

Pablo Mendez; Miriam Hernandez; Irwin Oostindie; Chris Shelley; Nathan

**Irwin Oostindie**

**From:** Maryann Abbs / Eric Doherty  
**To:** Eric Doherty / Maryann Abbs; fiona; Athene Lohan; Allan; Pauline Kendall; Robert Haley  
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These are the draft minutes - if you have any changes please email them to me before the meeting.

Thanks, Eric

Grandview-Woodland Area Council Minutes - June 4, 2001

**In Attendance:**

(Directors) Athene Lohan, Chris Shelley, Eric Doherty, Maryann Abbs, Fiona Jeffries, Irwin Oostindie, Myriam Hernandez Z., Nathan Allen, Pablo Mendez, Pauline Kendall, Robert Haley, Evie Pearl.  
(Members/Guests) Bharbra Gudmunson, Nash Djordjevic, James Rairns, M L Burke, Jonathan Bird, Rod Russell, Dazmin Miranda, Deb Schmidt, Nicole Mirante, Catherine Malin, Michael Lee, H. Laferrier, Dan Penner.

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

Pablo M. read letter regarding park benches. M.L. Burke reported that the police department had arranged to have the benches in Grandview Park removed by the parks department. Action: Pablo to send a letter to the city of Vancouver engineering department asking that more benches be placed in Grandview Park.

Correspondence: A writ of summons naming GWAC as defendant was among the correspondence. Action: Pablo, Eric and Pauline.

Motion to appoint Evie Pearl to the GWAC executive to replace Shelly Fahey who has resigned. Moved Chris Shelly, Seconded Eric Doherty. Passed with Pauline Kendall's abstention noted.

Purpose of GWAC: The existing purposes listed in the constitution were posted. Additional suggestions included: promoting social justice in Grandview-Woodland (G-W); dealing with regional & larger scale issues such a water and transportation that have effects in G-W; holding workshops; to be apolitical (this was challenged as being a very

political statement); to take action through committees; promote grassroots discussions; address local issues; seek input from voices that usually go unheard; publish a magazine or discussion bulletin; educate community as to things happening in community; seek input from people who are already involved; attempt to represent all groups / sectors; forum for consensus building; getting info out to neighbours about council – more publicity. It was suggested that these ideas could be incorporated into a values statement and incorporated into a strategic plan.

**Forming a Transportation Issues Committee:** Eric Doherty suggested forming a transportation issues committee to deal with transportation issues. It was noted that the existing traffic calming group is only dealing with traffic issues in the area between Napier and 1st, not all of Grandview-Woodland. This committee is intended to deal with broader transportation issues affecting Grandview-Woodland and the greater Vancouver region. Passed by consensus. A list was circulated: Eric Doherty, Nathan Allen, Pauline Kendall, Robert Haley, Bharbara Gudmundson and Rod Russell volunteered to serve on the committee.

**Rod Russell reported on Skytrain issues:** The area east of Commercial Drive has some space available for new trees whereas little space is available west of Commercial without utilizing street area. Therefore Rod endorsed the idea of closing the portion of Grandview Highway west of Commercial Drive to regular automobile traffic. Motion: that GWAC write the City supporting the closure of this section of Grandview Highway and send a copy to the rapid transit office. Passed. Action Nathan.

**A petition by Busses Everyday, Everywhere for People (BEEP) demanding that the Translink Board negotiate an end to the transit strike was circulated. Motion: that GWAC write a letter loosely modeled after the BEEP petition to Translink. Passed. Action: Eric.**

**Events Committee Report:** Events to be held: July 18 Police Harassment, July 25 Transportation issues. The committee recognizes the need for a policy to prevent harassment at forums. Festival planning is to be postponed.

**Communications Committee:** No committee meeting was held since the last general meeting.

**Hopper Juices:** Information regarding health hazards from liquids leaking from garbage trucks was circulated. The formation of a public health committee was proposed.