

Minutes Grandview Woodland Area Council January 7th 2002,

**Attendance:** Richard Gauntleett (Britannia); M.L. Burke (GWPC), Chris Shelley (GWAC, **Minutes**); Eric Doherty (GWAC, **Facilitator**); Myriam Hernandez (GWAC); Robert Haley (GWAC); Eileen Mosca (Resident); Linda Chinn (resident); Jim Heshedahl (Resident).

**Apologies:** Pauline Kendall; Marianne Abbs

**Agenda:** Correspondence; AGM; Constitution; Anti-poverty forum; Food Not Bombs Endorsement; Letter to Police Board re: CCTV Cameras in Downtown eastside; Letter to Parks Board re: GWPC in Grandview Park

**Correspondence:** Letters received – CUPE re: drinking water, Flyer on Mental Health Courts meeting at Britannia (GWPC); Free copies of Britannia agendas

**AGM:** Scheduled for February 4 2002, room still to be determined, publicity for AGM we put an ad in the Courier. Posters will be created and put up in the community, Richard asked for a poster to be made available to Britannia. At AGM we need to report on our activities, present financial statements, elect board directors, and consider possible changes to the constitution. Richard says all constitutional changes must be made at the AGM.

**Constitution:** Discussion on proposed constitutional changes from the current GWAC Board were polarised with members attending from the GWPC and two residents. M.L. Burke and Chris agree the polarisation centres on differing interpretations of what constitutes “direct democracy”. Richard and Robert agree that the room is too polarised to make any meaningful changes at this time. Chris suggests therefore that the status quo prevails, no changes to be considered at this current meeting. M. L. Burke wants to know how many board members will be elected, since no changes to status quo, it will remain at 12 seats.

**Anti-poverty forum:** Chris proposes that an anti-poverty forum be set up for the end of February titled “A community response to the Cuts”. M. L. Burke does not see this issue as relevant to the community. Myriam counters that “cuts” do affect people living in Grandview Woodland, especially immigrants. Motion: Passed unanimously to have an anti-poverty forum.

**Food Not Bombs:** This group has asked GWAC to endorse their servings of free food to needy people in the community. Passed unanimously.

**Letter Re: Opposition to CCTV in the downtown eastside:** Chris put forward a letter opposing the Vancouver Police department's plans to install 23 surveillance cameras in the downtown eastside on the basis that these cameras will erode civil liberties and rescind privacy rights. Linda Chinn says that she supports the cameras. M. L. Burke is concerned about the cameras role in potentially pushing crime from the DTES into other neighbourhoods and has not made her mind up one way or another. Motion passed unanimously.

**Letter Re: Request to Parks Board to ask the GWPC to relocate out of Grandview Park:** Chris recognises the controversial nature of the CPC location in the park. He states that the current board was largely elected on the policing issue and has a commitment to the voters who elected the current board to oppose the location of a police station in Grandview Park. He cites community forums where the majority of residents expressed concern about the location of the CPC, therefore warranting our stand opposing the location of the CPC. Motion carried to send letter unanimously. This motion was vigorously opposed by M. L. Burke, Eileen, Linda and Jim.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM