



False Creek Sout Neighbourhood Association
Delegates' Meeting - virtual format
Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Member Enclave**Member Delegates and Guests**

666 Leg-in-Boot Square	Absent
Alder Bay Co-op	Wendy Herdin (President); Arlene Morgan
Alder Bay Place	Dan Wetherall
Connaught Co-op	Absent
Creek Village	Absent
Creekview Co-op	Vincent Pierce (Vice-President)
False Creek Co-op	Val Embree (Secretary); Marta Goodwin (Treasurer)
Fountain Terrace	Tineke Hellwig
GVFH Co-op	Absent
Harbour Terrace	Marie-Claude Collins
Heather Point	Jennifer Heath
Henley Court	Regrets
Marine Mews	Lauri Riddle; Sharon Yandle (Past-President)
Marina Housing Co-op	Regrets
Market Hill	Jim Woodward
Pacific Cove	Nancy Kirkpatrick
Regatta	Evan Alderson
Spruce Village	Roxanne Brooks; Yael Staev
Twin Rainbows Co-op	Daniel McLeod

Regrets

Henley Court	Charlie Richmond
Marina Co-op	Hugo Velazquez (retiring delegate)

Guests Zaida Schneider, False Creek Friends Society ;Beth Dempster – Convivial Cafe, Leg & Boot Sq.

Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Delegates introduced themselves.

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 the delegates' meeting of January 5, 2002, are approved.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Wendy reported that without contacts in Harbour Cove, Newport Quay or Sea Village, no invitation to send delegates has been sent.

Secretary's Report

Val reported that the only correspondence received is notice of change of delegate for Marina Co-op: retirement of Hugo Veazquez and commencement of Lena Savic as of March.

No correspondence sent since the last delegates' meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Marta reports that dues invoices have been sent out as of late January to all the enclaves; 6 or 7 have responded already, which is a good start.

Committees, Working Groups and Liaison Reports

RePlan

Sharon reported:

- Marina Co-op's lease has expired and they are at the table with City staff. Some other Co-ops in FCS have met with the staff leads for Community Services regarding lease end and renewal. The AWG Chair, Nancy Hannum, is preparing a letter to the Director responsible, Sandra Singh, advising that staff meeting with co-ops are reflecting the spirit of the Real Estate plan for FCS, and not the specific direction of Council in the October 28 motion.
- liaison Councillors Hardwick and Fry have met 3-4 times to date with RePlan representatives, and the concern about staff positioning in relation to the Real Estate Plan has been made known to them.

There has also been extensive discussion of the Campus of Care, since it is seen as important to get something solid going on this before summer when election season starts.

- Strata lease negotiations are continuing but are in confidence.
- There is interest in Affordable Home Ownership (AHO) in FCS. The essence of this housing form is similar to that of buying a strata unit except that the initial cost is less than market housing and the equity accrued is capped. In this way, AHOs become more and more affordable over time. Examples include the Whistler Housing Authority. The AHO working group is also looking at a Limited Equity Co-op (LEC) model which can achieve the same outcome. The aim is to have ways for everyone who wants to, to be able to stay in the Creek in one or another form of affordable housing.

Community Housing Trust (aka Community Land Trusts)

Jim reviewed the background: People will recollect that FCSNA has been investigating this for some years, and hosted a professional conference on this topic 3 years ago. The False Creek South Housing Trust was incorporated a year ago with initial board members appointed by the FCS Neighbourhood Association. The FCSNA is its only member. It also has an Advisory Committee which has been attending all board meetings up until now.

The CHT is considering appointing several additional board members with development experience to assist with the next phase of work which is focused on the “Campus of Care” project. Once a recommendation has been decided about additional Board members, it will come back to the Association for discussion and decision.

The CHT is fortunate to have Kira Gerwing, Chief Real Estate Investment Officer, at Sacha Investments Ltd, a newly created social purpose real estate development organization, volunteer to join the CHT Advisory Committee. Kira spent many years at VanCity involved with similar work. With Kira’s assistance the CHT is seeking a consultant to develop a business plan to demonstrate the costs and potential sources of revenue for the Campus of Care project. The project will provide expanded long term care facilities as well as support services for seniors who live independently along with supportive and rental housing for seniors and people with disabilities.

Circulated to delegates in advance of the meeting was the Value Proposition developed by the CHT to more clearly articulate how the CHT can bring value to projects for funders and lenders and of course the City as the land owner.

Action: This statement will be attached to the minutes and can be shared with members of delegates’ housing organizations.

Community Engagement Committee

- Zaida Scheider of False Creek Friends Society presented.

The Society's goal is to have the marine environment of FC respected and to engage the public. It has been aiming to have FC declared an urban marine park; the first one of these exists in England. Its first effort to raise public awareness is to conduct a 'bio-blitz' in September 2022. This will involve a group of scientists working over a week to develop a 'bio-assay' of the Creek. Who / what lives here? The approach will use 'citizen science', with well established protocols developed and in use all over the world. Partners include: Hakai Institute, a premier marine institute in Canada; Nature Canada, and the Vancouver School Board.

Other cultural and literary events are also planned. It was noted that this might be a good fit with the Place Matters group who have initiated community salons to build interest in FCS planning. Over the summer, in advance of the Bio-blitz, there will be educational initiatives – e.g. World Oceans Day, June 8. Federal DFO Minister Joyce Murray has been invited. Involvement with First Nations is also planned, and positive contact and support has been initiated. The aim is to have people recognize that False Creek matters. For all the people, including residents, it will be a way to engage and show their interest and support for the Creek. FCSNA can get involved in a Secretariat / public communications role – letting people know how to get involved.

Questions & answers: does this fit inside the work of an existing Committee? Yael commented as the lead on the Sustainability/Resilience Working Group: yes, action is very aligned for us to support this, though capacity is limited. It is a very good fit with our work with False Creek Elementary and we can help Bio-blitz make the connection.

Action: the presentation will be circulated with the minutes, and the Sustainability Committee – Yael Staev will follow up and bring back specific recommendations for FCSNA involvement.

- ***Between the Bridges newsletter***

Sharon Yandle made a request to delegates for help with articles on issues of concern or interest, particularly those affecting younger people and families in the neighbourhood.

Example: the need for a new school and the provincial commitment at the last election to get a new school built for Olympic Village.

Action: Roxanne can raise this invitation with the PAC at the school. Jennifer suggested that the school might invite older students to contribute.

School Liaison

- Roxanne reported that FC Elementary is 'technology poor'. It should have a minimum of 30 iPads; 10 are not functional, and the School Board has not had the budget to replace them. The School is trying to raise \$4,100 to replace the 10, and made a call for donations from parents at a suggested \$20 each.

FCSNA support: Marta noted there is a budget of \$1,000 allocated to support the school, plus \$500 designated as support for 'bike to school' week, if the PAC feels it would prioritize a redirection to the iPad purchase. In addition, there is \$1,500 in a miscellaneous category, and we could consider allocating 2/3 of that to the School's acquisition of iPads. It was also suggested that the school might be interested in a matching donation system along with the FCSNA.

A Between the Bridges article could include the PAC website link and invite donations from the community directly.

Action: Roxanne will follow up on needs and advise.

Senior Advisory Committee (Housing Subcommittee)

Jim sits on the Housing Subcommittee of the City SAC. The Councillor who is liaison to SAC tabled a motion January 25 to Council with a number of recommendations, including to have a dedicated full-time planning position to focus on older persons and elders, with an intersectional lense across City departments and to liaise with external agencies. The motion passed unanimously. The aim is to coordinate across City planning and services to address seniors needs and concerns.

Given the demographics of FCS, this will be relevant for FCS planning.

Sustainability Working Group

Yael reported:

- Henley Court is piloting a cost effective EV charging station and shared information in the recent Between the Bridges. Daniel of Twin Rainbows notes that a carbon credit is available from the Provincial Government to organizations that facilitate this. He will provide more information for a follow up story in Between the Bridges.
- Spruce Harbour Marina is repeating its herring spawn enhancement project in February.
- a new refund fee is attached to milk and plant beverage packages. This may impact how member organizations can manage recycling.
- the UBC students working on environmental impacts of the Campus of Care planning have begun to table some ideas.

New Business

- Convivial Cafe – Beth Dempster reported on a new rental for a cafe space coming on the NE side of Leg & Boot Square. She put out a call for interest in supporting a cafe / community space to a circle of people and was thrilled at the interest expressed. Thanks to the community for the enthusiasm. The owner has chosen a different applicant, but the response has encouraged Beth to continue the conversation on the potential evolution of Convivial Cafe as a social enterprise, with a mission to animate Leg & Boot Sq and to encourage and support small businesses in the neighbourhood.

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Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next FCSNA Delegates' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.