

North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, February 15 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
David Knee	Norgate Park
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook & SOS
Eric Godot Andersen	Blueridge
Jane Chersak	Norwood/Queens
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Margaret Fraser	Lynn Valley
Sharon Porter	Maplewood
Stuart Porter	Maplewood
Val Hammerberg	Maplewood

REGRETS:

Irene Davidson	Norgate Park
Val Moller	Woodcroft

1. **Welcome** John welcomed members.
2. **Approve Agenda.** The agenda was accepted.
3. **Approve Minutes – January 18, 2017.** Babs advised that the online version of the minutes were updated during the month, as members advised of corrections. Corrie noted some additional changes regarding referenced documents and typos. The minutes were adopted.
4. **Community Association Roundtable:**
 - a. **Woodcroft:** Babs reported that twelve residents from the single family homes close to the proposed townhouse development north of Fullerton, met with Dan Milburn and two other staff members to discuss their concerns. Dan says staff would be reviewing community feedback with the developer and return amended proposal to residents for comment. There is another Public Information Meeting on February 28th for a proposed townhouse development on Glenaire and Curling for 40 three-bedroom units. It will replace about 4 single family homes.
 - b. **Deep Cove/Strathcona:** Chris and Katherine reported the on-line petition launched by neighbours opposed to the development has reached 139 signatures, with 49 comments. Katherine understands that several separate emails were submitted to Kevin Zhang, including from the SLP MC and her own. As a local community event, the Deep Cove Coffee House has a wonderful initiative showcasing local music, largely organized by Chris Sallis' husband, John Lyon. It occurs the 3rd Friday of every month at Mt Seymour United Church (great acoustics). Doors open at 7, feature performance at 9. Complementary refreshments at the break,

- \$12/head. The feature this Friday, February 17, is Blackthorn (Celtic foursome). Link: <http://mtseymourunited.com/deep-cove-coffee-house-friday-october-21/>). Another community event is Friday Night Live – Every Friday in Lynn Valley, 7:30 – 8:30 pm at the new “Centre for Spiritual Practice” at Lynn Valley United Church. “Life, Stories, Music” – an evening of unscripted skits and live music, usually with lots of laughs. (<http://www.fnlnorthvan.com/>)
- c. **Blueridge:** Eric reported the Blueridge Good Neighbours Day will be June 4 and the planning committee will include new volunteers. The All Candidates Meeting is being organized with a date to be determined. Last year about 50 UBC students volunteered in Blueridge to learn how to develop vibrant communities. This year, with the program change, there will be three international students from UBC meeting with the BCA to find out more about work in the community. One is from Ghana, and another from Turkey. A homeowner has contacted BCHydro to see if a wrap is available for the BCHydro box installed in front of his property. If the homeowner is successful, the program may be expanded to cover more boxes. It was suggested that DNV may also cover some of the wrap costs. Aside from the BCA Eric reported that the Seymour Local Plan Monitoring Committee (SLPMC) is working with Jennifer Paton (DNV planner) to line up a meeting with the planning department in order to reestablish a working relationship with this department. Over the last couple of years there seems to have been opening a gap in the working relationship between many of the new planners and the SLPMC and possibly other monitoring committees.
 - d. **Lynn Valley:** Margaret reported that the Lynn Valley Monitoring Committee was also active with 5 members of the LVCA and 3 DNV staff. Plans moving along and our committee all have tasks to complete. LVCA suggested logo looks likely to be approved! Annual Park Project will be May 13th from 9 - 1p.m. Improving trail base for wheelchair access etc. Most likely to do this in Princess Park as it will be part of the LINK. Parking in the Village letter sent re- signage – confusing, abrupt, not very client friendly! No response yet. Cost of community space rentals – letter sent – no response yet. Shops/tenants diversity or lack of in the Village. Concern about lack of cross-communication at DNV; higher density with more people should be incentive to attract more small business/stores. Traffic information meeting on January 19th was attended by about 80 people – over what we expected and over room capacity! Report is on our lvca.ca website along with the power point presentation given by Erin Moxon. MOSAIC – developer for Emery Place, which will include replacement rental units– had information session tonight (Feb 15th) at 6p.m. Will forward information after the NVCAN meeting.
 - e. **Maplewood:** Stuart reported on the November charrette for the Maplewood redevelopment. Of the 55 people attending, 7 were local residents with the balance largely consisting of developers. The resulting report was sent to Council, who sent it back to staff for revision. Stuart reported staff resubmitted the original report based on the charrette. Stuart is planning the first Maplewood Community Days to be held at Maplewood Flats in May, and that he hopes to have representatives of the Community Advisory Panel and North Shore Emergency Measures. Val H. reported that 35 Seniors are currently sheltered at the NS Lookout, with staff receiving approximately 20 calls per day for more Seniors to be housed.
 - f. **Delbrook:** Diana reported that Councillor Hicks recommended 25% of Delbrook lands be kept for parks with the balance used for housing. Discussion is planned with council on removal of the Norwood/Madeley barrier, which had been promised upon completion of the Mountroyal connector. This had been promised some years ago. Traffic issues/safety remains an issue and Delbrook is pursuing with Engineering. Unlike the village centres, Delbrook has no local area plan. A video clip on the status of the Delbrook Community Recreation Centre can be found at <https://youtu.be/p76upHYjmj4> or <https://www.dnv.org/recreation-and-leisure/delbrook->

community-recreation-centre. Diana reported that the SOS walk this year will emphasize the rights of walkers on beaches and include a water taxi back to Cates Park (June 25, 2017, walks start 10 am – noon, final water taxi 2:30pm).

- g. Norwood/Queens:** Jane reported work continues to rebuild the group. She suggested as a community event holding a “community curb day” similar to block garage sales or Strathcona’s “store corner”.
 - h. Norgate Park:** David reported the new washrooms at Norgate Park do not appear to be open every day as was expected but only during a sports event which has a permit to use the park. The new development at 1591 Bowser appears to have stopped and is not mentioned on the Lions Gate local development District web page.
 - i. Edgemont:** Corrie reported the AGM was held. Corrie also reported on the presentation regarding garbage containers (see “Garbage Carts Program-2017” on the NVCAN website) and reviewed the new garbage/recycling cart rules.
 - j. Seymour:** Karen reported on the 27 unit townhouse development proposed for 3468-3490 Mt. Seymour Parkway. Seymour is also to participate in the All-Candidates Meeting being organized by Eric.
- 5. Old Business:**
- a. DNV Mayor/Council – Shirtsleeves Meeting:** A shirtsleeves meeting is an informal meeting held in the Committee Room. Participants can take notes, however there are no recorded minutes. It is expected that NVCAN would propose about three topics for discussion, as would Mayor/Council. John then opened the floor for suggested topics. The following items were proposed. These will then be clarified and reviewed at our next meeting:

 - i. OCP review
 - ii. New Green Cart Program – issues with cart sizes, costs, property grades/weight
 - iii. Waterfront access
 - iv. Social responsibility – affordability for other than low-income professionals
 - v. Social planner – developing local small businesses, e.g. mom-and-pop or family business
 - vi. Transportation – planning (Corrie showed report indicating traffic increased by 1,800 vehicles from 2014-15, and by 2,700 from 2015-16. Statistics Canada also reported that DNV population had increased in the latest census period.)
 - vii. Co-ordination with City of North Vancouver planning.
- 6. Communications:**
- a. NVCAN emails:** Babs reported that as emails are received they are circulated to members.
 - b. News clips:** Corrie reported that he has assembled the news clips from the North Shore News. Babs puts the current month’s set on the Meetings page of the NVCAN website. Clips for prior months are moved to the Useful Resource page.
- 7. New Business**
- a. Future Presentations:** Jonathan Wilkinson, MP, requested an opportunity for a meet-and-greet with NVCAN. His only available date would be our April meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that we would not reschedule Patrick Stafford-Smith, the CEO at the Chamber of Commerce. It was also agreed that if we were to allow Mr. Wilkinson such an opportunity, we should also allow the same opportunity for Terry Beech, MP, as NVCAN spans both ridings. Babs will notify Mr. Wilkinson’s office.
- 8. Next Meeting Date.** Wednesday, March 15, 2017.
- 9. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm