

FALSE CREEK SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Delegates' Meeting: February 2, 2011

**Minutes of Meeting:**

**Present:**

Gordon Watson	Creekview Co-op
Margaret Mitchell	Henley Court
Gillian Willis	Harbour Terrace
Wendy Herdin	Alder Bay Co-op
Patsy McMillan	City Gate & FCRA
Merv Therriault	Alder Bay Place & FCRA
Keith Freer (Treasurer)	666 Leg-In-Boot Square
John Sarko (guest)	Publisher, <i>False Creek This Week</i>
Dave Osborne (Vice-President)	Marine Mews
John Saville	Newport Quay
Kathleen MacKinnon (President)	Regatta
Mike Brown	Discovery Quay
Wes Knapp (Secretary)	Regatta

**Regrets:**

Richard Evans	False Creek Housing Co-op
Jeannie Parnell	Twin Rainbows Co-op
Carol Simpson	658 Leg-In-Boot Square

**Absent:**

Sean MacLaren	False Creek Housing Co-op
Marian Hogue	Pacific Cove
Jennifer Greenwood	Pacific Cove
Laurie Clarke	Spruce Harbour Marina Co-op
Anne Pearson	Island Cove

1. Agenda

Two additional items added under new business:

- a) *Keep Vancouver Spectacular* Program,
- b) Meeting with Granville Island.

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## 2. Guest

John Sarko, publisher of *False Creek This Week*, attended the meeting to remind delegates of the new False Creek newspaper. He indicated that the paper is making a concerted effort to publish more frequently and welcomes news and information about issues important to False Creek residents. He and three others are distributing the paper to buildings in False Creek. They are eager to know if residents are picking it up in their lobbies. Please contact John if your building is not getting it and if you have information items: 604-910-9559; [john@falsecreekthisweek.com](mailto:john@falsecreekthisweek.com)

3. Approval of Minutes –meeting of January 5, 2011      M/S                      APPROVED

## 4. Treasurer's Report

Keith Freer reported as follows:

- a) Bank balance: \$2972 plus two \$5000 term deposits.
- b) Invoices for FCSNA membership have been sent out, dated January 31, 2011. Gross billing is \$5583.00
- c) It was proposed that one of the term deposits will be adjusted to redeemable/accessible status as of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011.      M/S                      APPROVED

## 5, Neighbourhood Maturing Process

Further to a lengthy discussion on this topic at our January 2011 meeting, Dave Osborne reported that he, along with Richard Evans and Nathan Edelson (42<sup>nd</sup> St. Consulting), met with the two False Creek residents who have been responsible for spearheading discussions with the City on the lease issues. These negotiations have been on going for close to five years. An arbitration award on the matter is expected within the next month or two.

Once the award is released, the individuals who have worked on our behalf have offered to continue to work with FCSNA and the City of Vancouver. They have established a good working relationship with the city, one that is in our interests to continue on behalf of False Creek residents.

It was agreed that our upcoming meeting on March 2, 2011 would focus mainly on the arbitration award. The individuals involved in the work leading up to the arbitration will be in attendance to provide background and interpretation.

The following motion was presented to the meeting:

To engage Nathan Edelson of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Consulting to:

- a) Review the Official Development Plan (ODP) for our community with a view of determining the City's original objectives/visions/goals for the community;

- b) Review current census data to determine the makeup of our community to see how we are doing with respect to the ODP.

That the above motion be tabled until after the discussion of the lease matter at the March 2, 2011 meeting. M/S APPROVED

## 6. Community Gardens

John Saville reported that all official documents involving the Creek Gardeners, FCSNA and the City of Vancouver have now been signed. This paves the way for the start up of the Community Garden. The garden is located next to the Neighbourhood Energy Utility, just east of the Cambie Street Bridge, on city owned land.

Two thirds of the planter boxes have been constructed. All plots are currently assigned, with a waiting list of 10. Members of the group are taking pictures that we can use to update our website. They have also offered to write an article for the FCRA website and for *False Creek This Week* to update the community

## 7. False Creek Residents' Association (FCRA)

Patsy McMillan, co-president of FCRA, reported as follows:

- a) The meeting on January 26 with Councillor Geoff Meggs about the proposal to remove the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts was well attended (60 plus). Some expressed a concern about Quebec Street possibly becoming a freeway if the viaducts are removed. Others pointed to positive outcomes if the viaducts are removed. One person urged the retention of the viaducts, greening them for use only by pedestrians and cyclists, similar to High Line Park in New York City.

The viaduct proposal is in Phase 1: a technical review. Phase 2, if approved, would deal with benefits of the viaducts' removal, such as urban design opportunities, land use, and neighbourhood compatibility.

- c) The FCRA is inviting all residents of False Creek to a public meeting on Feb 7, 2011, 8 p.m. at the Roundhouse Community Centre to discuss: 1) Creekside Park and Concord Pacific's tax assessment of the land; 2) BC Place Casino development, 3) Other community updates.
- d) Public hearing at City Hall, Feb. 17, 2011 regarding development around BC Place and related matters—casino, community amenities,

Motion: That the FCSNA endorse the position that FCRA is taking on the development around BC Place.

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Kathleen MacKinnon will attend the public hearing at City Hall on Feb. 17 2011 to convey our support.

## 8. Jade Fountain

a) Dave Osborne met with the Park Board gardener on this matter and will meet further in an attempt to move this matter along.

b) Report from the Criteria Committee.

Keith and Merv met to prepare a report on the terms of reference for the memorial plaques at the Jade Fountain. Their recommendations are as follows:

### Part One: Procedure

1. Individuals could be “honoured” or “remembered.”
2. Posthumous recognition would be the general principle but earlier recognition might be appropriate.
3. We need to examine other memorial sites before finalizing ours.
4. Cost per plaque: around \$200, which would be a FCSNA expense.
5. Ensure consistency regarding placement, procedure, and protocol.
6. The issue of an endowment needs further examination.
7. Limit the number of plaques to no more than three per given year.
8. FCSNA accept supervision responsibility, possibly by a Standing Committee of the Executive.

### Part Two: Criteria for recognition: to be defined

It was agreed that the above report would be re-visited at the April 6th 2011 FCSNA meeting.

## 9. New Business

### *Keep Vancouver Spectacular*

Once again the City of Vancouver is sponsoring *its Keep Vancouver Spectacular* program whereby community groups are encouraged to conduct a one-day clean up of debris in their nearby surroundings. The City provides posters, garbage bags, and pick-up locations. The Community provides organizational support to pick up debris and assemble it in designated pick up places. (This program is undertaken with the full support of the City’s unions.)

The date for our community is Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. (Time and assembly place to be announced.)

Our volunteer organizer is John Saville, resident in Newport Quay. John has agreed to organize the east side of our neighbourhood, from Charleson Park to the Cambie Street Bridge. John is also willing to mentor a volunteer who would look after the west side, from the school to the Granville Street Bridge.

We need volunteers to work in pairs. It is a worthwhile and enjoyable few hours. Please put out the word. More info at the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 meeting

ADJOURMENT: 9 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 7:00 p.m.  
False Creek Community Centre**

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