

**False Creek South Neighbourhood Association
Delegates Meeting
Minutes of Meeting, Wednesday May 4, 2016**

Enclave	Delegate(s)
658 Leg-in-Boot Sq.	-
666 Leg-in-Boot Sq.	Ralph Skinner
Alder Bay Co-op	-
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	-
Fountain Terrace	Dennis McCann (Treasurer), Diane Darch
Greater Van. Floating Home Co-op	-
Harbour Terrace	Gillian Willis, Marie-Claude Collins
Heather Point	-
Henley Court	Susan Wright
Lagoons	-
Marina Housing Co-op	-
Marine Mews	Sharon Yandle (President), Patricia Martin, Josef Skala
Mariner Point	-
Market Hill	Kathie Cornes (Secretary)
Newport Quay	Susan Harris
Pacific Cove	-
Regatta	Kathleen MacKinnon, Wes Knapp
Sea Village	-
Spruce Village	Beryl Wilson
Stamps Landing	-
Twin Rainbows Co-op	Doug Broome
Regrets	
Alder Bay Co-op	Wendy Herdin (Vice President)
False Creek Co-op	Marta Goodwin
Fountain Terrace	Tineke Hellwig
Heather Point	Mats Tholin
Henley Court	Charlie Richmond
Market Hill	Jim Woodward
Pacific Cove	Marion Hogue
Other Attendees	
Peer-Daniel Krauss	Re*plan

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion That the agenda be approved.

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2. Approval of Minutes

After some discussion it was agreed that meeting minutes would be distributed to delegates both as an email attachment and as a link to the FCSNA website.

Motion That the minutes of the April 6, 2016 Delegates Meeting be approved.

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3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) False Creek School Request

Marta Goodwin and Susan Harris agreed at last month's meeting to contact school principal Peter Woo regarding FCSNA's willingness to partner with them on their Farm to School grant application. After some difficulty in connecting with him they are now awaiting his next contact.

b) Stamps Landing complaints

- No report at this time

c) Uploading "The Creek" to the FCSNA Website

Peer-Daniel Krauss addressed questions regarding the estimated \$1050 required to complete the uploading and improve the search capability of "The Creek", a neighbourhood newspaper which was published over 20 years, from 1982 to 2002. He agreed to explore the options and costs further and to report back at a future meeting.

4. Correspondence

- Email dated May 2/16 from FCSNA delegate Janice Ninatti regarding the limited-time, no-cost offer by Telus to install optical fibre cabling to Vancouver properties. Janice noted that Ledcor Technical Services, the company implementing the project, has had problems finding contacts for some enclaves in False Creek South.

If enclaves and/or residents require more information or wish to take advantage of this offer, they should contact Brendan Williams of Ledcor Technical Services, at 778-875-9622 or email Brendan.williams@ledcor.com.

- Email dated Apr 14/16 from area resident Dominic Frei to City staff and Council, copied to FCSNA and others, regarding speeding and pedestrian safety on West 6th Avenue. Mr Frei has organized a group, *This is Not a Freeway*, which is urging that steps be taken to monitor and reduce traffic speeds and to make changes to traffic lights (particularly at W 6th and Alder Crossing) and pedestrian crosswalks along W 6th between the Granville and Cambie Street bridges.

- Email dated May 4/16 from Sadhu A. Johnston, Vancouver City Manager, to Sharon Yandle providing an update of the work the City is undertaking associated with South False Creek. The City has established the South False Creek Planning Project Steering Committee, with a mandate to oversee all South False Creek planning and lease-related issues and opportunities. The Steering Committee is comprised of the following:

- Sadhu Johnston, City manager (Committee Chair)
- Bill Aujila, General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management
- Jane Pickering, Acting General Manager of Planning and Development Services
- Mukhtar Latif, Chief Housing Officer

- Patrice Impey, General Manager, Finance, Risk and Business Planning

The Committee is staffed by Project Manager, Chris Baas.

Note: The full letter will be available for viewing at www.falsecreeksouth.org and will also be included in an upcoming edition of the FCSNA newsletter.

5. Finance

Treasurer Dennis McCann reported that FCSNA has received good support for its special Re*plan levy with 13 strata boards and co-ops committing funds. Generally the uncommitted enclaves are awaiting the scheduling of their general membership or owner meetings. Heritage Housing Co-op from outside the neighbourhood has also committed funds and Heather Point contributed extra monies over our request.

Motion That the Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2016 be accepted.

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6. Reports

a) Re*plan Committee

Sharon Yandle reported that Re*plan's Co-op subcommittee has been very active of late, with numerous meetings regarding the short-term co-ops whose leases expire earlier than the others and the City's proposed housing strategy regarding co-ops. A Re*plan working group continues to meet regularly with senior staff who report to the City's False Creek South Planning Project Steering Committee (referenced in the City Manager's email, above).

b) Syrian Refugee Sponsorship

Kathleen MacKinnon provided an update on recent developments (report follows):

"Syrian Refugee Family: Now Living in the Creek

As of Tuesday, April 26, 2016, we have a young Kurdish Syrian family of three living in the apartment we have rented in False Creek South. As it turns out this is a government-sponsored family. They have very little English. They will rent the apartment for six months and then month by month until our original family arrives.

We will subsidize the rent by \$200 until July when they will receive the child benefit from the federal government.

They have already enrolled in the Moms and Tots program at the community centre, visited the Firehall library, been shopping for halal meats, been given a water tour of the Creek courtesy of Aquabus and are being visited at their apartment by FCSNA members and co-op residents, as well as numerous volunteers.

They are now up and running with their cable, internet, telephones and e-mail. Since their arrival, thanks to members of our community, the parents have been given bicycles and their daughter a tricycle. MOSAIC has provided the family with a refurbished computer.

Mom (Cedar), dad (Rami) and their 2 1/2 year old daughter, Lillian, an adorable active child, have been in Canada just 3 weeks and were living in a downtown motel

until moving to the Creek. After fleeing the war in Syria, they spent 3 years in Lebanon. Rami is a plumber, Cedar a music teacher - she plays the accordion!

We have managed to get some media attention since our last meeting: CBC local television and the Courier newspaper have covered our new family's arrival and our frustration with the wait for our original family. As far as we know to date, the file for our original family is still in the Immigration Canada office in Winnipeg.

We have posted the update and the CBC clip on our website, www.falsecreeksouth.org."

Kathleen asked delegates to notify the committee if they become aware of other accommodation available in our area (especially in co-op or social housing rental units), as the family may need it when our original family arrives. She also said plumbing tools may be needed for Rami, above, when he is able to begin work.

c) Communications

Susan Wright reported that committee members are working toward the next FCSNA newsletter which they expect to be ready this month and thereafter published every 2-3 months. The newsletter will draw items from the website along with other timely submissions and will, in turn, be published as such on the website. Hard copies will also be available for distribution in the neighbourhood. The newsletter is seen to be an additional means to communicate with our constituency.

7. Unfinished Business

a) Keep Vancouver Spectacular (KVS)

FCSNA is participating in this annual community clean-up event on Saturday, May 28 from 10am to noon. Diane Darch distributed KVS posters which she asked delegates to display in their buildings. Supplies (gloves, grips, garbage bags) are supplied by the City and refreshments for the volunteers (donated by Save-On Foods & Starbucks) will be on hand at the two collection points (Leg-in-Boot Square & False Creek Community Centre near the boat dock).

b) Seawall

Several FCSNA delegates attended today's presentation of the "Seaside Greenway - South False Creek - Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge" (briefly, SFC Seawall) report by City Engineering Services to the City's Standing Committee on Planning and Strategic Priorities. FCSNA, particularly through the efforts of Gordon Watson, Mats Tholin and Sharon Yandle, has been providing input into the development of these recommendations for many months, particularly reflecting delegate concerns about pedestrian safety and separation of bikes from walkers along the route.

Sharon presented a written submission and also spoke briefly at the meeting. Gordon spoke as a representative of the City's temporary focus group. Overall, FCSNA is quite pleased with the report's recommendations, given the limitations of what's possible within the existing infrastructure. Gordon noted that the plan calls for all users to compromise from their ideal scenarios but emphasized his belief that pedestrian safety must be paramount in all changes to the seawall. In her submission, Sharon indicated that the FCSNA would like to work with Engineering toward developing safe and comfortable

pedestrian access throughout the seawall while retaining as much of the original flagstone design as possible .

Richard Marchant attended the Council meeting throughout and reported that an amendment was passed that directed staff ‘to continue to work closely with the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association to mitigate unreasonable impacts on existing residents as part of ongoing collaboration related to the renewal of the neighbourhood.’”

8. New Business

a) Grill and Chill

2016 will be the third year for Grill & Chill On Nine Tree Hill, FCSNA’s summer picnic and fun day in Charleson Park. Last year Peer-Daniel helped to organize the event: he reported that attendance was approximately 200 people. He added that 2016 is the 40th anniversary of our community and of FCSNA, so a celebration is in order.

Sharon called for volunteers. Marie-Claude Collins, Gillian Willis, Patricia Martin, Wes Knapp, Kathleen MacKinnon, Susan Wright, Susan Harris and Peer-Daniel all agreed to help. Patricia agreed to initiate the coordination process.

b) Jade Fountain

Beryl Wilson told delegates the plaque on the jade fountain (originally donated by FCSNA) in Charleson Park has been stolen. She recommended arranging for a replacement and, once it’s obtained, asks for someone with the proper tools and skills to remount the plaque in a secure manner.

Motion That FCSNA authorize the replacement of the jade fountain plaque for a cost of up to \$50.

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9. Good and Welfare

- A delegate mentioned a sign newly posted on the exterior of the False Creek Community Centre marking it as a “Disaster Support Hub” and questioned what was meant by that designation. Information later provided (see <http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/disaster-support-hubs.aspx> and <http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/disaster-support-hubs-map.pdf>) describes the hubs as follows:

“Disaster support hubs are designated locations where you can initially gather to coordinate your efforts and offer assistance to other members of your community. They are also the post-disaster locations where City staff and trained volunteers will prioritize getting information and providing services to the public.”

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

**Next Regular Meeting:
Wednesday, June 1, 2016 7-9 p.m.
Location: Sitka Square Meeting Room**

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