

**False Creek South Neighbourhood Association
Delegates Meeting
Minutes of Meeting, Wednesday November 4, 2015**

Enclave	Delegate(s)
658 Leg-in-Boot Sq.	-
666 Leg-in-Boot Sq.	Ralph Skinner, Rosalie Hawrylko
Alder Bay Co-op	Sylvia Smallman, Wendy Herdin (Vice President)
Alder Bay Place	-
Connaught Housing Co-op	Eta Thiessen, Marlene Poehnell
Creek Village	Richard Marchant
Creekview Co-op	Gordon Watson
Discovery Quay	Janice Ninatti
False Creek Co-op	Richard Evans
Fountain Terrace	Dennis McCann, Diane Darch, Tineke Hellwig
Greater Van. Floating Home Co-op	David McCann (Treasurer)
Harbour Terrace	Marie-Claude Collins
Heather Point	-
Henley Court	Charlie Richmond
Lagoons	-
Marina Housing Co-op	-
Marine Mews	Sharon Yandle (President), Josef Skala, Patricia Martin
Mariner Point	Cory Lake
Market Hill	Kathie Cornes (Secretary)
Newport Quay	Susan Harris
Pacific Cove	Jennifer Greenwood
Regatta	Kathleen MacKinnon, Wes Knapp, Evan Alderson
Sea Village	-
Spruce Village	Beryl Wilson
Stamps Landing	-
Twin Rainbows Co-op	-

Regrets

Alder Bay Place	Anne Kaye
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Guests

Peer-Daniel Krause	Re*Plan
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1. Approval of Agenda

Motion That the agenda be approved.

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2. Approval of Minutes

October 7, 2015 meeting: It was noted that item 3 a) Syrian Refugee Sponsorship stated "Our commitment would be for a minimum of one year." It should read "Our commitment would be for a maximum of one year".

Motion That the minutes of the October 7, 2015 Delegates Meeting be approved as amended.

M/S APPROVED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) UBC Students – Energy Audit

At the previous meeting delegates agreed to support the proposed False Creek South Energy Audit and encourage our enclaves to participate. Sharon Yandle asked delegates whether any of the enclaves had agreed to make their buildings' energy usage available to the study. Fountain Terrace, Greater Vancouver Floating Home Co-op and False Creek Co-op have agreed; Alder Bay Co-op and 666 Leg-in-Boot Square are considering the request.

b) Parking Fees – Moberly Road

Beryl Wilson has agreed to look into the increased evening rates in the Easy Park lots on Moberly Road. She hasn't received a satisfactory response from the City thus far but intends to pursue the question with someone in greater authority at City Hall.

4. Correspondence

- Email dated Oct 31, 2015 from Susan Doyle, Coordinator of John McBride Community Garden, to Sharon Yandle, requesting that FCSNA continue formal sponsorship of the garden for the next lease period. She also asks for financial support and advice re grant opportunities.

5. Finance

David McCann presented the Treasurer's Report dated November 1, 2015. He reported that the temporary \$10,000 loan that the FCSNA made available to Re*Plan has been repaid in full and that Re*Plan has recently received contributions to help fund its on-going work from the following enclaves: False Creek Housing Co-op, Greater Vancouver Floating Home Co-op, Alder Bay Housing Co-op, Creekview Housing Co-op, Market Hill and Heather Point.

David was also pleased to report that the FCSNA is on track to finish the year with a healthy bank balance, something he inherited from previous treasurer Keith Freer. David advised the meeting that he would not be standing for reelection for the position of Treasurer for 2016, stating "It has been an honour, and a privilege, to work with such a dedicated group of people as are all my fellow enclave delegates."

Motion That the Treasurer's Report of November 1, 2015 be accepted.

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6. Reports

a) Re*Plan Committee

Richard Evans reported that Re*plan's level of activity has increased, especially within its six sub-committees. A budget has been approved. Financial contributions, as referenced in the Treasurer's Report, have been received from some co-ops, and outreach to FCSNA's leasehold strata enclaves is scheduled to begin soon. Re*plan has also contacted the BC Real Estate Foundation to procure a grant to further explore the issue of governance.

Interaction with staff in the City's Planning Dept. has been disappointing of late but Re*plan intends to pursue FCS issues with the Mayor and Council and hold them to their previous promise of meaningful consultation. Richard said that Sadhu Johnston, Acting City Manager, has scheduled a workshop in mid-November which may be relevant to us.

Richard ended by encouraging enclaves to participate in the Energy Audit (referenced above). Information on the existing building stock in FCS could prove very useful to Re*plan in its on-going activities.

a) Syrian Refugee Sponsorship

A committee has been formed to explore the possible FCSNA sponsorship of a Syrian refugee family. Members of the committee are, to date: Evan Alderson, Wes Knapp, Peer-Daniel Krause, Kathleen MacKinnon, Charlie Richmond, Marilyn Wilson, Susan Wright and Sharon Yandle.

The committee has produced and distributed to delegates an update on key issues they have been exploring, i.e. potential partnership with the United Church (which is a SAH, Sponsorship Agreement Holder), affordable housing, fundraising, community engagement, and liability.

Comments and questions were solicited from delegates. Committee members answered as follows:

- Our contact person at the United Church of Canada is Maggie Hosgood, a senior figure in the refugee work of the Church;
- Our goal is to sponsor one family at present;
- FCSNA will not contribute financially to the sponsorship, but the committee will conduct a community-wide fundraising effort;
- Liability rests with the Sponsorship Agreement Holder and not with the FCSNA;
- The fundraising goal is \$40,000; donations, which are to be made directly to the SAH, will be tax-receiptable.

Motion: That the FCSNA pursue the sponsorship of a refugee family from Syria under the auspices of a local Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) and authorizes the Refugee Sponsorship Committee to lead the implementation of the initiative.

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7. Unfinished Business

a) Seawall Meeting with Active Transportation Committee

In October a number of FCSNA delegates and residents attended City-sponsored open houses on proposed plans to upgrade the FCS section of the seawall to better accommodate all users.

On October 28, at the request of the City's Active Transportation Committee representatives, we held a special meeting to discuss the proposals. The City's David Rawsthorne and Lynn Guilbault attended to explain the plans, answer questions and receive delegates' feedback.

Following this meeting Sharon Yandle wrote to Mr. Rawsthorne, Ms. Guilbault and the City of Vancouver Active Transportation Committee thanking them for their outreach and reiterating our concerns, especially as regards maintenance of parks, gardens, trees and green space; retention and maintenance of flagstones and path surfaces; management of vehicles near and on the seawall; appropriate signage and the importance of speed-calming measures.

Sharon invited delegates to share their opinions, both on the proposals themselves and on the presentations by the City. On the whole, delegates were satisfied with the proposals and the care and attention that have gone into attempting to improve safety and traffic flow on this section of the seawall, with some notable exceptions:

- GVFH Co-op & Caesar's Bridge area – residents' concerns not addressed;
- Mahony's/Wicklow end of Moberly Street – both options for re-routing foot and wheeled traffic are problematic;
- concerns that cyclists travelling too fast for the seawall are not sufficiently deterred from using it responsibly.

b) FCSNA Website

Peer-Daniel Krause reported on the progress made on the redesign of the FCSNA website, which now integrates Re*plan Committee information and updates. He displayed some of the pages which have been developed to date, along with the new logo and branding elements. Delegates were impressed with the new look and functionality and thanked Peer-Daniel for his work. Some suggested including links to the False Creek Community Centre, the False Creek School PAC and Granville Island.

c) Associate Membership

Item tabled to next meeting

8. New Business

a) Christmas Event

Sharon asked for volunteers to organize the annual carol-singing evening held in conjunction with the False Creek Elementary School PAC. David McCann noted that FCSNA has budgeted \$1000 for the event. Diane Darch volunteered to coordinate this year's event; Kathleen MacKinnon, Jennifer Greenwood and Tineke Hellwig agreed to help. Peer-Daniel volunteered to do outreach. The proposed date is either Dec. 16 or 17th: Diane will consult with the school as to which is favored.

b) Fall Community Cleanup

FCSNA has participated in Keep Vancouver Spectacular's spring cleanup for a number of years. The City also supports a fall cleanup, supplying garbage bags, gloves and other cleanup tools, and free pickup of collected litter. Kathleen MacKinnon proposes FCSNA take part in the fall cleanup, in a limited area with, possibly, fewer participants: she suggests the area from east of the school to the Cambie Bridge.

Motion That FCSNA provide a grant of \$50 to support a Fall Community Cleanup of the area between False Creek Elementary School and the Cambie Bridge.

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c) Community Emergency Preparedness

Patricia Martin spoke to delegates about the need for emergency planning in our enclaves. As a new resident, she was surprised to find very little in place in her building or in the community as a whole. She and another resident have tried to encourage those in their enclave to create “grab and go” kits, but with limited success. Patricia stated that there is an abundance of information available on the web and elsewhere (e.g. Washington State’s highly regarded “Map Your Neighbourhood” (MYN) program) and that other Vancouver neighbourhoods have developed plans. She is willing to do more research and to bring information and a kit to a future FCSNA meeting so that delegates can promote this in their own buildings.

Wendy Herdin mentioned that Alder Bay Co-op has worked on emergency preparedness and would be glad to share what they have done.

Delegates thanked Patricia for taking the initiative on this and agreed that the FCSNA will support Patricia in her efforts to develop emergency plans and kits.

d) Nominations Committee

Wes Knapp advised delegates that the annual FCSNA election of officers will occur at next month’s AGM. All positions are open: president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. David McCann has moved out of the area and will not run for re-election as treasurer. Anyone interested in running is asked to contact Wes.

e) Proposal for Infill Development

Re*plan has looked at the concept of infill development as a way to increase the stock of affordable housing and provide types of housing currently unavailable in FCS. Richard Evans told delegates that many residents are occupying units, originally intended for families, which are larger and less accessible than they now need. David McCann has made a personal grant of \$525 to fund a workshop to explore infill options. False Creek Housing Co-op is looking at a site near Alder Bay and has applied to CMHC to fund a workshop to explore how infill development might occur there.

f) Community Garden Requests

Sharon advised delegates that FCSNA has received requests from two groups, the John McBride Community Garden and a new group wishing to develop a garden southeast of Leg-in-Boot Square (near the tennis courts), to act as their sponsor in their applications to the City.

Motion That FCSNA support the applications for the two aforementioned community gardens.

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9. Good and Welfare

Sharon advised delegates that she has accepted an invitation from some Pacific Cove residents to attend a meeting later this month with them and City Councillor Geoff Meggs regarding issues involving Mahony & Sons Irish pub. In the past there have been

complaints about loss of continuous access to the waterfront, barriers to accessing the ferry walkway and the location of garbage bins. More recently nearby residents have complained about noise levels at night, as late as 3-3:30 a.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting:
Wednesday, December 2, 2015 7-9 p.m.
Location: Sitka Square Meeting Room**

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