

**GRANDVIEW-WOODLANDS AREA COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 8, 2002 AT 7:00 P.M.  
IN ROOM L4**

In attendance:

Directors Present:	Maryann Abbs	Miriam Hernandez
	Ken Birrell	Jim Heshedahl
	ML Burke	Tammie Tupechka
	Linda Chinn	Michael Lee
	Eric Doherty	

Directors Absent: Janet Brown, Paul Mosca, Walter Ng

By Invitation: Richard Gauntlett

[Residents in Attendance: 6 ]

**PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 2002**

Michael Lee approved the minutes of the directors meeting held March 4, 2002, and seconded by Eric Doherty.

**E-MAIL OF AGENDA**

There was a discussion regarding emailing of Agenda prior to meeting. It was decided that the directors would attend at 65 p.m. on the date of the meetings to set an Agenda.

**EILEEN MOSCA – LETTER OF COMPLAINT**

This matter was set aside to be discussed after the meeting, at an "in-camera" meeting amongst the directors. The letter of complaint is attached to these minutes.

**REPORT REGARDING COMPLAINT BY CHRIS SHELLEY**

Tammie Tupechka reported that Paul Mosca and she met and investigated the complaint. They found that as the incident of the complaint occurred outside of the GWAC meeting it was decided that there was no further action required on behalf of GWAC. A letter explaining the Committee's findings was approved for distribution to Chris Shelley and Jim Heshedahl, and is attached to these minutes. Tammie Tupechka read a proposal whereby a Code of Civility was suggested.

**HARRASSMENT POLICY**

Maryann Abbs expressed the desire to put in place an harrassment policy. Tammie Tupechka, Maryann Abbs and Ken Birrell volunteered to sit on a committee to draft such a policy.

Chris Matheson presented his ideas regarding the setup for the GWAC website. Possible links were discussed, with suggestions for a voice mail box similar to one that DERA currently has in place. There was also a suggestion and discussion regarding an announcement list.

### **CENTRAL VALLEY GREENWAY**

A report was made by resident Rod Russell regarding the Central Valley Greenway. A copy of his "Message to My Neighbours" is attached to these minutes. He extended an invitation to the directors to attend a meeting with Vancouver Council scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2002. A motion was passed in favour of sending the letter dated April 8, 2002 to City Council in support of the residents living in and about the Central Valley Greenway. The motion is more fully set forth in the schedule attached to these minutes.

### **CUTS FORUM**

There was a report by Eric Doherty regarding the Forum. Approximately 40 plus people attended. Action plan ideas received from the Forum were as follows:

- Think Neighbourhood Conference
- Regular Sunday picnic to discuss cuts
- Meeting again on Monday to discuss 12-person group sub-committees.

There was a discussion regarding GWAC joining the Lower Mainland Coalition of Social Justice. This matter was tabled.

Jim Heshedahl advised the meeting that pamphlets written by Chris Shelley were placed on an information table at the Forum. Discussion ensued both for and against censorship regarding what information should or could be placed at an information table.

### **FUTURE OF THE DRIVE**

A letter of invitation was received from the Grandview-Woodland Community Policing Centre to attend a meeting with the Britannia Board of Management, the BIA and Rick Antonson of Tourism Vancouver. The letter of invitation is attached to these minutes.

Chris Shelley (resident) raised the issue why residents were not invited.

Discussed ensued, and Michael Lee and Tammie Tupechka volunteered to attend the meeting which was scheduled for April 30, 2002.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Richard Gauntlett was invited to talk at the next GWAC meeting about how the Liberal cuts affect Britannia Community (Centre).
2. There was discussion regarding the minutes for the annual general meeting held February 4, 2002. It was pointed out that transportation should have been noted as the third highest matter of concern to residents. It was decided that the statistics from the annual general meeting would be attached to the minutes.

**TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 9:00 p.m.

**CENTRAL VALLEY GREENWAY MOTION:**

"Moved that the Administrative Report from city staff dated March 14, 2002 is not a satisfactory plan for the section of the Central Valley Greenway/Bikeway between Commercial and Victoria. Compared with the plan put forward last summer it is substantially unchanged and even less desirable. It flies in the face of the desires of residents, promises made by the Sky Train planners, and the directives of City Council. We urge you to again reject this plan and direct that a new plan be devised as follows:

1. As a first priority make the neighbourhood whole as a place where people live, raise families and make their homes by re-establishing solid landscaping barriers to the sights, sounds and fumes of Sky Train, buses, Broadway Avenue and BRN.
2. The qualities required for greenway, bikeway and pedestrian access must be given precedence over shortcutting traffic from Broadway to Clark Drive.
3. Traffic engineers must not lead the planning process."