

FONVCA
Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 18, 2013
At DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Road, North Vancouver

Attendees:

Eric Andersen (Chair pro-tem)	Blueridge C.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano C.A.
Diana Bellhouse	Delbrook C.A.
John Miller	Lower Capilano Community Res. Assn.
Val Moller	Lionsgate N.A.
John Gilmour (Note taker)	Lynn Valley C.A.

Regrets: Sharlene Hertz

Called to order 7:00pm

1. Order/content of Agenda

No changes

2. Adoption of Minutes of June 20th

- Lower Cap CRA notes of 3. "in Larco" words deleted from paragraph

3. Roundtable on "Current Affairs"

Corrie

-presented a legal opinion (included in package), written by MetroVanWatch where it was indicated that the closure of a public hearing, cannot be used to block communication between council members and the public.

<http://metrovanwatch.wordpress.com/learning-centre/legal-opinionuse-of-public-hearing-to-block-communication/>

-also noted that new DCC regulations come into effect starting November 1st

Val Moller

- Larco will be having a public meeting on October 9th on the Capwest proposed development
- Fullerton residents did not receive a copy of the recent survey that was sent around. Corrie suggested that addressed envelopes could have been used to distribute the survey. John Gilmour suggested that email would be an efficient way to distribute surveys, however Val Moller said that many people in Woodcroft don't have email. Others found that hard to believe in this day and age.

John Gilmour

- John will be facilitating the SFU Public Square 100 Community Conversations event to be held next week at the Capilano Rugby Club. Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 7PM. There are approximately 15 people registered so far.

- Lynn Valley. Mark Sager hosted a public meeting last week, Sept 11, on behalf of Bosa Development to show off their revised plans for a mixed use development on the former Zellers site. Mark had a power point presentation that included video clips of Hazen Colbert's alleged mis-information as he spoke at the DNV council meeting the prior Monday. Sager stopped the video to address each alleged incorrect point.

- Hazen Colbert issued a press release last week with information from the OCPIC meeting that he attended as an observer. It was briefly discussed that this was not desirable behaviour.

John Miller

Reported that there were street guidelines proposed for the lower cap area that were new and not designed by the DNV, but were designed by a consultant. McGuire Street was of particular concern.

Diana Bellhouse

Diana reported that the Delbrook CA will be having their AGM on September 25th at the DNV hall.

Eric Anderson, Blueridge

- Eric reported that trees were proposed to be planted in the Blueridge area street boulevards. However the residents were quite upset by this because they were not consulted about location and if the trees were wanted. The policy is now changed and Gavin Joyce will be invited to present on the topic to the Blueridge Community Association.
- The Blueridge Community Association has a 3-4hr +lunch plan of action workshop coming up for the BCA to get more residents out and become more active in the community.

4. Old Business

a) Update: "Process" FONVCA Committee

- Sept 24th – Discussion on BC's Economy, to be held at Capilano Rugby Club at 7pm which will be followed up with a SFU free seminar with Robert Reich – October 3rd at the Orpheum (included in package)

5. Correspondence Issues

a) Business arising from 16 emails (included in package)

- Many of the emails were copied to FONVCA by Doug Curran. Some comments were that they were getting tired of Doug's emails as they were poorly written. John Gilmour said he thought Doug's emails were well written and he didn't have a problem with them. Some at the table said that they were actually getting better lately.

b) Non-posted letters – 0 this period

6. New Business

a) **BC Stats on 2011 Census.** Corrie reported that these have now been released and are pertinent to the south regions and in the DNV.

<http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/Census/OpenData.aspx>

<http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/Files/dab70780-383a-4c93-919e-fa53ddfb6e67/2011CensusProfile-BritishColumbiaCensusTractsinCMAsandTractedCAs.xlsx>

b) **OCP Implementation** – Concrete vs Jelly adherence to both OCP and CAC policy.

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=4904> (see esp. sections 3.6 and 3.7 of attachment)

The issue was discussed and it was agreed that the CAC calculations are not transparent for the public or for developers. They are too difficult to calculate, requiring an outside consultant to be hired by the DNV to negotiate with the developers.

7. Any Other Business

a) **FONVCA web site hosting** – renewal for 3 years at \$411US paid. Corrie has submitted for reimbursement from the Healthy community Fund. Has not heard back yet – expected in October.

b) **Planning for an Aging Population** – déjà vu. A 1961 document was shown that basically says the same thing as is said today about the aging population and the need to prepare for it with housing, etc.

<http://www.planning.org/pas/at60/report148.htm>

c) **Public Participation** – “Reality or Rhetoric?” It was recommended that people watch this video on Youtube.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Knz100ldLM&feature=player_embedded

d) **Community engagement Toolkit.** Link to a sparc.bc.ca website was provided.

<http://www.sparc.bc.ca/component/rubberdoc/doc/534-community-engagement-toolkit.pdf>

e) **BC Gov. Analysis of Property Taxation** pamphlet was included with the agenda package.

[http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/library/revenue_source_review/An Analysis of Property Taxation.pdf](http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/library/revenue_source_review/An%20Analysis%20of%20Property%20Taxation.pdf)

see also

<http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/pathfinder-finance.htm#mrsr>

8. For Your Information Items

a) **News clips** of the respective months are on the FONVCA website.

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jul2013/news-clips/>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/aug2013/news-clips/>

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2013/news-clips/>

One newclip was attached to the agenda package called “Lynn Valley Gets New Tower Plan”.

- Attached was some email correspondence from Jerry Grootveld of 2679 PopLynn Ave and council (& Mike Little) complaining that “Nobody in this neighbourhood that I talked to remembers seeing this sign”, referring to the current Polygon project on Mtn Highway. He also complained that the recently revised Bosa proposal was too high, taking away the village feel of Lynn Valley.

b) **Legal Issues** –

i) Metro takes Langley to court over rezoning.

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/aug2013/news-clips/Metro%20takes%20Langley%20to%20court%20over%20rezoning.pdf>

http://www.vancouversun.com/story_print.html?id=8670186&sponsor=

It's recommended reading by Corrie.

ii) LoGo Notebook – Summer 2013 Stewart McDannold Stuart.

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/issue/?issue=84>

Note that Local governments cannot withhold bid and contract information

iii) Municipal Law Reference. Introduction to BC Local Government Law.

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/sep2013/REECE-HARDING-Introduction-to-BC-Local-Government-Law.pdf>

9. Chair & Date of next meeting

October 16th -John Hunter or Val Moller to be the chair.

Meeting Adjourned ~ 9pm