

Wreck Beach Preservation Society

Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2011

MV Area West Airport Square – Unit 130- 1200 W.73rd (Ft. of Hudson @ 73rd)
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Juan Batistini, Marco Dixon, Craig Dixon, Rick Fearman, Craig Heale, Marilyn Hogan, Laurie Merveille, Dave Murdock, Brent Partridge, Lance Read, Lucy Rodrigues, Judy Williams, Marcel Labreche – MV, Richard Wallis-MV

Please spread the word that the run will be Sun. Aug. 14th, not the 13th!

REGRETS: Chris Rarinca (Illness); Steve Biduk (Business trip)

I. RCMP Update –Rep if Available. –Corporal Ploughman ...(10 Minutes)

- A. Beach Staffing for Summer 2011-
- B. Introduction of new Staff Sgt. Kevin Jones of Coquitlam
- C. Other

II. Metro Vancouver Update – Richard – (20 Minutes)-Introduction of New Ops Manager or Welcome to West Area’s Version of Musical “Chairs”

- A. Drafts are almost ready for previewing. May 24th or 26th
- B. Permits from Dawn Hanna for all beach events forwarded to Judy
- C. You-Tube Fiasco hole in the fence has been handled. Video removed.
- D. Acadia slide being investigated for possible geo-tech survey
- E. ***Experience the Fraser Trail*** possible video showing next time by Wendy DeDalt East Are General Manager - Richard
- F. WBPS would like MV to keep the society informed in regards to anything to do with the cliff over Wreck Beach.
- G. Judy sent a New Letter to New Minister, Ida Chong, dealing with governance over UBC asking her to meet with us before she approves the LUP.
- H. **Ponderosa Hub Updates:** UBC has announced they will build a high rise Ponderosa Hub in present location of the Ponderosa Building. No one knows the fate of the iconic Ponderosa Pine although Judy was promised at the April 1 meeting that UBC would “try” to save it at the front of the building. We need a volunteer to monitor the agendas for the Electoral District A Committee beginning one to two weeks prior to the following meeting dates: **May 6th ; Sept. 9th ; Oct. 7th ; Nov. 4th (hopefully, Anne is on top of this).** We do know if UBC has changed the maximum height restriction imposed by Metro Van from 53 m. to 65 m. (See attached report from Properties trust) Because the Ponderosa is more elevated than the area fronting Marine Drive, we are looking at likely visibility from Wreck. Was able to learn that they did invite us to attend but my e-mail filed it under junk mail and I never did receive the invitation until too late. Although UBC has said they would keep the building under the line of site which

they discovered would have to be under 46 metres, they excluded the elevator shaft which I would not have learned if I had not gone to the Advisory Com. and had not received an invitation to meet with the Dean of Student Housing, Andrew Parr on April 12th I told him that I sincerely hoped UBC would tell Properties Trust to lower the elevator shaft top be included within the 46 m. because we did not want the same battle with them as we had with the Marine Towers. Nancy Knight is the lead on this from Campus and Community Planning.

- I. UBC announced in their LUP that they will be working toward completion of their ISMP which does not currently exist! The need for UBC to set up an Integrated Storm Water Management Plan (ISWP) has never been greater.
- J. Storm Damage? Slide north of Trail 3 but south of Acadia.
- K. David Grigg Retirement presentation well received and resulted in a few invitations to speak; I renewed a lot of former contacts and many new ones resulting in an invitation to speak to a civil engineering class and to meet with the Dean of Student Housing.
- L. Judy was invited to sit on the U-Town/UBC staff, students and UNA Advisory Committee for two of their six sessions. They also invited a total of seven community stakeholder groups. She has already written to ask how and by whom it was decided that stakeholders should only attend two of six meetings. In addition, she also asked how UBC determined what community stakeholder groups would be invited? First meeting is April 1 (April Fools Day!)-Awaiting a response from Joe Stott. Updated Note! April 21: Was able to ask about the ponderosa, height restrictions and received an invitation to meet with Andrew Parr of Student Housing. Nancy Knight is in charge from Campus and Community Development.
- M. Log clearing resulted in WB area upright garden for indigenous plants being removed...the understanding was it was to stay?
- N. Vending is up to Vancouver Coastal Health as far as safety goes. What will be sold is up to the vendors. Issues: vendor Marco has been selling the same organic product for 9 years and last year several other vendors started selling the same product. Vendors meeting – TBA
- O. Concerns re new foreshore trail structures between trail 7 and 6 also cat-tails have been cut. Rick suggests the staff did while taking out the trees.
- P. Fraser “loonie” lot, prices are under review – currently \$6.25 but being filled up by UBC staff who are avoiding UBC parkade prices.
- Q. Night Quest - 1625 people attended, 100 volunteers
- R. Boat’s going back in and penis potties are going in
- S. New set of swim area buoys going in

III. Wreck Beach Preservation Society (30 Minutes)

- A. Announcements: Mari and Bruce are back from their Winter Travels and Mari has all kinds of new clothing designs on their way!
1. Deadline to get your Response to the barging of jet fuel A into the Fraser River, extended to April 26th. E-mail Judy if you would like the link or Google OEA, Office of Environmental Assessment and scroll down to the VAFFC Proposal. Main thing is that we don't want jet fuel barged into either Arm of the Fraser or, in short, into the Fraser River Estuary. Judy has already submitted a brief on behalf of both the Fraser River Coalition and of the WBPS. The more voices against this outrage the better. Tell them that you support the same tenets as the VAPOR group and the preservation of wetlands anywhere in the Fraser!
 2. No Tanks—The Salish Sea Bardic Uprising!—George Kennedy.
 3. The Wreck Beach Swim Club is losing Linda Foy so we will be commemorating Linda at our final swim of the season, which will be Saturday, May 15: 7:30-9:00 p.m.. While we have always requested photo ID at our swims, we have now made it mandatory after two incidents which were blown out of proportion at the March 19th swim..
 4. The Wreck Beach Website (www.wreckbeach.org) has now officially moved from its former server to Gmail. The address will remain the same.
 5. Facebook Workshop given by Russell on March 24th proved informative but remains inconclusive as to the wisdom of moving to a WBPS facebook. It was felt that we should all try out Facebook ourselves before taking on the very large commitment to properly maintaining and replying to multiple persons.
 6. Decisions being made this coming Saturday as to which company to move to or not for our race timing, and P-L-E-A-S-E help spread the word that we have moved the run date from Saturday, August 13th to Sunday, August 14th!!!!
- B. New Fundraiser to celebrate 1st INF World Naturist Day Sunday, June 19, 2011- In order to entice folks to try social nudity or naturism, we will hold Wreck's First Naked Hoola-Hoop Contest ! Top prizes for persons hoola-hooping the longest, uninterrupted include The longest: 1st Place- \$50 ; 2nd Place- \$25; 3rd Place-\$15! Since this will be one of our first official events of the summer, it will be a perfect forum for Steve and Marilyn to launch their new WBPS brochure. And, hopefully, we will have
- C. Vending Deadlines and New Developments
- D. Leukemia Walk 15th May, Walk on the Wild Side

Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting: **Thursday, May 19th (AGM), 6-7 p.m.**

2011 Meetings:

June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, January 19, 2012