

**False Creek South Neighbourhood Association
Delegates Meeting
Minutes of Meeting, Wednesday April 6, 2016**

Enclave	Delegate(s)
658 Leg-in-Boot Sq.	-
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Alder Bay Co-op	Wendy Herdin (Vice President)
Alder Bay Place	-
Connaught Housing Co-op	Eta Thiessen
Creek Village	Richard Marchant
Creekview Co-op	Gordon Watson
Discovery Quay	Janice Ninatti
False Creek Co-op	Marta Goodwin
Fountain Terrace	Dennis McCann (Treasurer), Diane Darch
Greater Van. Floating Home Co-op	-
Harbour Terrace	Gillian Willis, Marie-Claude Collins
Heather Point	-
Henley Court	Charlie Richmond
Lagoons	-
Marina Housing Co-op	-
Marine Mews	Sharon Yandle (President), Patricia Martin, Josef Skala
Mariner Point	-
Market Hill	Kathie Cornes (Secretary), Jim Woodward
Newport Quay	Susan Harris
Pacific Cove	-
Regatta	Evan Alderson
Sea Village	-
Spruce Village	-
Stamps Landing	-
Twin Rainbows Co-op	-
Regrets	
Alder Bay Co-op	Sylvia Smallman
Fountain Terrace	Tineke Hellwig
Heather Point	Mats Tholin
Henley Court	Susan Wright
Pacific Cove	Marion Hogue, Jennifer Greenwood
Regatta	Kathleen MacKinnon, Wes Knapp
Spruce Village	Beryl Wilson
Other Attendees	
Kathleen Kulpas	Connaught Co-op

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion That the agenda be approved.

M/S APPROVED

2. Approval of Minutes

Sharon Yandle corrected an item under 9) Good and Welfare in the minutes of the March 2 meeting, advising delegates that the Regatta enclave has offered their meeting room free of charge to the FCSNA as a whole, not only to its Re*plan committee.

Motion That the minutes of the March 2, 2016 Delegates Meeting be approved as amended. **M/S APPROVED**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Communications Committee

At the last meeting several delegates (Susan Wright, Doug Broome, Susan Harris and Janice Ninatti) volunteered to form a committee to coordinate FCSNA communications. Susan Harris reported on the initial meeting of the committee. Lucas Petter, a resident of Marina Housing Co-op, has agreed to contribute technical help to the FCSNA website.

Susan Wright is chair of the committee: she and Janice Ninatti are working with Peer-Daniel Krauss to learn aspects of MailChimp, an email software program for creating newsletters and other online communications. The committee hopes to produce a bi-monthly newsletter which will be web-based: delegates will also be asked to post a print copy in their enclaves. Everyone is welcome to submit items of neighbourhood/community interest to Susan Wright for possible inclusion in the newsletter.

b) Stamps Landing complaints
- no report at this time

4. Correspondence

a) Email from Peter Woo, False Creek Elementary School principal, to Diane Darch and forwarded to Sharon Yandle, asking for FCSNA support for the school's Farm to School Grant. Marta Goodman and Susan Harris agreed to follow up with Peter Woo on this initiative.

Motion That the FCSNA agrees to act as a partnering organization with False Creek Elementary School in connection to its Farm to School project.

M/S APPROVED

b) Email dated Apr 4/16 from Alice Kendal, Exec. Dir. of the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, inviting the FCSNA to participate in the Scotia Charity Challenge 5k or half marathon to be held Sunday June 26.

5. Finance

Treasurer Dennis McCann reported that the bulk of FCSNA membership dues for 2016 has been received, with only \$250 outstanding and that, to date, none of the leasehold member enclaves has declined our request for Re*plan funding support. He also reported that Re*plan has received grant monies for its Governance Project (the purpose of which is to determine the feasibility and merits of various governance models to address affordable housing policy)--\$21,000 from the Real Estate Foundation of BC and \$10,000 from BC Housing.

Motion That the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2016 be accepted.

M/S APPROVED

6. Reports

a) Re*plan Committee

Jim Woodward reported on recent Re*plan developments. At its monthly meeting, held on April 4, the committee received a report from David Cookson, on contract with VanCity, whose time has been donated to assist Re*plan in seeking foundation grants. David presented a very thoroughly researched report, which should assist us now and into the future.

The meeting also received a report from Nathan Edelson on Re*plan's interactions with the City. He is encouraged that Vancouver's new City Manager, Sadhu Johnston, appears to be taking initiatives in regard to lease renewal. The City has appointed Chris Baas, a member of the City of Vancouver's Service Review Team, as Project Manager to coordinate the work of City departments on the issues facing False Creek South – including lease renewal, a sustainable community plan and a review of models for the future governance of the area. And, as previously reported, there is a City committee of high level staff which meets regularly on the issues, with which Re*plan will have regular contact through the project manager.

This meeting also received reports from the Strata Leaseholders (SLS) and Joint Co-op Board (JCBC) subcommittees (full minutes available at falsecreeksouth.org). The JCBC is preparing for its first lease renewal negotiation with the City.

Upcoming is a meeting with Doug Page of the BC Housing Policy Branch to discuss the government review of the Strata Property Act.

Sharon Yandle added that Re*plan and the FCSNA have always emphasized that our community is interested in lease renewal, not lease termination.

b) Syrian Refugee Sponsorship

Evan Alderson spoke to Kathleen MacKinnon's update on the status of our refugee sponsorship (see update below), adding that Kathleen is working very diligently on advancing our sponsorship and liaising with others across the country to gain traction on the issue. A coalition of groups has written to federal Minister McCallum asking that the processing of those refugees stuck in camps in Northern Iraq be expedited. The committee reiterated that the financing of the sponsorship has been with monies independently raised, not with FCSNA dues or other Association funds.

Kathleen's report of April 6:

Advocacy:

- a) Letters (2 letters - March 18 and then a follow-up letter) to John McCallum, Canada's Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship; Wes Knapp's chance meeting with Minister McCallum upon letter delivery, and media coverage in Vancouver Sun and on CBC radio's The Early Edition;
- b) coalition broadened to include Haida Gwaii and Lions Bay;
- c) attempting to get a hearing on Friday with Minister McCallum. Letter and news release being prepared whether we are successful in getting a face-to-face meeting

or not. (Mosaic has been successful in getting a meeting with the Minister and if we don't get our own meeting, they will deliver our message verbally plus give him our new letter).

Status of Family:

Still in Northern Iraq. No change. No idea when they might arrive. We have an official file number from the Immigration department in Winnipeg but no assurance that the file has been transferred to the embassy in Jordan yet.

The Minister has made a series of announcements in the past 10 days stating he wants to get these privately sponsored families here "by the end of 2016 or early 2017". This timeline could leave us short of the necessary funds for our year commitment to the family.

Status of Apartment:

We are currently seeking permission from the member and the co-op board to sublet the apartment to another family on an interim basis. The member has agreed. We are still awaiting word from the co-op board. We would try to rent it for 3-6 months and then on a month-to-month basis, by mutual agreement. The rent we would charge would be exactly what we are expending now including the costs for Internet and hydro. Mustafa at Mosaic would introduce us to a suitable Syrian refugee family to interview if we get agreement from the co-op.

Incidentally the co-op member has also agreed to extend the length of the original sublet, subject to approval by the co-op board.

7. Unfinished Business

a) "The Creek" – Uploading to website

Some volumes of this historic newspaper have already been uploaded to our website, but to complete the process our advisor, Peer-Daniel Krause, estimates that over 50 additional hours of computer time will be required. He suggests that we consider hiring someone to do this work: at \$20/hour the cost would be approximately \$1050. After some discussion the meeting agreed to go back to Peer-Daniel for additional clarification, information and options. Charlie Richmond agreed to speak with Peer-Daniel.

8. New Business

a) Keep Vancouver Spectacular

Diane Darch reminded the meeting of this annual Vancouver neighbourhood clean-up event in which we've participated in past years. Saturday, May 28 was chosen as the clean-up day for our area. Diane volunteered to oversee the event and look after the western FCS collection point: Kathleen and Wes have agreed to look after the eastern FCS collection point. Diane circulated a sign-up sheet and encourages any/all neighbours to join in this half-day event (clean-up materials will be provided by the City and light refreshments will be on hand for the participants.)

b) Coalition of Neighbourhoods

- Item tabled until next meeting

9. Good and Welfare

- a) Alder Bay wooden walkway – Sharon noted that the walkway, found to be slippery over the winter, and the subject of safety concerns by residents, has now been pressure-washed by City staff;
- b) False Creek Community Centre Spring Program Guides – Diane distributed bundles to be taken by delegates back to their enclaves;
- c) Thefts and break-ins – several delegates reported recent incidents in the neighbourhood, particularly vehicle break-ins along Lamey’s Mill Road, parking garage break-ins and mailbox thefts. Discussion ensued about types of video security available to help deter/catch thieves.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

**Next Regular Meeting:
Wednesday, May 4, 2016 7-9 p.m.
Location: Sitka Square Meeting Room**

WEB: falsecreeksouth.org