

## **Minutes – Grandview Woodland Area Council meeting – March 5, 2001**

### **Ground rules agreed on:**

- Set start and end times at beginning of each meeting.
- Set agenda at beginning of each meeting
- Priorize and set time limits for agenda items.
- First time speakers get to speak first.
- Speakers may only speak for up to two minutes at one time.

### **Lafarge Cement plant:**

Nathan reported on plans to locate a concrete plant in Grandview-Woodland near the foot of Victoria Drive. Residents opposed to the plan have started a letter writing campaign. Particulate pollution (dust) and heavy truck traffic are the primary concerns with the plan.

**Action** – Nathan to invite a representative to attend the next meeting. 30 minutes to be dedicated to this item on the agenda.

### **Harm Reduction:**

Several people expressed concern that drug users' positions would not be heard at the 'Mayors Drug Plan' meeting on March 10. There was also discussion of the circumstances of the past GWAC board's decision to co-host the meeting.

Irwin moved that GWAC invite the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users to the March 10 meeting. Passed by consensus.

**Action** – Jasmine

### **Public Transit:**

**Announcement:** *More Busses – Lower Fares!* Forum March 24, 250 W. Pender.

Irwin moved that GWAC oppose the proposed cuts to bus service by Translink by writing a letter to Translink and speaking at the March 31 Translink budget meeting. Passed by consensus.

**Action** – Eric D. and Irwin O.

### **Neighbourhood Traffic Group Report:**

- Next meeting April 3, 7pm at ST. Francis Church.
- Planned activities include flowers on boulevards and a street sale.

### **Mayworks:**

- Mayworks meets Thursday nights at Britannia.
- Suggestion that GWAC host an event to be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Community Forums:**

Some suggestions of forums GWAC could hold included: Metalclad and trade agreements, Tenants Rights, Rights and the Police, FTAA and implications for grassroots community democracy.

**Motion** - that GWAC hold a forum on the FTAA/Metalclad. Passed by consensus.

**Action:** Chris and Maryann.

### **Tenants Rights Action Coalition:**

Nathan was endorsed as GWAC's delegate to the TRAC board.

### **AGM Minutes:**

The minutes of the AGM were discussed. Several people expressed the view that the "elected as substitutes" item did not accurately reflect what was agreed to at the AGM. One suggestion was that this had been suggested but not discussed or agreed to. Irwin pointed out that AGM minutes are not passed until the following AGM.

**Societies Act Papers:**

Pablo has agreed to deal with filing the Societies Act paperwork for GWAC.

**Action:** Pablo

It was also agreed that we could elect people to positions required under the Societies Act at the next meeting.

**Action:** Maryann to bring copies of GWAC constitution to the next meeting.

Nathan agreed to facilitate the next meeting.

**Next Meeting 7PM Monday April 2, 2001.**

*Handwritten notes:*  
Start 5:30  
7:00