

FALSE CREEK SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION
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Delegates' Meeting: May 4, 2011

Minutes of Meeting:

Present:

Gordon Watson	Creekview Co-op
Gillian Willis	Harbour Terrace
Wendy Herdin	Alder Bay Co-op
Merv Therriault	Alder Bay Place & FCRA
Keith Freer (Treasurer)	666 Leg-In-Boot Square
John Saville	Newport Quay
Kathleen MacKinnon (President)	Regatta
Wes Knapp (Secretary)	Regatta
Carol Simpson	658 Leg-In-Boot Square
Arthur Brock	FCRA & Regatta
Beryl Wilson	Spruce Village
Jennifer Greenwood	Pacific Cove
Bill Stott (Guest)	Granville Bridge Lighting Project

Regrets:

Patsy McMillan	City Gate & FCRA
Richard Evans	False Creek Housing Co-op

Absent:

Jeannie Parnell	Twin Rainbows Co-op
Laurie Clarke	Spruce Harbour Marina Co-op
Anne Pearson	Island Cove
Margaret Mitchell	Henley Court
Kristina Grant	Henley Court
Sean MacLaren	False Creek Housing Co-op
Dave Osborne (Vice-President)	Marine Mews

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

An additional item was placed on the agenda: a proposal for lighting the underside of the Granville Bridge.

Motion to approve the agenda M/S APPROVED

2. Lighting Project under the Granville Bridge

The meeting welcomed Bill Stott who presented a lighting proposal for the underside of the Granville Bridge.

Mr. Stott is a long time resident of Vancouver who has been involved in a number of public projects that enhance neighbourhood identity and beautification. His purpose in meeting with us was to gain neighbourhood support for an idea that has been around for some time, namely, an artistic enhancement of the girders beneath the Granville Bridge by lighting them with soft, low energy and non-intrusive lighting.

He is at the beginning of his community outreach on this idea, seeking feedback from residents and businesses in the area. CMHC, the management arm of Granville Island, indicated some time ago it was going to pursue the idea but has since put it on a back burner. Issues still to be addressed are: funding sources, maintenance, hydro power, lighting design, reflection on the water, and a study of similar projects elsewhere, eg. City of London. The Cambie Bridge was cited as a good example of effective lighting of the cement pillars beneath the bridge deck.

Mr. Stott indicated that he would very much appreciate a representative from FCSNA, or a resident from our neighbourhood, to sit on the planning committee for this project.

Although no one was able to represent us on this project at this time, delegates expressed much interest and support for the idea.

Motion:

That the FCSNA support the concept of the Granville Bridge Lighting Project, encouraging the planners to keep us informed as the project moves forward.

M/S APPROVED

ACTION: Kathleen to write a letter of support for the project.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Delegates reviewed the minutes dated April 6, 2011.

The secretary sought information regarding the correct number of residents on the waiting-list for Creekside Community Garden. John Saville, our representative to the Community Garden, reported that there are 91 residents on the list.

Motion: That the April 6, 2011 FCSNA minutes be approved.

M/S APPROVED

4. Correspondence: Party Boats in the Creek

Wes Knapp, Secretary, reported that the North West Point Grey Homeowners’ Association has contacted resident groups around the Creek with concerns about noise and safety issues related to the “floating nightclubs” cruising in False Creek during the summer months. Some of the boats, with 400 plus guests and DJs pumping out loud dance music, have provoked many noise complaints. The noise is of particular concern at Bard on the Beach. The operator of the boats is Vancouver Cruises out of the Plaza of Nations. In 2010 the company was fined \$30,000 by LCLB for multiple breaches of the Liquor Control Act.

Arthur Brock indicated that this matter had come forward over the years and that the operators have been warned that their liquor licenses would be suspended if complaints continue.

Motion: That the FCSNA offer its support to the Point Grey Association in its attempt to find a solution to the problems presented by the party boats.

M/S APPROVED

Action: Kathleen will follow up with the Point Grey Association about this matter.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Keith Freer, treasurer, reported as follows:

- a) Bank balance: \$8389.10 plus two \$5000 term deposits.
- b) To date 23 of 24 enclaves have responded to annual invoices.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT M/S APPROVED

Motion: That the FCSNA president be authorized to contact the Strata at Discovery Quay to encourage it to renew its involvement with FCSNA as it is a key component in our efforts to represent residents’ concerns around issues such as increased traffic on Commodore, densification along the Greenway, and transit proposals near Olympic Village Station—all of which have been concerns of Discovery Quay residents.

M/S APPROVED

Action: Kathleen to contact Discovery Quay strata council.

6. Business Arising

a) Keep Vancouver Spectacular: May 28, 2011

John Saville distributed another poster for placement in our buildings regarding the “Keep Vancouver Spectacular” clean-up campaign, set for May 28th in south False Creek. John is finalizing details on the assembly points and will contact volunteers with the information. The event is set for two hours on May 28th, from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Thanks to Wendy Herdin for finding a volunteer, Cynthia Crompton, to organize the clean up west of Charleson Park. Carol Simpson is meeting with Tim Horton’s, one of the sponsors of the program, to arrange for coffee and baked goods. The City of Vancouver provides garbage bags and gloves. City trucks will pick up the debris that we pile in various spots.

ACTION: Please put up posters in your buildings and encourage friends and fellow residents to join you for a couple of hours on May 28. It’s a great community booster. Contact John Saville at FCScleanup@yahoo.ca if you can help out.

b) Number 50 Bus—Route Change

Translink went ahead with the route changes for the #50 Bus, in spite of the meeting with 134 False Creek residents who spoke eloquently about the consequent hardships for residents with mobility issues in accessing the medical corridor. The major concerns were a) having to transfer to the #17 bus on Cambie, heading south and #15 heading north, b) elimination of the Willow & Broadway stop.

Translink has offered to review the changes during the upcoming year, involving the FCSNA in that review.

ACTION: Kathleen to write Translink to express our disappointment with the changes and to accept its offer of our involvement in the review.

c) Sustainability Conference (Vancouver City Planning Committee)

Our representative to this conference, Sean MacLaren, was absent

d) Neighbourhood Maturing Committee

Wendy Herdin, Gillian Willis, and Richard Evans attended a sub-committee meeting with Jerry Roy and David Martin following the release of the arbitration decision on non pre-paid leases. The meeting decided that the FCSNA would become the recognized association, joining with the lease group, in meetings with the City of Vancouver. This means that the next stages of the maturing process can begin to unfold. Those stages include viability of the Creek, lease extensions, densification, and efforts to honour the Official Development Plan.

7. REPORTS

a) Community Gardens

Planting is underway at the 40 plots in Creekside Gardens at 1st and Wylie, next to the NEU. The trench for the water pipes has been completed along with the gravel pathways. Soon to be planted will be a perimeter garden around the south and west plots.

Motion: That FCSNA hold its regular monthly meeting in September at the Regatta Meeting Room to allow for easy access to the Creekside Gardens. M/S APPROVED

NOTE: The September meeting will be a one hour business meeting prior to taking a walk to the nearby gardens to meet with the gardeners.

b) False Creek Residents' Association

Arthur Brock reported that the city is now starting to move on developments slated for SE False Creek, east of Olympic Village, and the undeveloped land around International Village, in particular the Canadian Metropolitan Property. The latter is expected to see a community amenity in the form a Vancouver Canucks practice ice arena that would be available to the community when not needed by the Canucks.

c) Jade Fountain

Dave Osborne was absent so no report on this matter is available.

d) Dog off-leash Issue

This matter is waiting for further contact from the Vancouver Park Board's liaison person, Constance Barnes.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Review of the NEU: Neighbourhood Energy Utility

Arthur Brock informed the meeting that the City of Vancouver is joining with a number of organizations in conducting a review of the new NEU facility, located in our neighbourhood at Spyglass and Commodore. Joining the review are the GVRD, BC Hydro, the David Suzuki Foundation plus several other interested parties. Such review will help determine future energy facilities, their viability in conserving energy and improving air quality.

Motion: That Arthur Brock represent for False Creek South Neighbourhood Association on the NEU Review Committee. M/S APPROVED

Adjournment: 8:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING; WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st, 2011
FALSE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE Board Room,
7 p.m.**