

GRANDVIEW-WOODLANDS AREA COUNCIL

Minutes of Board Meeting Held March 4, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Directors:	Maryann Abbs	Janet Brown
	ML Burke	Linda Chinn
	Eric Doherty	Jim Heshedahl
	Michael Lee	Paul Mosca
	Walter Ng	Tammie Tupechka

Directors Absent:	Miriam Hernandez
	Ken Birrell

[Residents: 13]

Appointment of Officers

Appointed:	President:	Tammie Tupechka
	Secretary:	Linda Chinn
	Treasurer:	Jim Heshedahl

ML Burke advised of volunteer willing to create web page for GWAC.

Set Agenda.

Approve of minutes from previous meeting held February 4, 2002

Paul Mosca approved the minutes, seconded by ML Burke.

Discussion regarding ground rules – approved of a rotating Chair for each meeting. A speakers list to be prepared at the beginning of each meeting. Everyone is heard before a repeat speaker can voice additional comments. Basic Respect. One speaker at a time.

Chris Shelley presented a letter regarding a complaint of harrassment

Maryann Abbs proposed two people to review complaint and bring findings back to the Board. Tammie Tupechka and Paul Mosca were appointed to review complaint and bring their findings back to the Board.

Eric Doherty supports issue to be dealt with by two independent people. Paul Mosca suggests future complaints to go directly to the Board.

Parks Board Letter Dated January 7, 2002 written by previous board

ML Burke reads letter sent by previous GWAC board and suggests another letter be sent to the Parks Board. Chris Shelley speaks about why the letter was sent. Eric Doherty suggests letter and issue is dividing community. No motion made.

Items of greatest concern to the residents who attended the AGM are as set forth on the attached Schedule.

Wally Ng calls for a vote. Jim Heshedahl wants a full board decision made. Janet Brown asks for information on previous board. Resident: Is it a position or not?

No motion made.

Safety in Children's Playground

Re: Tire – safety issue

Janet Brown wants letter sent to Parks Board regarding a safety issue with the playground, but specifically with the tire swing. She will gather more information. Paul Mosca suggests a letter be sent to the Parks Board, but Janet will send her own personal letter out and will contact the Parks Board. Siobhan (resident) suggests dealers and safety issue are factors that should not be overlooked.

Tammy Tupechka suggests another Agenda item for next meeting: "Safety".

Liberal Cuts

Paul Mosca presents a draft letter for consideration targeting specific cuts, specifically the cuts to inner city schools.

Discussion ensues on holding a forum. Proposal: To strike a committee to form a forum regarding the Liberal cuts, and the local affects based on the cuts.

Motion made by Tammy Tupechka. Seconded by Eric Doherty.

Discussion on procedural way to hold motions.

Motion: In favour: Tammy Tupechka, Eric Doherty, Maryann Abbs, Jim Heshedahl, Paul Mosca

 Dissent: Wally Ng, Michael Lee

Discussion ensues on who can sit on a committee. Paul Mosca suggests only Board members.

Aboriginal Friendship Committee

Robert Haley (resident) advises of gathering at Aboriginal Friendship Centre every Wednesday, once a week, every week. Michael Lee volunteers to attend to advertise GWAC. Jim Heshedahl, Janet Brown and Maryann Abbs also willing to attend.

Annual Report Filings

Discussion ensued regarding filings. Linda Chinn will complete filings with the Registrar of Companies.

Correspondence

Eileen Mosca (resident) brings up invitation regarding meeting with Rick Antonson. Britannia Community Centre Board, Grandview Woodlands Community Policing Centre and Business Improvement Association. Discussion ensues.

Advertising

Ramon Garfinkel to be invited to next meeting.

Meeting Terminated at 9:10 p.m.

Agenda items not discussed:

Think City / Neighbourhood
Future of the Drive
Boundaries
Community Based Daycare
Privacy Commissioner
Constitution Committee

SCHEDULE

Community Priorities: A round was held for everyone to state their #1 priority for the coming year. Each member was given three stickers to put on their three top priorities from the round. The following is a list of the priorities and the number of stickers each received:

Drug dealing	21
Opposing Liberal Government cutbacks	20
Oppose increased police power / concern for civil rights / stop harrassment and brutality	12
Support police presence	10
Real programs (e.g. lunch program) get \$ from business community	10
Community support for single parents and kids	8
Direct democracy at GWAC	8
Traffic	7
Support south end, Skytrain development, replace trees	7
Membership	7
A voice at city hall / representation	5
Celebrate our diverse community	5
Ties with aboriginal community	4
Public participation and forums	3
Hopper juice (liquid waste from garbage trucks)	3
Proportional representation	3
Community safety	2
Grandview Park, sand and cleanup / maintain playground	2
Lack of programs in community and cuts	1
Update internet sites	1
Make restructuring for GWAC re City Hall	1
Oppose private security re. Commercial Drive BIA	1
Solidarity with arts and labour groups	1
Better advertising / publicity	0
Dog parks	0
Ties with all communities	0
Finding consensus – unity in neighbourhood	0
Solidarity with other marginalized communities	0