 regular emails:

None of the meeting attendees felt any of the e-mails needed further discussion.

4.2 Non-Posted letters – 0 this period

Not applicable

5. New Business

Council and other District issues.

5.1 Alternative to private docks on waterfront.

Discussion of Maureen Bragg e-mail. (e-mail from Maureen Bragg of 13 Sept 07 from Sharleen

Suszezwiw re 978/986 Beachview Dr. – See **attachment 1.** Del K to organize meeting on this – no date set yet.

Seymour CA to prepare action plan on how to proceed.

5.2 Renewal charge for FONVCA website –

Corrie is seeking contributions from associations for five year renewal – \$35 from each association would cover the cost for 5 years.

5.3 Shirtsleeve topics – fall meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th.

- specific topics to be #1 item on agenda for next FONVCA meeting. **All members are asked to be ready to select a topic.** One possible topic might be the subject of docks (see 5.1 above).

5.4 BC Rail Lands used as Sewage Plant?

The Outlook article of 13 September 2007 was included for attendees.

5.5 “Metro Vancouver” -> Amalgamation?

This was felt to be more a marketing name change than a substantive change.

5.6 Cooperative Auto Network

A discussion was held concerning coop cars and ride-sharing.

5.65 “Eco-density a thin concept” & “Walking more damaging than driving?”

Article, arguing that driving generates fewer green house gases than walking, was distributed.

5.7 FTTX (e.g. FTTH – Fibre to the Home

It was noted that former Mayor Bell talked about installing fibre optic cable throughout North Vancouver District a number of years ago – this has still not happened.

5.8 Natural Hazards Task Force

DNV seeking members, particularly with technical expertise. Is this decision best made by Council, by expert consultants, or by the public?

5.9 Electoral Boundary Commission Meeting.

Val presented a report from Cathy (**attachment 2**). Provincial Government has asked EBC to produce alternate boundaries for elections to be held both under the current system and under the proposed BC-STV system. There are some changes affecting North Vancouver neighbourhoods that some neighbourhoods are concerned about. Cathy noted that the Lions Gate community is currently split between two ridings. Members are referred to <http://www.bc-ebc.ca/> for

more details. Deadline for submissions is 15 February, 2008.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Legal Issues

Crown Corporations and Municipal taxes.

Members were referred to a legal decision involving the City of Montreal that has the potential for being a precedent affecting tax revenue from the Port Authority and Greater Vancouver Regional District. While the federal government is appealing, there is a similar case pending concerning Hamilton, Ontario.

6.2 Possible meeting with UBC Local Climate Change Visioning Project committee:

November 7th was tentative date. However members felt that breaking up the FONVCA group into sub-groups was inappropriate. This was to be communicated to UBC organizer.

6.3. Lynn Valley Town Centre Master Plan

Charrette September 27, 28, October 1,2. There is a public Open House to be held at the Museum & Archives 10am – 3 pm September 29th.

7. Chair & Date of next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 18th 2007 with the chair to be Cathy Adams -Lions Gate C.A.– Tel: 604-987-8695. email:

cathyadams@shaw.ca

(Note: Edgemont and Lions' Gate switched turns)

8. Meeting Adjourned 9:10 pm.

Attachment 1

----- Original Message -----

From: [Suszezewicz, Sharleen](mailto:Suszezewicz,Sharleen)

To: [Maureen Bragg](mailto:MaureenBragg)

Cc: [Richard Boase](mailto:RichardBoase) ; [Ken Bennett](mailto:KenBennett) ; [Mayor and Council - DNV](mailto:MayorandCouncil-DNV) ; [Natland, Jennifer](mailto:Natland) ; [Griggs, Mark](mailto:Griggs,Mark)

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 11:51 AM

Subject: RE: 978/986 Beachview Drive - application cancelled

Dear Ms. Bragg,

Thank you for highlighting the important concerns of Save Our Shores, reflective of the comments made in your June 12, 2007 letter to the VPA. As noted in my August 17, 2007 email to you, the VPA is not continuing with the review of the shared moorage facility application for 978/986 Beachview Drive. The application is cancelled and the applicant has been advised of this. My email also noted that given the community and municipal concerns for dock development in the Beachview waterfront area, the VPA has decided to review this waterfront area as a whole to determine the potential for shared facilities.

The foreshore of Burrard Inlet and the Harbour of Vancouver is vested with the federal Crown. As managers of this federal property, the VPA works to balance the interests of both the waterfront property owners who wish to access deep water with a pier structure and the public who want access to the beach and water. We have heard the concerns of the community and would now like to give the waterfront property owners an opportunity to express their concerns and ideas. The VPA has arranged a meeting first with the affected waterfront property owners so that VPA can advise them of the community concerns and the need to consider alternate solutions. The next step would be to engage the broader local community in a review of the Beachview area. We will keep you informed of any upcoming public consultation.

Regards,

VANCOUVER PORT AUTHORITY

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-----Original Message-----

From: Maureen Bragg [<mailto:m.bragg@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 12:04 PM

To: Suszezewicz, Sharleen; Natland, Jennifer

Cc: Richard Boase; Ken Bennett; Mayor and Council - DNV

Subject: 978/986 Beachview Drive

I am writing on behalf of the North Vancouver Save Our Shores Society. It has come to notice that the 978/986 Beachview Drive application has not actually been denied but is still under review.

A private meeting with the immediate neighbours of this dock application is to take place on September 20th followed by a public meeting.

VPA has received considerable negative response to this application, a copy of an environmental study of the area that was commissioned by the District of North Vancouver is in the hands of VPA, confirming that this area needed to be protected, also pictures of the area from the SOS Society that should have caused anyone viewing them alarm, to still state this application is under review is worrisome.

Save Our Shores are concerned that decisions that are impacting the quality of life of the people of the community and the environment, are being made by those who have no idea what has been allowed to occur to our public beaches in North Vancouver these past years. It is unacceptable to continue with the practise of building Docks as the only means of

moorage in this modern and environmentally concerned day and age.

The ramps of the two home owners that will be crossing Harris Beach go right across the beach and join at the point of construction for the dock. Yes it is a shared dock but the ramps to get to the dock take over and take away that entire beach area.

Decisions of what is allowed on our public beaches should be based on the good of the entire community who have the right to safe enjoyment of the beaches. We do not have that.

The Beach belongs to the people.

Alternative moorage to Docks must be considered from now on.

Sincerely Maureen Bragg North Vancouver Save Our Shores Society

Attachment 2

References:

http://www.bc-ebc.ca/proposed_smp/districts/west_vancouver_capilano
http://www.bc-ebc.ca/proposed_smp/districts/north_vancouver_lonsdale
http://www.bc-ebc.ca/proposed_smp/districts/north_vancouver_seymour
http://www.bc-ebc.ca/proposed_smp/regions/north_shore
http://www.bc-ebc.ca/proposed_stv/districts/north_shore

Report on the BC Electoral Boundaries Commission Public Hearing, September 10, 2007 for FONVCA by Cathy Adams

BC has appointed a 3 person Electoral Boundaries Commission to report on, and propose, boundaries for both the current single member plurality (SMP) system and the BC single transferable vote (BC-STV) system. The latter could be implemented in BC in the future, so the Commission's mandate included looking at that scenario.

In August 2007 the Commission released their preliminary report and are now undergoing a public consultation process.

I (Cathy Adams) attended their public hearing held at the Holiday Inn on September 10th.

There are some proposed changes to the North Shore ridings. Maps are included in the materials.

North Vancouver Lonsdale changes include the transfer of all Lower Capilano areas with the exception of Norgate, to the West Vancouver Capilano riding. North Vancouver Lonsdale would include some of the Lower Lynn Valley and Seymour Creek areas.

There is concern by some Norgate residents that of the Lower Capilano area, they alone are being retained in the

Lonsdale riding, rather than remaining for BC riding purposes as part of Lower Capilano.

Very few people attended the public hearing. Three hours had been allotted, but it was over in less than an hour, after a brief presentation and only about 5 speakers.

I had not intended to speak, but ended up doing so.

I spoke in support of the very western border of North Vancouver Lonsdale being changed so that the Lions Gate neighbourhood is no longer in two ridings under the proposed changes. Currently, Woodcroft is in West Vancouver Capilano, while the rest of Lions Gate is in North Vancouver Lonsdale, which I find awkward at times.

In the case of the STV system becoming law, the four North Shore ridings, including West Vancouver Sea to Sky, would become 1 riding with 4 members elected.

The Commission has an excellent website www.bc-ebc.ca.

A summary of the North Shore hearing will be available there, very soon.

They will take input over the next while, but they stress that the sooner they receive your input, the easier it will be for them to consider it when preparing their final recommendations, which are due and must be filed by February 15, 2008.