



False Creek Sout Neighbourhood Association

Delegates' Meeting - virtual format

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Member Enclave	Member Delegates
666 Leg-in-Boot Square	Susan Dehnel
Alder Bay Co-op	Wendy Herdin (President), Arlene Morgan
Alder Bay Place	Absent
Connaught Co-op	Absent
Creek Village	Susan Webber
Creekview Co-op	Vincent Pierce
False Creek Co-op	Val Embree (Secretary); Marta Goodwin (Treasurer)
Fountain Terrace	Tineke Helwig, Karen Hausch
GVFH Co-op	Mike Talbot
Harbour Terrace	Marie-Claude Collins
Heather Point	Jennifer Heath
Henley Court	Charlie Richmond
Marine Mews	Lauri Riddle, Sharon Yandle
Marina Housing Co-op	Absent
Market Hill	Jim Woodward
Pacific Cove	Nancy Kirkpatrick
Regatta	Evan Alderson, Kathleen McKinnon
Spruce Village	Roxanne Brooks, Yael Staev
Twin Rainbows Co-op	Absent
Guests	Beth Dempster – Convivial Cafe, Leg & Boot Square; Richard Evans – RePlan Chair

Regrets Don Wetherell Alder Bay Place

1. Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Delegates introduced themselves.

2. Agenda Approval and Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

It was moved, seconded and carried THAT: The proposed agenda is approved.

It was moved, seconded and carried THAT: The minutes of June 7 be approved as circulated.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes - none

4. Secretary's Report

Val reported no correspondence sent since the last delegates' meeting. Welcome to a number of new and returning delegates.

5. Treasurer's Report

Marta provided an update. All enclaves have paid 2022 dues. 1,681 homes are represented by the Neighbourhood Association. Expenses are in line with the budget. The Grill & Chill came in about \$200 under the \$3,000 budget. A detailed report will be provided next meeting.

6. Committees, Working Groups and Liaison Reports

a) RePlan – planning committee of FCSNA

Sharon Yandle reported. Key item is the Strata Leaseholders recommendation to its members regarding a settlement with the City regarding lease renewal.

Background:

Stratas number 669 units in 13 stratas, representing about 1/3 of homes in FCS. Most strata leases currently end in 2036. Stratas and co-ops participated in respective sub-committees of RePlan.

After some time, it was determined to be important to have a legal mechanism to negotiate on behalf of the individual strata leaseholders, which is a big difference from the Co-ops. Each Co-op legally represents its members in City negotiations; there are 5 co-ops in FCS on leased land.

The Strata Leaseholders Sub-Committee was changed to a legal entity, the RePlan Strata Leaseholders Society, even though there is no legal connection to RePlan or FCSNA. This independence is necessary to provide legal protection to the FCSNA. About 80% of strata leasehold owners have joined the Society, and assigned ability to negotiate on their behalf with the City. This negotiation with the City was conducted separately and in parallel to the Co-op discussions with the City.

The current option was outlined by Jim Woodward. The Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) coming before strata members resulted from SLS leadership meetings with the City representatives from the Real Estate Dep't, overseen by the Deputy City Manager, since last November, and provides for a pre-paid lease extension for 20 years. Meetings are underway with each strata to review it. The MOU is going to SLS members September 21 for a vote on approval to recommend to members, requiring a 75% in favour vote at that meeting. The MOU has been approved already by Council. Individual strata members will retain the ability to take up the offer or not.

Richard Evans noted that a particular challenge to all negotiations is that they are conducted 'in camera', as did the Real Estate proposal for FCS redevelopment last year. This is very challenging for community involvement.

b) Community Housing Trust (aka Community Land Trust)

Jim reported that with the BoD of the Trust is in process of organizing a next meeting to address next steps. The Campus of Care has been a focus of discussion to date. Its sponsor, Broadway Lodge, has been invited by the City and Vancouver Coastal Health to develop a full proposal. Given this, the CHT will focus on broader aspects of visioning.

c) Community Engagement Committee – Evan reporting

- **age friendly community working group** – Summer conversations confirm interest, particularly in exploring what can be done that doesn't duplicate other things already in place. Recruitment and conversations will continue. New members welcome.
- **animation of Leg & Boot Square** - there has been successful development of the Square as a hub of the community, thanks to the work of many. FCSNA pledged up to \$1,000 to support activities and facilities improvement. \$600 was assigned to canopies, which were bought. Then there was a successful grant application to Vancouver Foundation Neighbourhood Small Grants, resulting in \$500 towards canopies. There had also been a call for donations, and \$560 was received. This allowed small honoraria to be paid to musicians, which resulted in very successful Saturday afternoon gatherings. Additional grants are being pursued for a \$500 activity grant and a \$5000 'place making grant', for activities and infrastructure enhancements. The seed money from FCSNA has been a successful initiative!
Continuing activities are being planned, including a volunteer appreciation party planned for later this month.
- **Between the Bridges** – the newsletter is considering a shift to monthly publication. This might be supplemented by a weekly 'what's happening' news item. Please continue to submit topics and stories of interest.

d) School Liaison – Roxanne reported that kids are back to school and there is an air of normality, with masks not on. Hopefully clubs and other activities will return to normal operation. There is a new 'acting' principal, likely for a few months until a permanent new principal is in place. First PAC meeting is next Monday.

Sharon noted that there is waitlist for False Creek Elementary, and Roxanne confirmed that is the case at every grade level. Of some concern, we learned recently that there is a group in Olympic Village opposing school construction there, and particularly at the site designated at Hinge Park. Charlie noted that the early planning for Olympic Village near the Cambie Bridge, and to be completed by 2015. VSB website notes approval of a 99 year lease at the currently proposed site and construction start in 2024.

e) Sustainability Resilience Working Group – Yael noted the BioBlitz is underway this week, led by Friends of False Creek in collaboration with the Hakkai Association. Tineke reported that there was an impressive group of scientists involved, with information tables at the Community Centre. The Working Group didn't meet over the summer, but is engaged with UBC students again this year, with the topic "integrating human and natural ecosystems".

f) Grill & Chill – Vincent of Creekview Co-op reported that everything came off well on August 21, including no rain, and under budget. There were approximately 150 participants. Congratulations to all!

7. New Business

- Question: Senakw - is any liaison or consultation planned or in process? Noted as an interesting area for follow up.
- Speed of bicycles and other vehicles on the seawall path – for next meeting, ask Delegates for comment or concerns. Is this something we should take up with the City, for example proposing barriers requiring stopping and walking through?
- Temporary washrooms in FCS – a topic for follow up at next meeting.

8. Good and Welfare: What's going on in your enclave?

- FCSNA Syrian refugee family, living in FCCHA, and their brothers welcomed Azad's mother, sister and brother to Canada on September 6. Kathleen reported a joyous reunion at Vancouver airport.
- reminder – stay active on the FCSNA Facebook page.

10. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next FCSNA Delegates' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.