

# GRANDVIEW WOODLAND AREA COUNCIL

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## MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Monday, June 3, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Learning Resource Centre, Britannia  
1661 Napier Street,  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
**Chair:** King  
**Present:** Anderson, Barkley, Fergie, Irvine, Mosca, Ollenberger, Scully, Worrall  
**Guests:** Chuck Lafferty, UNYA; Cynthia Farnsworth and Kelly Carter, Lord Nelson PAC  
**Regrets:** Durrie, Parent

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### 1.0 Call to Order

The Chair welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm, introducing Chuck Lafferty from the Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA), and Cynthia Farnsworth, Lord Nelson PAC. Dan Fass' resignation from the Council was announced with regret; a letter of appreciation to be drafted and sent from the Board on behalf of the membership.

### 2.0 Agreement on the Agenda

### 3.0 Adoption of the minutes of May 6, 2013: *Deferred*

### 4.0 President's Report *Jak King*

King reported that the Park Rangers and Patricia Barnes, the Executive Director of the Hastings North BIA will be speaking at the July Membership meeting; Susan Tatoosh to be invited to speak at our September Membership meeting. As well a panel will be convened in September in the Canucks Room at a date to be set, made up of Bob Ransford, Michael Geller, Elizabeth Murphy and Eric Villa Gomez to speak to development matters in Vancouver as they believe it is, should be and could be.

King confirmed that there will be no August meeting, although committees will continue to meet and will report to members in September and through the web site.

King reported on attending several meetings on behalf of the GWAC, including the **RCS** at City Hall, elaborating on its importance and the consequences of the policies stated in it. He urged all to become aware, and to go to the web site which will be a resource for information. He will deliver the attached statement on behalf of GWAC at the June 11<sup>th</sup> public hearing at City Hall.

King also reported on attending the Saturday open house at the Wise Hall previewing the results of the aggregation of the Community Plan development and consultation sessions. This was the first of three promised open houses, and King urged all to attend, to become familiar with the City's recommendations based on those sessions and to respond to the City on their recommendations which he cautioned are not what was ever mentioned in any of the sessions. He reported on the excessive and unforeseen proposal to develop multi-family residential along Nanaimo street, around parks and schools, a 15 storey development at Venables and Commercial and excessive heights along both Hastings Street and Broadway and Commercial areas. The information will be linked on the GWAC web site and he urges all to respond to the city with the online questionnaire.

\* A member suggested that the issue should not be seen as one of people count, rather as an issue of built form and what is appropriate given the context of the neighbourhood.

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## 5.0 Community Activities :

- a. 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June: Community Plan Open Houses
- b. 9<sup>th</sup> June: Italian Day on the Drive
- c. 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June: In the House
- d. 11<sup>th</sup> June: Public Hearings on RCS
- e. 16<sup>th</sup> June: Car Free Day on the Drive
- f. 16<sup>th</sup> June: East Vancouver self-guided Garden Tour
- g. 19<sup>th</sup> June: Making Place, Sharing Space
- h. 21<sup>st</sup> June: National Aboriginal Day
- i. 23<sup>rd</sup> June: GHG Shelly Sign Celebration

## 6.0 Guest Speaker:

### 6.1 Chuck Lafferty, Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA)

Lafferty provided an overview of programs and services provided by UNYA, confirming their priority is to keep children in school. The age range of their identified constituency is 12 – 24 year olds; they have 120 staff, hosting 18 programs both in-house and externally. They have a governing Board of 8, 4 of whom are youth and receive funding from federal, provincial and municipal governments as well as private donors. He left brochures for all to view, and promised a comprehensive web site to find out more detail about UNYA.

## 7.0 Committee Reports:

### 7.1 Planning *Jak King*

King reported the committee had met, and had attended a meeting of the Strathcona Residents' Association (SRA) regarding the Viaducts and the Eastern Core Strategy (ECS). The City invited SRA & GWAC to approve the removal of the viaducts in principle, absent any ECS. Both declined to do so.

GWAC was asked to approve, and did, a statement (attached) developed by a Coalition of Communities regarding viaducts, Eastern Core Strategy, and the future of community engagement.

Farnsworth and Carter, Lord Nelson PAC, spoke to their experience with the City and their repeated requests to be involved with the Community Planning process. They represent over 400 families locally and despite several promises to have someone come and speak with them, no one ever did. Their letter to the City is attached, in which they express their enormous dismay and concern over the proposed plans as set out in the Community Plan for the school and local parks.

### 7.2 Transportation

Reporting on behalf of an absent Parent, Irvine reported a meeting on the Powell Street overpass. Powell will be closed from June 24<sup>th</sup> until mid-July 2014. He will continue to monitor and report back to the Membership.

### 7.3 Communications

Fergie reported he has developed a new web site, with the transfer of the previous information from the old as well as the creation of a new Facebook page virtually complete. He anticipates having both up, subject to the Board's approval, within a week. He has been doing this on his own and would like to build a committee to assist. He reports having received the mailing list, but plans to identify the individuals by type. Ultimately the GWAC plans to become the chief resource within the community for a calendar of events, organizations operating in the community and resources.

### 7.4 Outreach

Irvine reported that his committee has met and has identified as their core principles that of building awareness and participation from across GW, to serve as a Residents' Association, and to build vital relationships with other community organizations throughout the neighbourhood. To that end they are engaged in identifying the numerous groups, from Churches to cultural, artistic, social etc. through the libraries, BIAs, schools and any and all sources they can find.

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## **8.0 Other Business:**

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The matter of Little Nest's forthcoming closure was brought up as a concern, and was it due to unreasonably large rents suddenly being demanded. It was suggested that in this instance appeals from local supporters to the owner of the building directly might be useful in having the rent increase reversed, and a good tenant remain in place. It was suggested that the address for the owner would be found and shared for a mail campaign.

### **8.2 Florida Market Closure:**

Regret was expressed over the forthcoming closure of Florida as the building has been sold and the new owners plan to open a restaurant in the space. General view was that this was a great loss to the Drive, and that there are sufficient, if not a surfeit of restaurants on the Drive.

## **9.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

**Next Meeting:** 7:00pm, July 6, 2013  
**Location:** Learning Resource Centre, Britannia Centre  
Vancouver, British Columbia