

FALSE CREEK SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Delegates' Meeting: March 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
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
Richard Evans	False Creek Housing Co-op
Kristina Grant	Henley Court
Sean MacLaren	False Creek Housing Co-op

Regrets:

Patsy McMillan	City Gate & FCRA
Dave Osborne (Vice-President)	Marine Mews
Carol Simpson	658 Leg-In-Boot Square

Absent:

Mike Brown	Discovery Quay
Jeannie Parnell	Twin Rainbows Co-op
Marian Hogue	Pacific Cove
Jennifer Greenwood	Pacific Cove
Laurie Clarke	Spruce Harbour Marina Co-op
Anne Pearson	Island Cove

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

An additional item was placed under New Business: Development Application for 2200 Willow Street (Apple Hill Mall)

Motion to Approve the Agenda M/S APPROVED

2 .APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Delegates reviewed the minutes dated February 2, 2011.

M/S APPROVED

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Keith Freer, treasurer, reported as follows:

- a) Bank balance: \$5517 plus two \$5000 term deposits.
- b) One of the term deposits was adjusted to redeemable/accessible status as of February 18th, 2011. The other one is due March 11th and will be renewed at best rate for 1 year.
- c) To date 16 enclaves have responded to annual invoices, including one that was in arrears.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT M/S APPROVED

4) REPORTS

A. KEEP VANCOUVER SPECTACULAR

This Vancouver City sponsored program will occur in False Creek South on May 28th, 2011. It is a day when citizens volunteer to devote a few hours to cleaning up the debris in their neighbourhoods. The co-ordinator for our neighbourhood is John Saville, Newport Quay. **John distributed a poster for False Creek South (attached).** He also asked for a volunteer to co-ordinate the western part of False Creek South, from Charleson Part to the Granville Street Bridge. Wendy Herdin offered to assist in finding a volunteer. It was suggested that we appeal to our neighbours to assist in pairs on May 28th.

Action: Please post the attached poster on the bulletin board in your building.

B. COMMUNITY GARDENS

John Saville reported that most of the planter boxes are now in place. The planters for gardeners with disabilities, which are higher off the ground, are still to be constructed. An ornamental garden will be placed in front of the garden site. The site is next to the Neighbourhood Energy Utility on 1st Avenue. All garden plots have been designated. Planting will commence around the end of March.

C. FALSE CREEK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Merv Therriault and Kathleen MacKinnon provided updates on the Vancouver City public hearings regarding the False Creek North Official Development Plan held Feb. 17, 21, and 24, 2011. As a member group of the False Creek Residents' Association, our association, (FCSNA) attended and presented a paper at the hearings to support the residents on the northeast side of the Creek in their efforts to obtain a 20-year promise of Creekside Park. In addition, FCSNA's presentation at the hearing called on the City to continue its policy of integrated communities with 20% non-market housing in all new communities.

On another matter, False Creek Residents Association (FCRA) is preparing for the upcoming ultimate fighting event. This event is the second in a two-year trial period granted by the City of Vancouver to the event organizers. Last year's event resulted in many complaints regarding behaviour in the neighbourhood and an absence of police security after the event. The FCRA is hoping to work with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) and Rogers Arena to adopt a 'Support your host' program.

The president will write a letter of support for the FCRA in their efforts regarding the 'Support your host' program in conjunction with Rogers Arena and the VPD.

D. JADE FOUNTAIN

Due to Dave Osborne's absence, this item was postponed to a future agenda.

E. DOG OFF LEASH ISSUE

Gillian Willis, FCSNA's liaison with Vancouver Park Board's liaison commissioner Constance Barnes, reported that she is still waiting for a meeting with Ms. Barnes. The off lease issue continues to flare up with the result that the Vancouver Park Board is once again reviewing its policies and practices. Attention is now turning to designated fenced areas for off-leash dogs, given the favourable response elsewhere.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. PROPOSED CHANGE TO #50 BUS ROUTE

Translink is proposing a major change to the #50 Bus route which would see the #50 change to a #15 at the Moberly Loop and continue south on Cambie rather than turning west on Broadway. This would mean seniors, disabled, or anyone using the #50 bus to access the Broadway medical corridor would transfer at Broadway to catch a #9 or a #99 bus. Many of our residents rely on the #50 bus to get them to the medical corridor and to pick them up at Willow and Broadway after appointments. The change is set for April 18.

That Translink refrain from implementing any change to the #50 bus route at this time and that Translink be requested to meet with members of the community to discuss alternatives to the proposed changes.

M/S

APPROVED

Action: Contact with Translink has resulted in its agreement to meet with us to discuss this matter. The meeting is set for Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at False Creek Housing Co-op, 1088 Sitka Square. More information to follow these minutes.

B. SUICIDE RESPONSE—GRANVILLE STREET BRIDGE

Further to a few suicide attempts off the Granville Street Bridge, a delegate asked that the FCSNA initiate a discussion regarding preventative strategies. Various delegates offered to research the problem to see if other cities with bridges that span neighbourhoods have experienced similar problems and whether barriers have been erected.

C. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR 2200 WILLOW STREET

The City of Vancouver has received an application for a development at 2200 Street, the site of the recently closed Apple Hill grocery store. Neighbours of this site forwarded the motion below to the FCSNA, knowing that many of our residents have relied upon those shops and businesses over the past several years.

That there be a moratorium on the redevelopment or conversion of existing retail in South False Creek, Fairview Slopes and other medium density neighbourhoods until the City, in consultation with local business people and residents, carry out a study of the need for local retail to serve people living in South False Creek, Fairview Slopes and other medium density neighbourhoods.

That the FCSNA support the above motion and that the President write the city to explain our reasons for supporting it.

M/S

APPROVED

Adjournment: 8 p.m.

Subsequent to the above meeting, the sub-committee on leases and neighbourhood maturing process met to discuss the procedure for the next meeting on April 6, 2011. This meeting will be devoted to the arbitration award regarding the lease issue. The individuals who have been responsible for the negotiations around the lease issue with the City of Vancouver will be in attendance to provide information about the award, its background, and future implications. Wendy Herdin, a member of the sub-committee, will chair the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
FALSE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE**