

GRANDVIEW-WOODLANDS AREA COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

1. Call to order/agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Introductions

We did a short round of introductions.

3. Minutes: correction: add the attendance of Barbara to the June meeting where she first raised the issue of hopper juices.

There was discussion re the minutes not reflecting the discussion about the CPC. Eric responded that minutes usually reflect decisions. The Board will discuss the issue of minutes. We will ask for the minutes to go into the library.

M/s/c/ to approve the minutes.

Letter to M.L. Burke – Irwin has prepared the letter – we will check where this is.

4. Correspondence

Eric read the correspondence from:

1. BEST – to support their VanCity application
2. FMLN re: Plan Columbia events
3. Letter from the Port Corporation re: Lafarge

M/S/C/ to support/endorse events against Plan Columbia and IMF/WB as requested by the FMLN.

4. Hopper Juices

Barbara explained the issue of hopper juices. M/s/c/ to approve sending a letter to the city and community groups about this issue. Rob agreed to poster about this issue, as well.

5. Traffic Committee

The next meeting is September 22nd from 10-12 at St. Francis of Assissi Church on Napier. The new focus of the committee is Building Blocks – an outreach strategy.

6. Skytrain Update

Good news – last month, the City traffic engineer brought a report recommending the status quo for Victoria – Commercial drive. Six people attended Council to say that there was not community support for expansions.

7. Lafarge

Lafarge called a public relations meeting. Everyone (about 300 people) walked out. Lafarge has been approved to go into the port. GWAC sent a letter to the City opposing the Lafarge development, and asking for a proper planning process. We will cc the letter to Lafarge. We will also ask for a copy of the report to go into the library.

8. Sustainable Development Course

Eric proposed we write a letter to Mark Roseland's SFU #410 class and ask for the class to focus on GW. The report would come back to the group. We would benefit with ideas, energy, and research time. M/s/c to submit proposal – Eric will do this.

9. Water Privatization

M/S/c – to send a letter to the City/GVRD opposing privatization of the Seymour/Capilano reservoir.

10. Wise Hall Newsletter

Nathan will write an article about GWAC

11. Community Aware

We will invite them to the next meeting.

12. CPC/Safe Injection Sites

Eric proposed a forum on policing/harm reduction. Maryann announced the film showings at the Blinding Light about police violence on October 17/18. There were concerns raised about the Courier article and the program on Shaw cable. Chris tabled a motion of non-support for the CPC – the motion was tabled until after a community forum on policing. We agreed to have a community forum on policing.