

FONVCA

Minutes July 21st 2011

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

Attendees

Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Corrie Kost	EUCCA
John Hunter (notes)	Seymour C.A.
Cathy Adams(Chair)	Lions Gate N.A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.
Brian Platts	EUCCA
Val Moller	Lions Gate N.A.
John Miller	Lower Cap. Community R.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A. & NV Save Our Shores Soc.

Regrets: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

1. ORDER / CONTENT OF AGENDA

Dan added item 5.7 Setting Content of Agenda which was proposed to be discussed after adoption of agenda.

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

2. ADOPTION OF June 16th 2011 MINUTES

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jul2011/minutes-jun2011.pdf>

Moved by Brian to adopt the June/2011 minutes as circulated. Seconded by Dan. Carried unanimously.

5.7 Setting the Agenda

Discussion of a new process for agenda setting for FONVCA – what are we here for – issue of finishing meetings by 9 PM – concern that DNV may see FONVCA as Corrie's vehicle and that Corrie is forced to set the agenda – Corrie may look bad if perceived by Council to be running the FONVCA show – should split off agenda into a separate grouping or page those agenda items that are just for information.

Several attendees expressed the view that we do not need to meet every month, especially in summer. There was some support for fewer meetings but no vote was taken.

However, the conclusion was that as of September, look at 2 weeks' notice of agenda items to Corrie; Corrie to get the agenda out 1.5 weeks (10 days) before the meeting; FONVCA reps are to reply with any comments on the agenda by the Sunday prior to the planned meeting. The material for information only would not be part of the agenda – it would just be sent along as material of interest. Upon reviewing the proposed agenda, the meeting chair will decide if a meeting is warranted.

ACTION: Representatives coming to FONVCA meetings should seek items for the agenda from their respective CAs.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Council Agenda Distribution

The deficiencies were still being monitored for future action. A discussion of full public accessibility to the Council agenda took place.

ACTION: It was concluded that a group comprised of: Hunter, Andersen, Moller, Platts, Belhouse, Ellis, Adams would meet David Stuart re this issue and tell him that if he needs Council support, FONVCA would seek this.

3.2 Review of Draft 2 of Code of Conduct

After further discussion of this issue, the following Code of Conduct passed, with John Hunter for SCA opposed as per vote of SCA executive.

Code of Conduct for FONVCA Representatives

A representative of a community association must discharge their duties to their association with integrity.

Integrity is defined as soundness of moral principle, especially in relation to truth and fair dealing, uprightness, honesty, and sincerity.

A representative must act in good faith and refrain from impugning the character or reputation of any FONVCA representative or FONVCA member association.

All members of the F.O.N.V.C.A. are expected to demonstrate the highest standard of behaviour towards other members. In accordance with Disciplinary Procedures outlined in Chapter XX of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, a representative may be suspended or expelled for conduct which breaches this standard.

4. CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from 17 regular e-mails

No discussion.

4.2 Non-posted letters – 0 this period.

4.3 Roundtable on “Current Affairs”

(i) Brian indicated there is a new development proposal adjacent to Edgemont Village for people 55 plus years old. He believes it would fit the intent of the LAP. They will be rental units at about \$4000/month.

(ii) Dan indicated that John Gilmour resigned as president of the LVCA. The new president is now Eric Miura. A new restaurant – Brown’s – is opening in the Village Center in September.

(iii) Hunter mentioned the tree bylaw progress was continuing and that further changes should be made even though it has given 3rd reading. Adoption will likely take place in about 6 months. Mentioned new restaurant Calvin’s Cafe across from Parkgate and the Seymour Golf Club.

(iv) Cathy mentioned some problem with water leaking into the wastewater system at the village.

(v) Diane mentioned some property owners along the beach in Deep Cove have ordered beach walkers off the public beach. She also questioned the (slow) timetable for removing encroachments on DNV property.

The dangers/regulation of skateboarding on roads/sidewalks was briefly discussed – particularly wrt differences between DNV & CNV

On the next FONVCA meeting agenda should be the issue of questions for those running for Council this November.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Council and other District Issues

Corrie briefly outlined the following agenda items:

5.1 Why condo-villes don’t work

http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2011/13jun-to/Doug_Curran_5jul2011.pdf
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/industry-news/property-report/why-condo-villes-dont-work/article2086193/>
This item was not discussed because the author did not attend.

*5.2 A conversation with climate change sceptic Professor Freeman Dyson

<http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change/letters-to-a-heretic-an-email-conversation-with-climate-change-sceptic-professor-freeman-dyson-2224912.html>

Counterpoint:

<http://globalsymposium2011.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/The-Stockholm-Memorandum.pdf>

5.3 Problem Skateboarders?

The dangers/regulation of skateboarding on roads/sidewalks was briefly discussed – particularly wrt differences between DNV & CNV.

For **week-end/evenings** call RCMP non-emergency: 604-985-1311 who will call RCMP or bylaw officer to attend **or** call Bylaw Services 604-990-2400 **Monday to Friday between 7:30am to 4pm** and speak to the Customer Service Clerk.

5.4 Global Warming, Trees and Urban Lawns

SUN article (with source) stating that Planting Trees ‘no magic bullet for climate change’:

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/technology/Planting+trees+magic+bullet+climate+change/4973905/story.html>

Source:

<http://www.nature.com/ngeo/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/ngeo1182.html>

The following article alleges that “Urban ‘Green’ Spaces May Contribute to Global Warming”

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/01/100119133515.htm>

and correction to above in

<http://www.lawnandlandscape.com/gci-022210-toro-carbon-turf-mowing-sequester-research.aspx> refutes this.

Corrie alleged that **properly maintained** lawns are “beneficial to the environment as a positive sequester of carbon”.

5.5 Cycling index in Metro Vancouver

<http://www.cher.ubc.ca/cyclingincities/tools.html>

Nice colored maps show bikeability surface rating of areas in Metro Vancouver.

5.6 Walk Score of Neighbourhoods

<http://www.walkscore.com/> for example...

Main & Mountain Hwy N. Vancouver → score of 72

Lynn Valley Mall → score of 87

Edgemont Village N. Vancouver → score of 83

Gallant Ave N. Vancouver → score of 42

Banff Ct N. Vancouver → score of 68

Philips and Marine N. Vancouver → score of 77

Lonsdale & 13th N. Vancouver → score of 88

Marine & 16th W. Vancouver → score of 88

Robson & Denman Vancouver → score of 93

FONVCA members discussion of this shows that scores are somewhat limited – but may serve as a guideline.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Legal Issues

*a) DNV Public Involvement Framework

<http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Cpolicy/c1049601b.pdf> 104p

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=169> as above but html

<http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/cpolicy/c1049601.pdf>

*b) Is there a law against council receiving input after close of public hearing?

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5109>

Corrie alleges “NO” – but it may result in a need to hold a new public hearing.

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

***c) Spring 2011 Legal Review by SMS**

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/issue/?issue=77#535>

Corrie noted that in the article about “Consistency Between an Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw” the **old test of an “absolute and direct collision” has now been rejected by the courts.**

Source:

<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/SC/11/04/2011BCSC0491cor1.htm>

***d) Municipal Governance Articles: Version 2**

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/jul2011/municipal-governance.pdf>

The updated set of references on Municipal Governance was distributed.

***e) Union Bay SLAPP suit gets slapped down**

[http://www.vancouversun.com/news/District+government+settles+pr
icey+suit+against+citizen+blogger/5028829/story.html](http://www.vancouversun.com/news/District+government+settles+pr
icey+suit+against+citizen+blogger/5028829/story.html)

“Governments are accountable to the people through the ballot box, and not to judges or juries in courts of law”

“When a government is criticized, its recourse is in the public domain, not the courts. Litigation is a form of force and the government must not silence its critics by force”

6.2 Any Other Issues (2 min each)

a) Seylynn Village is for Sale

<http://www.collierscanada.com/3173>

Corrie noted that this may have impacts on the future of this approved development.

b) Local Government Under the Community Charter

The 606 page 2011/4th edition (100 more pages than first edition) was kindly contributed to the community.

c) The Economics of Recycling

<http://www.lewrockwell.com/lilley/floy14.1.html>

Corrie noted that this article questions the economics of various recycling programs.

7. CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The August meeting is cancelled. Instead, there will be an informal dinner gathering at Calvin’s Café (3720 Mt. Seymour Parkway) ~ 6pm Thursday August 18th.

The next formal FONVCA meeting:

Thursday September 15th 2011

Chair: John Hunter – Seymour C.A.

Meeting adjourned ~ 9:20PM.