

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday November 18, 2020

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Present:

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| John Miller (Chair) | Lower Capilano |
| Eric Andersen | Blueridge |
| Corrie Kost | Edgemont Upper Capilano |
| Erik Skowronek | Edgemont Upper Capilano |
| Lyle Craver | Lynn Valley (authorized by G. Konst) |
| Irene Davidson | Norgate Park |
| Herman Mah | Pemberton Heights |
| Karen Barnett | Seymour |
| Peter Teevan | Seymour |
| Val Wilkins | Strathcona |
| Val Moller | Woodcroft |
| Babs Perowne | Woodcroft |

- 1. Welcome:** John welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7 pm.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- 3. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the September 16, 2020, regular meeting were approved.
- 4. Old Business: 2020-21 Schedule of Meetings.** Babs reviewed the status of possible topics for presentations at Special meetings.
 - Tiny Temporary Homes for Homeless- Architect Bryn Davidson to be contacted by Babs for January.
 - DNV Financial/Budget review – Rick Danyluk will do a presentation. Date to be sometime in February.
 - Bears in our neighbourhoods – scheduled for February by the Black Bear Society. If possible to reschedule to March to accommodate Rick Danyluk’s February meeting.
 - Capilano University redevelopment plans – Herman to confirm date in April.
 - Burrard Inlet Crossing – unable to contact Bowinn Ma.
- 5. Community Roundtable**
 - Woodcroft:** Val gave an update on the developments which are progressing south of Belle Isle. The town-homes on Curling and Glenaire are expected to be completed next summer, and those on Belle Isle and Curling expect first move-ins in the fall of 2021. Regarding the Community Centre - DNV is close to the transfer of the centre space on the Larco site to the District. Once they take ownership of the shell they can start work on the fit out of the centre, which they hope will be in January. All going well, and depending on Covid-19, they hope the centre will be opening next summer. Also, Woodcroft has had to cancel their Annual Carol Night due to Covid-19. This is the first time it has been cancelled.

- b. **Seymour:** Karen reported that Seymour held its AGM on November 12. Deb Bramley died recently. Deb had been active in neighbourhood affairs for many years, engaged in activities in support of community affairs. With the onset of her illness, Deb turned over responsibility for her websites to Jill Brock. Peter reported on the public hearing for Seymour Estates. He commented that the majority of the people speaking in favour of the project used the jargon similar to that of the developer. Peter expressed concern that it gave the appearance of a biased public hearing. In addition, the software used to conduct the public hearing crashed midway through the process and the public hearing will be rescheduled. (See new business.) Peter expressed concerns over the DNV's recommended parking spaces for the project. (See Addendum A.) He also reported on the successful online All Candidates meeting co-hosted by Seymour, Blueridge and Parkgate.
- c. **Strathcona:** Val W. had to leave the meeting before reporting.
- d. **Pemberton Heights:** Herman reported they held a successful clean-up of Ashdown Park on November 8. He announced that the annual Kris Kringle event has been cancelled due to the pandemic.
- e. **Norgate Park:** Irene reported Halloween went well this year despite Covid. Parents of little trick or treaters posted their thanks on FaceBook for the extra effort made by residents to make it a special night. The Sewage Treatment Plant has extended construction hours from 6am to 6pm for the next month. Currently, they are pipe laying along 1st Street. David Knee (Pres.) advises that residents with used motor oil for recycling need to contact British Columbia Used Oil Management Association (bcusedoil.com) for drop off. This is the North Vancouver oil collection centre: TERRAPURE, 130 Forester St, North Vancouver, south of Dollarton Hwy (604-982-2360). Irene reported the proposed development for 1210-1260 West 16th Street goes to Public Hearing. DNV website will update. She and Lyle expressed concern that the only entry to the project is off the back lane. She also said last month, many residents received warning letters from the DNV advising them not to put their garbage bins out on the street the night before collection.
- f. **Lynn Valley:** Lyle reported that Christmas will be celebrated at the Lynn Valley Mall although with fewer activities. The Festival of Lights will be held. He also reported that the Legion wants to redevelop its property by summer, 2022. Depending on the nature of the redevelopment it may result in a loss of the Legion's tax-free status. Planning for the Lynn Valley CA AGM is underway.
- g. **Lower Capilano:** John reported that Lower Cap was using newsletters and posts on their website to stay in touch during pandemic.
- h. **EUCCA:** Eric S. reported (i) A few months ago, Christmas came early to Edgemont Village. A commercial for Macy's was filmed here with snow on the ground etc. The commercial is now out and is called 'In Dad's Shoes' and can be looked up if desired. Here's the Macy's commercial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sC2JFpmQOrM> (ii) A new Condo project has started in Edgemont Village. It is on Connaught and Crescentview, just West of the Library. It will be 22 units. They are currently finishing up the excavation phase and should be completed the excavation this week or early next. The developer is Mike Rakis who also owns Jack Lonsdales' in the City of North Vancouver. There was an ad to sell units for the first time in the North Shore News today. (iii) The Business Association is again putting up lights in the Village. Currently 11 trees are lit, and the lamp posts down Edgemont in the Village Centre are decorated like candy canes. It seems like fewer lights than in years past however, this is likely due

to our current crisis and reduced revenue for merchants. (iv) The old 'Bakehouse / Torchy's site has been sold. It was owner by an investment group and the building is more or less destroyed by a leaky roof, drywall falling off the ceiling, mould etc. Speaking to a representative of the new owners, they do not have concrete plans for the site yet. Their plans will be a function of the zoning they will be granted by the District. So this site will likely be at least 2 years from any activity. (v) There is a residential lot on the corner of Highland and Glenora, just a few block out of Edgemont Village. The owner has been excavating and trying to deal with 'water issues' for about 5 years. He was issued two building permits and both expired. At a session of 'Meet the Mayor' last year a contingent of neighbours taken to the Mayor and expressed concern for property values and also safety at the site. A few month ago, this lot was on the agenda at a council meeting and the owner was ordered to fill in the excavation. If he did not, the District would do it at his expense. About a month ago an excavator appeared on the site, removed a few truckloads of soil and now the site has the foundation poured. I guess the District and the owner came to some agreement. (vi) This morning, the Strata Manager for a Condo building in Edgemont Village forwarded an email from the owner of a commercial unit in the building. This email indicated he had a party willing to sign a long term lease to operate a Medical Marijuana store. The residents are all totally against this use in Edgemont Village and their building.

- i. **Blueridge:** Eric A. reported the All-Candidates Meeting hosted by the CAs and Parkgate on Zoom worked well. He also reported that Blueridge held its AGM on November 10 (also on Zoom) and 3 new directors were elected making a board of 12. One of the new directors has taken on the responsibility of Volunteer Coordinator for Blueridge activities. Publicity for other events is being developed by two young folks with a background in graphics for publications. Another organization that makes awards will donate 10 awards to be presented for volunteer recognition. Neighbours have been signing up for local services in response to a front page notice in the latest newsletter.

6. **New Business:**

- a. **Annual December lunch:** After discussion, it was agreed to hold our annual December lunch on Wednesday, December 16. The lunch is conditional on meeting applicable COVID restrictions in place at that time. Babs will make the arrangements with Northlands and notify members.
- b. **Online DNV Public Hearings and Meetings:** Corrie expressed concern about whether the current public notification for public hearings is adequate. He questioned whether current online access to DNV media sites reaches a broad audience and the print copy of North Shore News has been curtailed (even before the pandemic). (See Addenda C and D attached). John commented that even though the Mayor advised that Council Meeting videos would be found on YouTube, as yet this has not occurred. John also commented that the software used for the Public Hearing on Monday failed. After further discussion, **It was unanimously agreed** that the President contact the DNV Mayor and Council requesting that DNV make Council meeting and Public Hearing videos available on YouTube.

7. **Next Meeting: Regular Meeting.** Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

8. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.