

FALSE CREEK SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION
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Delegates' Meeting: June 1, 2011

Minutes of Meeting:

Present:

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
Gordon Watson	Creekview Co-op

Regrets:

Patsy McMillan	City Gate & FCRA
Richard Evans	False Creek Housing Co-op
Gillian Willis	Harbour Terrace
Beryl Wilson	Spruce Village

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
Arthur Brock	FCRA & Regatta
Carol Simpson	658 Leg-In-Boot Square
Jennifer Greenwood	Pacific Cove

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve the agenda as circulated
APPROVED

M/S

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 4, 2011

Delegates reviewed the minutes dated May 4, 2011.

Motion: That the May 4, 2011 FCSNA minutes be approved.

M/S

APPROVED

3. Correspondence/Administration

a) Update of management companies

The secretary circulated the list of management companies attached to each of the buildings in the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association for purposes of up-dating the information. Delegates provided updated information.

b) Geese Problem

Gillian Willis, who was unable to attend the meeting, wrote to report that the Parks Board gardeners in the FCS area have received many complaints from the public regarding the geese problem. She indicated that there is a potential health problem now that the Vancouver International Children's Festival is using Sutcliffe Park as one of its venues and there is goose poop everywhere. In the past, the juvenile geese have been rounded up and relocated to rural areas, a process that requires a permit. This year, some juveniles have been relocated once they were old enough to be separated from their parents.

Gillian suggested that FCSNA register a complaint with the Vancouver Parks Board about this matter as the problem is increasingly a concern.

Action: Kathleen to express FCSNA's concern to the Park Board and to suggest earlier relocation of the geese in future as the Children's Festival is now using the grounds in May. Others may wish to do so as well:

<http://vancouver.ca/parks/feedback/index.shtml>

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Keith Freer, treasurer, reported as follows:

a) Bank balance: \$8389.10 plus two \$5000 term deposits.

b) Accounts payable: FCSNA grant to Community Days on July 1, 2011:
\$750.00

Pending Invoice from FCSNA Secretary re stamps and office expenses:
\$62.30

Pending Invoice from Accountants re Annual Statement for 2010: \$400.00
(est)

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT M/S
APPROVED

5. Business Arising from previous meeting (May 4/11)

a) Keep Vancouver Spectacular: May 28, 2011

John Saville, coordinator of our KVS event, reported that 38 individuals and 4 children turned out to undertake the neighbourhood cleanup on May 28/11. John extended a huge thank you to everyone who worked so diligently collecting bags of garbage and debris in the area between the two bridges—Cambie and Granville. A City of Vancouver garbage truck carted away the junk, separating the metals for recycling. The cleanup included the removal of 4 encampments along the greenway between Commodore and the railway tracks. The sanitation department's Steve Drake wrote Kathleen to say "your group went beyond the call in not only removing litter from the neighbourhood but in cleaning up the remains of a number of encampments."

The City's letter reminded us that we are urged to contact the City by calling 3-1-1 when we notice any signs of encampment. The City has crews that are trained to remove the contents of the camps while still providing homeless individuals the opportunity to reclaim any items of value.

Motion: That FCSNA extend its appreciation to John Saville and Cynthia Crampton for their work in co-ordinating this years's **Keep Vancouver Spectacular** program in our neighbourhood.

M/S Approved

b) Number 50 Bus—Route Change

Kathleen reported that some comments have been received about Translink's changes indicating that the more frequent service along the route has helped to offset concerns about the route change. As well, HandyDart has followed up with individuals who were particularly inconvenienced by the bus changes, offering alternative transportation to/from the medical corridor.

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

c) Sustainability Conference (Vancouver City Planning Committee)

Our representatives to this conference, Sean MacLaren and Margaret Mitchell, were unable to attend so no report on this conference is available.

d) Discovery Quay

Kathleen contacted Marilyn Buttle to ask for her assistance in finding a rep from Discovery Quay. Minutes of FCSNA meetings will continue to be sent to Discovery Quay via e-mail.

e) Neighbourhood Maturing Committee

Wendy Herdin reported that a steering committee has held a few meetings to pull together a plan for taking the next steps in False Creek South's maturing process. The steering committee includes David Martin, Jerry Roy, Gillian Willis, Wendy Harris, Dave Osborne and Richard Evans. It is meeting weekly in June and into the summer to consider ways to tackle such diverse issues as lease extensions, unique neighbourhoods, vision renewal, community service plans, and official status procedures. By September 2011, we will likely see a strategic plan presented.

7. REPORTS

a) Community Gardens

John Saville reported that planting is now well underway in the community garden next to the NEU at 1st Avenue and Wylie. All 40 boxes are taken with a long list on stand-by. A perimeter hedge garden has now been planted as well. Water for the plots is being provided by the City of Vancouver via the NEU.

FCSNA delegates will have an opportunity to meet with the gardeners at our Sept. 7th, 2011 meeting. We will meet with the gardeners at 7 pm at the Garden Site, 1st and Wylie and then convene our regular business meeting from 8 to 9 pm. The business part of the meeting will be at the Regatta Meeting Room, 1869 Spyglass Place, a short distance from the community garden.

b) Jade Fountain

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

c) Dog off-leash Issue

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

d) False Creek Residents' Association

Merv Therriault reported as follows:

- i. A new residents' association has formed entitled CrossTown Residents' Association, encompassing residents of Tinseltown and International Village.
- ii. Concord will be appealing its land assessment in a mid-June presentation.
- iii. Concord has been granted a 3-year extension for its presentation centre on NE False Creek
- iv. FCRA is proposing an all-candidates meeting in connection with the 2011 City election on Nov. 19/11.

Action:

Kathleen to offer FCSNA's willingness to co-sponsor an all candidates' meeting with FCRA in October or November, 2011.

Merv volunteered to research cost and availability of a meeting space at Creekside Community Centre

Adjournment: 8:05 pm.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, September, 7, 2011 7 p.m.

Meet at 7 at the Community Garden, 1st Avenue and Wylie, next to the NEU Business Meeting convenes at 8 p.m. at the Regatta Meeting Room, 1869 Spyglass Place, a short walk from the Community Garden.