Grandview-Woodland Area Council Minutes – July 9, 2001

Attendance - not available as attendance sheet was not returned.

Guest Presentation - Shane Simpson of the Burrard View Residents Association and Stop Lafarge Coalition reported that:

- Lafarge will likely apply to build a concrete batch plant at the Stirling Shipyard site.
- The Stirling Shipyard is adjacent to high-density housing.
- Lafarge has retained a public relations firm & has been meeting with residents in their homes.
- 300 truck trips per day are expected to the plant.
- The plant would likely be incompatible with the commercial fisheries users of the area due to dust contamination.
- A long-overdue planning process for this area of the harbour is about to begin but Lafarge seems to want to get approval for their plant before the public gets a change to participate in this public process.

Shane asked for GWAC's active support in opposing Lafarge's plan for the Stirling site. Refereed to the Public Health committee. Action Rob.

Correspondence: Courier article which misrepresented GWAC's position on the Community Police Center was discussed at length. It was noted that GWAC has not taken any position on the CPC since the last AGM. Chris Shelly's letter to the editor, which clarifies GWAC's position, was read.

Minutes: copies of the minutes are to be kept in a binder in the office. Action - Eric.

Hopper Juices: Issue refereed to Public health Committee for action.

Events Committee: Three forums have been held on police harassment and brutality, Transportation issues, and water privatization. Forums on lobbying city hall, and poverty & gentrification are planned for the fall.

Process: Audrey encouraged GWAC to keep all our decision-making processes open to public participation.

Press Policy: Irwin suggested that GWAC establish a press policy.