

**False Creek South Neighbourhood Association  
Delegates Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting, Wednesday June 4, 2014**

**Enclave**

658 Leg-in-Boot Sq.  
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Alder Bay Co-op  
Alder Bay Place  
Creek Village  
Creekview Co-op  
Discovery Quay  
False Creek Co-op  
Fountain Terrace  
Greater Van. Floating Home Co-op  
Harbour Terrace  
Heather Point  
Henley Court  
Lagoons  
Marina Housing Co-op  
Marine Mews  
Mariner Point  
Market Hill  
Newport Quay  
Pacific Cove  
Regatta  
Sea Village  
Spruce Village  
Twin Rainbows Co-op

**Delegate(s)**

No representative  
No representative  
Wendy Herdin (Vice President)  
Ladora Minielly  
Jo-ann Hilton  
Gordon Watson  
Norah Hartman  
Sean MacLaren  
Absent  
David McCann (Treasurer)  
Absent  
Jerry Roy  
Absent  
Absent  
No representative  
Sharon Yandle (President)  
Cory Lake  
Kathie Cornes (Secretary)  
John Saville  
Marian Hogue  
Kathleen MacKinnon, Wes Knapp  
No representative  
Beryl Wilson  
No representative

**Guests**

Ann Pacey  
Christina Norberg  
Peer-Daniel Krause

Emergency Preparedness/Village Vancouver  
Marine Mews  
Re\*Plan

**Regrets**

Harbour Terrace  
Heather Point  
Henley Court  
Market Hill

Gillian Willis  
Mats Tholin  
Charlie Richmond  
Jim Woodward

**1. Approval of Agenda**

That the agenda as circulated be approved.

**M/S APPROVED**

**2. Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting**

That the minutes of May 7, 2014 be approved.

**M/S APPROVED**

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

### **a) Emergency Preparedness Workshop**

Ann Pacey, representing the Village Vancouver Transition Society, spoke to the meeting about how to start and structure community-based earthquake/emergency preparation groups. She is a member of the Dunbar Residents Association and on its Emergency Preparation Committee. She pointed out that the City mainly focuses on the first 72 hours after an earthquake but that residents should be ready to manage without assistance for longer. False Creek, in particular, is vulnerable to liquefaction and flooding and its bridges and transit routes may be damaged.

Ann recommends the “Map Your Neighbourhood” (MYN) program used in Washington State: it provides videos, communication tools and detailed information to help get your area organized to respond effectively in the event of a disaster. It emphasizes identifying what assets, tools and skills already exist in the neighbourhood and provides step-by-step guidelines for dealing with issues such as food, shelter, clean water, sanitation, first aid and communications.

Ann is willing to help FCSNA set up an earthquake/emergency preparedness committee. Sharon Yandle suggested that delegates look for residents in their enclaves who would be interested in working on local committees.

### **b) Granville Island Renewal**

A group of FCSNA members (Sharon Yandle, Gordon Watson, Wes Knapp and Jim Woodward) met today with Janet Flowers, Acting Director of CMHC, Granville Island to discuss future plans for the Island, especially in light of Emily Carr University’s relocation in 2016/17. Janet indicated that a report is about to be released on initial discussions regarding renewal. It will focus on existing planning principles, a desire to maintain the “young cohort that characterizes Emily Carr but not replace it with another institution”, and put forward the idea that the Emily Carr buildings ought to have a mixed-use focus, create more artisan space, attract other tenants and find ways to enliven the island in the evenings. She stressed that Granville Island is not being “revisioned”, only the Emily Carr component.

Gordon Watson commented that it has always been difficult to establish an on-going channel of communication with the CMHC, Granville Island administration. David McCann stated that CMHC has no funds available to put towards renovations or changes on the Island and that any improvements will have to be financed by tenants.

### **c) Keep Vancouver Spectacular**

Wes Knapp reported that this annual clean-up event, held on May 24, was very successful in False Creek South. About 55 area residents came out to help (coordinated by Wes, Kathleen MacKinnon and Diane Darch); refreshments were provided by Starbucks and Whole Foods; the City removed the collected waste promptly. Arising from the day, it was suggested that we ask the City to clean the fountain in Leg-in-Boot Square, clean up undergrowth around the school playground and trim brambles (blackberries) around the train tracks (some residents, however, were in favour of retaining the brambles—for the berries and for deterring camping or other unwanted activity in the area). For next year it was suggested that FCSNA distribute notice of the event earlier. Sharon informed the meeting that Diane Darch is willing to take on the project next year.

#### **d) Bike to School Week**

Jo-ann Hilton reported that she had no recent communication with False Creek Elementary about this event held May 26-30. She had spoken earlier with the principal as to our financial contribution and expects he will forward us an invoice in due course.

#### **4. Correspondence**

Kathleen MacKinnon received a request from a resident of Connaught Housing Coop (not a member of FCSNA) for financial assistance (to buy hoses and a hose rack) in getting water to their Green Streets Garden area under the Cambie Bridge. After some discussion it was decided that, for various reasons, we would not fund the request and that Kathleen would reply to the resident explaining our rationale.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

David McCann presented the report, noting FCSNA is in a good financial position. We now have 24 enclaves represented with 1,917 members and all of their 2014 membership dues have been paid in full. David suggested that we look to increase funding to existing projects or add funding recipients to spend some of these funds for the benefit of the neighbourhood.

**Motion** To accept the June 1, 2014 FCSNA financial statement.

**M/S APPROVED**

#### **6. Reports**

##### **a) Re\*Plan Committee**

Jerry Roy presented an update on Re\*Plan's recent activities, including the following:

- Recent meeting with VanCity to report on grant expenditures and request new funding (past grant was \$45,000; new request \$100,000). VanCity has agreed, verbally, to give us \$50,000 now and possibly the balance in the future, depending on any matching funds we can raise.
- The committee is developing a budget in order to secure funding for its next round of activities.
- Re\*Plan is scheduled to meet with the City's recently-appointed Chief Housing Officer, Mr. Mukhtar Latif in June. This will be a follow-up to their previous meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> which was of an introductory nature. The committee also sees a need to engage with City Council members in order to continue getting support in working with City staff.
- Re\*Plan committee members have recently met with non-profit enclaves and are pleased to have made some contacts there. Re\*Plan members are available to meet with all FCSNA enclaves to update them on issues, especially regarding lease end and lease renewal.
- Re\*Plan lease renewal surveys have been distributed to co-ops and stratas in False Creek South. Replies are coming in and the data provided and preferences expressed will be of much use going forward in our discussions with the City.

- Richard Evans and Jerry were interviewed today by Daphne Braham, a columnist with the Vancouver Sun, regarding Re\*plan's mandate and activities. An article, arising from the interview, is scheduled to be published on June 14.

- Re\*Plan is working with strata leaseholders on developing models for lease renewals.

Overall, as a result of several years of building relationships with all the stakeholders. Jerry believes doors are starting to open in resolving our leasehold issues.

Gordon Watson asked how Re\*Plan was proposing to get involved with the civic election in the fall. Sharon advised the meeting that this is a responsibility of the Association and that the question of an all-candidates' meeting will be on the agenda for the FCSNA delegates' meeting in September.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### **a) Seawall Study Update**

Kathleen MacKinnon reported on the City's Active Transportation Advisory Committee seawall study. (The committee advises City Council on priorities on all active transportation in Vancouver, which includes walking, cycling, and all non-motorized modes of transportation). The committee's South False Creek seawall study focuses on the portion of the seawall between Vanier Park and the Cambie Bridge and aims to "assess existing conditions on this section of the seawall; identify safety, capacity, and accessibility issues; and develop potential active transportation improvements for people of all ages and abilities."

The committee's findings and recommendations should be available on their website (<http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/south-false-creek-seawall.aspx>) in mid-June. The advisory committee which also liaises with the Park Board, School Board and Police Dept. is looking for public support to obtain funding for recommended changes, so no immediate remediation should be expected.

## **8. New Business**

### **a) Listserv for False Creek South**

Guest Christina Norberg, resident of Marine Mews, presented a proposal to set up a listserv for the False Creek South neighbourhood, something the Association has been interested in for several years. It would be an interactive, online place where residents can share information, events and resources in a friendly, collaborative way. Subjects could include: sharing information, asking advice (e.g. does anyone know a good electrician in the area?), safety/neighbourhood watch, posting & planning events, home rental/sale/sitting opportunities, swapping/selling/giving away goods, etc. Christina also discussed the pros and cons of creating a Yahoo Group vs. a Facebook Group (both would be closed, i.e. not public). Christina volunteered to set up and implement the listserv.

**Motion** That FCSNA endorse the concept of a community listserv, conducted as a Yahoo Group, the name to include "False Creek South".

**M/S APPROVED**

**b) Communications Idea**

Kathleen MacKinnon proposed that FCSNA have business cards printed, to be available to the executive, delegates and committee members as they interact with contacts, neighbours and the public. The cards would be generic to the association, but with space to write in one's name, email address, etc.

**Motion** That FCSNA develop business cards for use of members of the association to a maximum cost of \$100.

**M/S APPROVED**

**c) Crosswalk at Commodore Road, under Cambie Bridge**

Marion Hogue reported that recently a cyclist was hit by a vehicle at this location. The crosswalk is not very visible and, given traffic speed and its location is thought to constitute a safety hazard.

**Motion** That FCSNA write to the City asking for installation of a speed bump at this location to promote pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular safety.

**M/S APPROVED**

**d) Summer Block Party at Charleson Park**

Sean MacLaren proposed holding a block party in the park as a free event to support families and the neighbourhood. He proposes setting up BBQs and offering food to participants on a donation basis. Washroom access is an issue, but he hopes to arrange access to the school washrooms or, if not possible, to arrange for rental of porta-potties.

**Motion** That FCSNA provide seed money, up to \$1000, for a block party in Charleson Park, to be held this summer.

**M/S APPROVED**

**e) Outdoor Community Bulletin Board**

Jerry Roy has access to a free outdoor bulletin board which must be demolished or relocated. This could be used to inform the public of meetings, activities and issues in our area. The meeting approved the idea and asked Jerry to obtain the board.

**f) Jade Fountain**

Kathleen MacKinnon circulated pictures of the plaque now installed on the Jade Fountain in Charleson Park. She was pleased to report this project finally completed.

**9) Date of September meeting**

As the first Wednesday of the month falls very close to Labour Day it was agreed that the FCSNA September 2014 meeting would be held on the second Wednesday, September 10, 2014

**10) Good and Welfare**

Sharon spoke about FCSNA founder and longtime delegate Keith Freer who passed away recently. She praised him for all the time, talent and effort he put into the organization over the years. He will be missed.

**Motion** That FCSNA donate \$100 to one of the family-designated charities in recognition of Keith Freer's longtime contributions to the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association.

**M/S APPROVED**

**Adjournment:** 9 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 7-9 p.m.

**Location:** Sitka Square Meeting Room

**WEB:** [falsecreeksouth.org](http://falsecreeksouth.org)