

Grandview Woodlands Area Council

1661 Napier Street

Vancouver, BC, V5L 2H6

Minutes of the May 7, 2001 General Meeting

In attendance: Pauline Kendall, Chris Shelley, Robert Haley, Maryann Abbs, Athene Lohan, Irwin Oostindie, Eric Doherty, Fiona Jeffries, Pablo Mendez, Miriam Hernandez, Nathan Allen, and several Grandview Woodlands neighbours

1. Acceptance of the Minutes

Motion/Second/Passed

That the minutes of the April 2, 2001 meeting be approved with the following changes:

- Under Correspondence, 'Charity Office' to be replaced with Registrar of Societies.
- Under Correspondence, it should be added that Eric Doherty is to write a letter to support the Britannia Community Library expansion.

2. Police Accountability

M/S/P

That Chris Shelley's letter to the Vancouver Police Board is to be sent with minor wording changes, and cc'ed to the Mayor.

3. Events Committee

The Committee proposed to organize a GWAC Events Day with public meetings and workshops to focus on community organizing. They are looking for volunteers to organize the event (contact Maryann Abbs at 877-1223). Evie Pearl will look for volunteers to organize queer positive activities.

4. Traffic Committee

The Committee is organizing a Neighbourhood Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, May 12, from Graveley to Parker Streets and from Lakewood to Rose Street, to build community and as an activity to calm traffic.

5. Constitution Committee

The committee distributed copies of the GWAC constitution. The constitution does not provide much detail on the issue of membership. The issue needs to be clarified. It was suggested that a formal process to sign on to GWAC membership is needed.

In terms of the number of Board members, the by-laws state that they must be at least five and their number determined at AGMs (25.2). As for the issue of replacing Board members who leave, the bylaws state that *"the directors may at any time and from time to time appoint a member as a director to fill a*

a vacancy in the directors". Pauline suggested that we open the Board to anyone who is interested in joining. The committee agreed to meet and work on recommendations regarding membership and directorship.

6. Communications Committee

The committee distributed posters to advertise the meeting, and will meet to discuss other communications issues.

7. Presentation of Financial Statements and Annual Report

M/S/P

That the 2000 Annual Report and the 1998, 1999 and 2000 financial statements be approved and sent to the Registrar of Societies.

8. Finances

M/S/P

That Pablo Mendez, Fiona Jeffries, Miriam Hernandez and Eric Doherty are to be registered as signers on the GWAC chequing account.

9. Grandview Park Issues

It was pointed out that the area is seriously lacking in benches, rain shelters, and garbage bins. A member suggested approaching businesses in the area to obtain materials to make benches and have a community workday to build them. Irwin stated that the Parks Board should provide the benches. Pablo volunteered to write to the Parks Board to ask for benches on Grandview Park and the rest of the neighbourhood. It was pointed out that the benches requested should have no dividers so that they are comfortable to rest on. Another idea was to organize a "Reclaiming the Streets" event to emphasize the social importance of preserving public spaces.

10. Skytrain

Tim Hurley, who has been working on this issue for some time, explained that the Skytrain is going ahead on the Grandview Cut in spite of local opposition. He believes that the neighbourhood needs to work on "damage control". He agreed to do more research with Eric, to present it at the next meeting.