

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2016
Location: DNV Hall, 355 Queens St W
Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Present:

John Miller	Lower Capilano
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Babs Perowne	Woodcroft
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook & SOS
Sharlene Hertz	Delbrook
Anni Danielson	Blueridge
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Lorraine Harvey	Seymour
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Peter Teevan	Seymour
Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights
Arlene King	Norgate Park
Arzoo Babu	Edgemont & Upper Capilano
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano

Regrets:

Jane Chersak	Norwood/Queens
Eric Andersen	Blueridge (represented by Anni Danielson)
Margaret Fraser	Lynn Valley
Chloe Hartley	Strathcona

1. **Welcome.** Members were welcomed by John.
2. **Agenda approved** with the addition: approval of last FONVCA minutes for continuity to NVCAN.
3. **Minutes of the last FONVCA minutes** for the June 25, 2016 meeting were approved. Corrie pointed out attachments of particular interest from the North Shore News: Blueridge Good Neighbour Day inspires a real sense of community, Celebrate the 19th annual Blueridge Good Neighbour Day, Crier Comment: Blueridge rallies to support new neighbours; an email exchange with North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee (See item 10 below) and an email exchange regarding Arts & Culture Grants Workshop (Summary of Arts & Culture Grants Workshop prepared by Margaret Fraser and Eric Andersen sent out separately). Copies of the FONVCA package can be found on the website: fonvca.org/agendas/sep2016/final-fonvca-material.pdf.
4. **Update on presentation to Mayor and Council.** John advised he spoke to Mayor and Council on September 12 advising of changeover from FONVCA to NVCAN. Babs advised that she updated staff on the name change.

5. **Community Association Roundtable.**

- a. **Norgate Park.** Irene advised their AGM was held on June 20. The main topics were update on development -Marine Drive and Norgate Park amenities and harbour area. The water and sewer upgrades are ongoing. Irene also mentioned concerns about petty crime are evident from Facebook posts.
- b. **Woodcroft.** Val spoke about the DNV125 summer party with its 140 guests. Larco development is moving rapidly with installation of Curling/Cap Rd traffic lights, development of the construction road on the east side of the property. Grouse Inn will hold an Information meeting on September 21, setting out details of the 2 towers, reduced parking levels and changed footprint for grocery store and commercial area. The reduced parking levels contravenes the original design approved by DNV Council. Pictures documenting changes still show 2 lanes on Capilano Rd rather than the 3 described previously.
- c. **Delbrook.** Diana spoke on the controversy between using the land for affordable house rather than local amenities such as parks and play areas. Discussion on affordable and non-market housing addressed funding by BC Housing Authority to subsidize families earning less than \$35,000. Stressed the importance of land for recreation in the area as currently limited free space.
- d. **Blueridge.** Anni reported that the continuing issue with bags of brown goo continues. DNV analyzed the goo and found it to be non-toxic. Problem has been reported to RCMP who will patrol the area. Residents also doing goo patrols. Blueridge seeks to develop a trail to Parkgate through the rifle range that will connect to Blueridge. Donna S. seeks to have a historical/heritage place and cairn installed at the bottom of the rifle range. Funds have been collected and the next step is to obtain Parks approval for the installation.
- e. **Seymour.** Karen reported that break-ins, thefts by multiple people have been occurring in the area. Some thieves have been caught, but others still operating. Notices have been posted on website and at school. There will be a town hall meeting on September 22 at Parkgate. Block Watch and citizen patrols work to curtail the illegal activities. Peter promoted the idea of an event in appreciation of first responders and their families. It would be a family event and cover the North Shore. John invited Peter to submit a proposal to NVCAN for its future consideration and support. Transportation changes at the Mountain Highway interchange continues to be an issue.
- f. **Pemberton Heights.** Paul spoke about an app dealing with crime statistics and locations by Block Watch. He advised that Pemberton Heights is still working to develop programs for the former Capilano United Church site. The Daycare is still operating.
- g. **Edgemont and Upper Capilano.** Corrie reported on a typical Executive meeting item, where they met with a developer on the preliminary planning application proposal - in this case a 12 unit townhouse project at 1135, 1147 Ridgewood Dr, and 3288 Brookridge Drive (the latter would be the consolidated address). This was a practical example of how a community association can have an early indication on a proposal and give some indication of how it fits in with the "Edgemont Village Centre Plan and Design Guidelines". The proposal to provide a total of 27 parking spots was positively noted.
- h. **Lower Capilano.** John reported that the Budget Car site has been resold with the new developer issuing notices (Open House on Sept 22 at Norgate School from 6 – 8) for a revised plan. The new plan has a better footprint, meets parking needs and is a positive change to the original design. Council did advise staff to increase the size of the notice area from 75 meters to 100 meters. The

increase, while still inadequate, at least allowed those whose laneway access was impeded under the old plan to be aware of the revised design. New plan is within the ADP requirements.

6. **Affirm Charter Member list.** At the request of Deep Cove's representative, Katherine, the Deep Cove CA was moved from the Charter Voting Member category to the Charter Non-Voting Member category. After discussion on definition of Charter Non-Voting members, motions to re-classify Deep Cove and accept the definition of Charter non-voting members were approved unanimously.
7. **Confirm that all meeting notices, agenda, minutes are to be by email.** All meeting materials will be available on the website. Members confirmed electronic distribution and personal responsibility for printing documents as they require.
8. **Establish website contents/pages.** The following is the suggested page structure for the website:
 - a. Main Page/About Us/Contact info
 - b. Member List (CA name/contact)
 - c. Meetings and related materials: agendas, minutes, attachments.
 - d. Useful Information: Training Materials/Research//LinksAfter review, it was agreed that these categories meet the current needs. Babs will liaise with Margaret. It is anticipated that the students will work on the website in October. In the meantime, members can try a sample website showing the structure at: <https://wvntest.wordpress.com/>
9. **NVCAN emails:** We have one email for NVCAN (info@nvcn.ca). The members agreed that it will be the Secretary who checks for emails and respond to simple queries. (When the Secretary is away Corrie will be backup). Anything requiring more information will be referred to the Executive. Emails will not be posted on the website. NVCAN notices and updates for members will be sent from this email.
10. **Future Presentations discussion:** John will arrange for a speaker from the North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee (NSWLC) for our October meeting. Babs will arrange for a speaker from Evergreen Park Stewards for our November meeting.
11. **Next Meeting Date. Wednesday, October 19, 2016**
12. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.