

Grandview-Woodland Area Council
(Draft) Minutes – August 13, 2001

Attendance:

(Directors) Eric Doherty, Maryann Abbs, Robert Haley, Myriam Hernandez, (Members/Guests) Trish Dennis, F.E. Sky, M. L. Burke, Jim Heshedahl, Todd Jonson, Ken Birrell, Penny Street, Siobhan Jackson, Darren Sherbot, Audrey Laferriere, Bharbra Gudmundson.

Correspondence:

1436 E 2nd Ave.

- A Letter from Catherine Nelson-McDermott dated July 11 to City, copied to GWAC, asking for clarification of status of 1436 East 2nd Ave. The property was advertised as "RM4, city may consider highrise zoning if non-market housing is built".
- Copy of Reply from City Planning Department dated July 25, 2001 stating that "a high rise would not likely be an acceptable form of development" even for non-market housing. No action proposed.

Broadway/Commercial Station Precinct Zoning Changes

- July 20, 2001 City of Vancouver Policy Report dated July 16, 2001.
- August 7, 2001 letter noting that the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment has recommended that the proposed changes to C-3A and C-2C zoning be approved.

The changes affect commercial properties along commercial drive from 6th Ave. to 16th Ave. Eric noted that GWAC has not been able to keep on top of the large volume of correspondence and planning processes connected to the Skytrain development – **Volunteers Needed!**

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee:

- Britannia Center Board Meeting – Robert H. to attend next meeting as GWAC liaison.
- The minutes of the July 22 meeting were circulated.
- There was a very lengthy discussion of around the issues of safe injection sites, sharps containers, the Courier article and Chris' reply (See July 9, 2001 minutes), and Chris' appearance on a cable TV show discussing policing issues. A number of people expressed the opinion that GWAC directors should not be making critical statements on policing issues.
- The suggestion was made that GWAC establish a communications policy that requires members of the executive to seek formal approval before speaking to the press when identified as GWAC directors.
- It was suggested that GWAC set up a web site.

Public Health Committee:

- Minutes of July committee meeting were circulated.
- Bharbra reported on hopper juice issue. Maryann made a motion that GWAC request a meeting with the city on this issue. **Passed by consensus. Action Bharbra and Maryann.**
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- The Lafarge cement plant proposed for Grandview-Woodland was discussed. It was noted that Lafarge has hired a PR firm to run a dubious public consultation process that many residents have refused to participate in. Eric made the motion that GWAC write a letter to the city and port corporation asking that Lafarge's proposal not be allowed to proceed until the long promised planning process for this area of the port is completed, since the plant would likely be incompatible with many other uses such as fish processing. **Passes by consensus. Action Eric.**

Transportation Committee:

- No activity since last meeting.