North Vancouver Community Associations Network (NVCAN)

MINUTES

Date:	Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Location:	DNV Hall, 355 Queens St W
Time:	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

PRESENT:

John Miller (chair) Irene Davidson Babs Perowne (secretary)	Lower Capilano Norgate Park Woodcroft
Corrie Kost	Edgemont & Upper Capilano
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook & SOS
Val Moller	Woodcroft
Margaret Fraser	Lynn Valley
Katherine Fagerlund	Deep Cove
Eric Godot Andersen	Blueridge
Karen Barnett	Seymour
Jane Chersak	Norwood/Queens
Sharlene Hertz	Delbrook

REGRETS:

Chris Sallis

Strathcona

- 1. Welcome John welcomed members and guest, Kevin Bell.
- 2. **Speaker: Kevin Bell on Exotic Plants.** Kevin presented materials describing the benefits of exotic plants. He started with a map from the miid-1800s showing the areas of original species in the lower mainland, including the marshlands along the Fraser River. One way to monitor the health of the environment would be to measure the bird populations. He showed slides of the various non-indigenous species with their berries and nectar producing flowers. In many cases including the native migratory birds that feed on the berries. Examples of useful exotic plants include cotoneaster, mountain ash, holly, hawthorn, blackberry, Persian cherry, and periwinkle. Even the dreaded Japanese Knotweed produces edible shoots and nectar for honey. Thanks to the migration routes of our local birds, many of these plants are now found from California to the Alaskan panhandle. Kevin encouraged us to distinguish between useful in protecting the environment and harming the environment.
- 3. Approve Agenda. The agenda was accepted.
- 4. Approve Minutes November 17, 2016. The minutes were adopted.
- 5. Community Association Roundtable:
 - a. **Delbrook:** Diana presented a motion urging the DNV to undertake a Public Satisfaction Survey regarding the OCP. After discussion (including contents of survey (framing the questions to be asked), distribution, cost) NVCAN did not support the motion.

- b. Woodcroft/Lions Gate: Val reported that the main focus in the last couple of months has been on Peripheral Housing. A group of residents from single family homes are meeting with members of the Planning Department to discuss concerns. It is expected that Larco will move forward with foundation work in early spring. Planning staff are working on the Grouse Inn DPA. This project could go to Council for a development permit in March/April. The architect and consultants are starting to work on possible layouts for the Travelodge. We can expect density to be similar to the Grouse Inn and Larco sites. Planning have just received a detailed rezoning and OCP amendment application from Comfort Inn/Best Western and hope to have something on the DNV website shortly. No date has been set for a public information meeting yet. On another note, Woodcroft held our annual Carol Night mid-December. Despite the bitter cold it was well attended.
- c. Edgemont: Corrie reported that the EUCCA-Exec had discussed that DNV is to come back with a set of terms of reference for a new OCP Implementation Monitoring Committee Criteria Review meeting; new garbage/waste regulations going into effect (reduced green waste collection, old tags for extra bags/cans no longer valid, new bin/cart sizes). The roll-out will start February in Edgemont. Corrie also talked about the DNV Council meeting dealing with the Budget, mentioning that it was one of two meetings (the other being the Annual Report tabled in June) where speakers had no time limits and were free to discuss the plan/report. DNV Council has approved an increase for funding Community Association activities from \$7,000 to \$10,000 for the year. Corrie has developed a summary of DNV Developments Pending and Under Construction (excluding single family homes) based on the DNV Traffic Map. It will be added to the NVCAN website under Useful Information.
- d. **Norgate Park:** Irene reported on New Issues: Seaspan pile driving on waterfront has begun and will continue at various times for the next three years. New garbage cans come in two sizes. If you choose the smaller (140 L) one you receive a \$40 rebate. Ongoing Issues: The Seaspan time shift horn began again in July after stopping for a year. After contact, no update so far. Seaspan parking for all employees is still not available south of the rail tracks. Continued parking on sidewalks by auto repair shops on 13th and by-law enforcement contacted. CN engines still whistling at Bewicke. Lions Gate Waste Water plant awaiting provincial funding maybe by provincial election. No final figures for sewage rate increase to be paid by residents due to this project, however, sewage rates have gone up this year.
- e. Blueridge: Eric reported on the third annual Meet-and-Greet meeting held at Seymour Elementary School. Several agencies were in attendance and introduced to the residents. Plans are being developed for an All-Candidates meeting.
- f. **Deep Cove:** Katherine reported that the Darwin development (Raven Inn site) remains a public concern as it requires an OCP amendment.
- g. Lynn Valley: The LVCA Christmas Parade of Trees this year was fabulous indeed. We had 58 trees decorated and a couple of new local merchants involved in helping with the set up. The snow made it that much brighter and better. However it also caused some power issues and in the last couple of weeks we had to unplug all the lights. This will be addressed next year with an "expert" who has offered to help. Take down was also a challenge because of the ice layers not quite finished yet. Our traffic information meeting for January 19th is sold out. Full house registered. Speaker is Erin Moxon from the DNV. We will have her power point presentation on the LVCA website

afterwards. The trail is now officially named the Lynn Valley Link Trail (linking all the trails). It will be completed over the next two years (budget and development dependent). DNV Council approved \$85,000 in the budget to get started. LVCA has identified possible sponsors for kiosks. Information will be a mix of history and current events and fun info. Parking in the Village Square and by Safeway has become a huge issue now that we have had Christmas and bad weather to contend with. We will write to DNV staff about that concern and no doubt it will come up at the meeting on 19th.

h. Norwood/Queens: Jane reported that development applications along the Mt Seymour Parkway have been submitted. And Norwood/Queens is also planning to hold an All-Candidates meeting.

6. Old Business:

a. DNV Mayor/Council – Shirtsleeves Meeting: John reported that he had spoken to councillors regarding a meeting with Mayor and Council. At the time a suggested topic was the OCP review but that issue is being addressed. Therefore, John requested each CA to identify one or two ideas for topics to be raised and send the suggestions to Babs (<u>info@nvcan.ca</u>). Babs will consolidate the list for our next meeting.

7. Communications:

- a. **NVCAN emails:** Babs reported that as emails are received they are circulated to members.
- b. **News clips:** Corrie reported that he is restricting the news clips to items in 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.

8. New Business

- a. Election to Board: John opened the floor for nominations to fill the vacancy on the Board. Val Moller nominated Margaret Fraser. Margaret represents Lynn Valley (replacing Eric Miura) and maintains the geographic diversity of NVCAN. Margaret agreed to stand. With no further nominations, John acclaimed Margaret as a member-at-large on the board.
- b. DNV Budget summary: Some discussion followed on from Corrie's earlier comments (See Edgemont above.) While the budget was presented as a status-quo budget, John expressed concern about being able to complete all the work set forth on the Capital budget and whether DNV had sufficient staff to undertake and manage the work.
- c. **Future Presentations:** Patrick Stafford-Smith, the CEO at the Chamber of Commerce, is responsible for developing economic opportunities for the DNV area. The members agreed we should ask him to speak at our April meeting.
- d. **OCP Implementation Criteria Review meeting:** Babs reported that 8 CA's had responded and preferred February 1 at 7 pm. An email has been sent to DNV confirming that choice of date/time. John advised that the invitation for the meeting was extended to NVCAN representatives as participants, however, other CA members could attend as auditors rather than participants. It is intended to be a meeting to set an agenda and there would be time for full public input during the 2-3 month window before a report was due to Mayor/Council.
- 9. Next Meeting Date. Wednesday, February 15, 2017.
- 10. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

If you have any changes, please email Babs

Addendum to Jan 18 2017 Minutes

The Delbrook Community Association urges all Community Associations to pass the following motion:

"The DNV undertake a <u>PUBLIC SATISFACTION SURVEY</u> REGARDING THE OCP. We recommend this survey be designed by representatives of the community including NVCAN, and circulated to all residents of the DNV to assess the level of satisfaction regarding the OCP to date. We suggest this survey be in two formats:

- a formal poll conducted by a reputable polling firm and,
- second, a card to be mailed to every household with online response instructions and providing optional modes of delivery for those households without internet capacity."

The current OCP review merits a full and transparent assessment by the residents affected by the OCP. A satisfaction survey would go a long way to fulfill this assessment.

We suggest that CAs pass a motion in support of our initiative. We further invite the CAs who support this initiative to email us at <u>delbrookgriffinneighbours@gmail.com</u> to confirm your support. The DCA will keep a tally of support going forward and report back to NVCAN. The District demonstrated its commitment to district wide engagement for the Delbrook lands; we believe the OCP is more compelling and far reaching and should receive exceptional attention by all residents.

Thank you for your support.

Diana Belhouse, DCA Executive

For NVCAN meeting January 18, 2017