

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Location: DNV Hall, 355 Queens St W
Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

PRESENT:

John Miller (chair)	Lower Capilano
Babs Perowne (secretary)	Woodcroft
Chris Sallis	Strathcona
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook & SOS
Eric Godot Andersen	Blueridge
Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
John Hunter	Seymour
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Val Hammerberg	Maplewood
Val Moller	Woodcroft

REGRETS:

Jane Chersak	Norwood/Queens
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Margaret Fraser	Lynn Valley
Sharon Porter	Maplewood
Stuart Porter	Maplewood

ABSENT:

Paul Tubb	Pemberton Heights
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- 1. Welcome** John welcomed members.
- 2. Approve Agenda.** The agenda was accepted with the addition under NVCAN-emails – agenda notices.
- 3. Approve Minutes.** The minutes were adopted.
- 4. Old Business:**
 - a.** DNV Mayor/Council – Shirtsleeves meeting. John M. advised that Clerk’s Office did not set up ‘informal’ meetings with Mayor and Council. After discussion, it was agreed that John M. would invite Mayor/Council to attend our June 21 meeting for a round table discussion. As previously decided, the topics to be raised by NVCAN will be recognition of Community Associations and restructured NVCAN; improving communications to/from DNV; role of DNV Social Planner; and asking how can we help Mayor/Council.
 - b.** DNV Council Workshop – OCPP Implementation Review. John M. reported A) that Council reviewed the Terms of Reference for the OCP Implementation Review Committee; B) that after discussion, the DNV Council modified the participants representing in part 5 geographic representatives, Council members, and staff among others; C) Council expressed concern about ‘mission creep’ extending the scope of the original objectives and overlap with DNV staff functions; D) the initial term of the Committee is set at December 31, 2017. E) Committee would report jointly to staff and Council. Corrie pointed out that it is a requirement of the OCP by-law that DNV track and review the OCP implementation after 5 years (of its start in 2011).

Corrie also stated that it may be time to review whether the existing targets are still relevant. Babs mentioned that Council acknowledged that two key items of a review would be to address communications (from DNV to the public) and measurements against the metrics.

- c. **Parliamentary Procedure Workshop:** Eric reported that NVCAN members cannot attend the workshop being put on for DNV. It was suggested we might invite Mr. Noonan to do a min-presentation at one of our 2017/18 meetings, perhaps as a prelude to a full workshop for members. Eric will provide Babs with contact information for follow-up.

5. Communications:

- a. **NVCAN emails:** Babs reported that all emails received had been circulated. John H. requested that agendas be attached to the emails notifying members of upcoming meetings. It was pointed out that the agendas can be modified and that the current version is on the website. It was agreed that the initial agenda would be attached to emails and members would be responsible for checking for future updates on the website. Some discussion ensued as to liability of NVCAN for circulating possible libelous material from correspondents. John Hunter will check if any liability exists to NVCAN.
- b. **News Clips:** Corrie reported that the latest news items had been posted to the website.

6. Community Association Roundtable:

- a. **Lynn Valley:** Babs reported on behalf of Margaret Fraser that Tom Lancaster, DNV planner, would be attending the LVCA AGM on May 17, 2017 at Lynn Valley Church. Also that LVCA would confirm their representative in due course.
- b. **Norgate:** Irene reported that an Open House will be held at Norgage Elementary School on May 18, from 6 – 8. Norgate is having a Community -wide Garage sale. May 27/28th from 10-2pm.
- c. **Deep Cove/Strathcona:** Chris expressed concern over waterfront access being encroached by a local owner at the foot of Mount Seymour Parkway. These concerns had been raised with the District but without any action being taken. Improvements to the public access at Harris Place is also an issue. Upgrades to the stairs is delayed until 2018. Balancing access for children and families to the ‘water backyard’ needed to be balanced with care of the marsh and mudflat ecosystems.
- d. **Woodcroft:** Val M reported: The first of the townhouse developments for 23 units on Glenaire, west of Fullerton along the river, has now been approved by Council. Another Public Hearing is scheduled for May 23rd for the stacked townhouse development for 88 units, on Belle Isle and Curling. A Preliminary Planning Application has been received for 37 three storey townhouse units on Glenaire/Fullerton/Belle Isle. Comments are invited, and if the developer decides to proceed it will then go to a Public Information Meeting. An invitation has been received for a drop in on May 27th, between 10:30 am and 1:00 pm at the Grouse Inn, to view the proposed development on the Travelodge site. They plan a 26 storey high-rise tower, 6 storey low rise tower, plus townhouses and an on-site park. 280 residential units. Woodcroft are planning a summer event to celebrate Canada’s 150th birthday on June 28th. It will be held in our grounds, and although in the early planning stage, we are planning to have light refreshments, live music, and a visit from a Mountie. Our head grounds man is going to do a feature bed in red and white with “150” arranged in flowers.
- e. **Seymour:** John H. reported the developer had withdrawn its application for the Raven’s Inn. Karen reported that the All Candidates meeting was well attended although with slightly fewer than prior years, possibly because the advance polls had been open prior to the meeting. The AGM will be held May 31st at 7 pm at Cedar Springs featuring Bill Tracy.
- f. **Blueridge:** Eric reported their AGM will be held May 23 and a newsletter will be published after the AGM. The 20th Good Neighbours Day will be held on June 4.

- g. **Maplewood:** Val H. reported that DNV had rejected the request for the CA to beautify the corner of Mt. Seymour Parkway at Riverside Drive until the culvert replacement and infrastructure upgrade has been completed.
 - h. **Delbrook:** Diana explained the purpose of the SOS Discovery Waterfront Walk, which will be held Sunday, June 25, 2017, sign in at Cates Park between 10 am and noon, and ending in Deep Cove between 12:30 and 2:30, which is the last sailing of the water taxi to Cates Park. Diana requested volunteers from the community associations to act as a combination of guides/marshalls to help direct people along the walk. Any volunteers should contact mazoret@shaw.ca to find out more details (eg script of things to tell walkers). A DNV Waterfront Task Force worked from 1994-98 developing a plan with a 15 year vision. A referendum on the plan was narrowly defeated after false advertising in the North Shore News and a district-wide mail drop by waterfront owners. This led to the founding of North Vancouver Save Our Shores Society. The group seeks to raise awareness that the beaches are public and not private property. Annual walks began in 2000 and now have significant support and sponsorships. However, Council has not tackled the encroachments on public street ends and rights of way.
 - i. **Edgemont:** Corrie reported the Executive responded to a preliminary application submitted for 3015-3059 Woodbine Dr which proposed an FSR density of 2.16 which is approximately 9000 sq-ft of additional floor space over-that permitted under the 1.75 FSR specified in the District OCP and the Edgemont Village Plan and Design Guidelines. Particular sensitivity in design is required to address the impact on the single family homes which are opposite two sides of the proposed redevelopment. Concerns about parking and a breezeway about mid-site to break up the length of the proposed building were also expressed. An independent study of lane-way configuration, which included traffic circulation and space for pedestrians to shop and gather, was also recommended. A preliminary discussion is taking place on the proposal to have 8 townhomes replace two single family homes on Canfield Cr - despite the design guidelines designating this site for a lower density of "multiplex" and not "townhomes". There has been significant concern expressed about the DNV's new recycling, organics, and garbage collection policy/regulations as we are the first DNV area for their new containers. Reduced limits on organics has been particularly irksome. The Capilano Water Main project is finally nearing completion in June 2017-about a year over the initial schedule.
 - j. **Norwood/Queens:** Babs read Jane's report: Norwood Queens and Delbrook hosted a community Garage Sale on May 6/7. Not everyone signed in and we see the difficulty of getting everyone informed in a timely matter. Signs notifying the public took a beating with the rain and wind. In spite of this, I believe there was about 16 homes participating. Many others indicated they needed more time to participate but want to join in. We have decided we will have a Community Garage Sale on the first weekend in May 2018. Lots of time for people to get ready. Norwood Queens original executive will have a meeting on May 29th. Agenda Direction of CA, increasing membership, selection of Executive.
 - k. **Lower Capilano:** John M. reported that the AGM will be held May 31 starting at 7pm and Erik Wilhelm, DNV Planner, will be attending. DNV is now allowing owners to switch to smaller garbage cans, not without some difficulties regarding broken catches.
7. **New Business:**
- a. **Summer Dinner:** It was agreed to hold a Summer Dinner at Northlands Golf Club on August 16 for a 6 pm start time. Babs will make a reservation with Northlands and issue an invitation to members and significant others, in due course.
8. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm
9. **Next Meeting Date.** Wednesday, June 28, 2017, DNV Mayor/Council Shirtsleeves Meeting.