

Edgemont & Upper Capilano Community Association

26th Annual General Meeting
7:00pm, Wednesday, February 20th, 2018
Capilano Branch Library
Potlatch Room
Chair: Grig Cameron
Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order:

Meeting Chairperson, Grig Cameron, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed approximately 40 attendees including:

- Roger Bassam -Councillor DNV
- Robyn Delany - Delany's Coffee
- Graham Winterbottom - Planner DNV (presenter)
- Marlene - Trims (Merchant)
- Peter Columbus Market (Merchant)

Grig gave a brief outline of the agenda and explained that EUCCA General Meetings are run under the "New England Town Hall" format where anyone may speak when acknowledged by the Chair, but once a point has been made it should not be repeated. It was noted that although all general meetings are open to anyone to attend – EUCCA is a residents' association and only members may vote on issues. A few general announcements of interest were conveyed:

- The new veterinarian hospital / pound facility being built on Capilano Road is projected to open at the end of April. With this facility open 24/7, people with sick animals after hours no longer have to take them to Vancouver.
- The library will be undertaking a renovation from May to October. The entrance to the library during this period will be through the Potlatch Meeting room, thus it will not be available during this period.
- Information from the 'Connaught' indicates that the commercial spaces will be ready for late fall, besides Thrifty's and Shoppers Drug Mart, occupants will likely include two restaurants, the Café Norte (Mexican) and one named Buffala which offers Pizza.

2. Edgemont Village Laneway Improvement Plan:

Graham Winterbottom, DNV planner, presented a concept for the enhancement of village laneways. This project was funded by a donation from a developer of a project in the village. This was based on idea contained in the Community Plan. Currently it is a draft concept to enhance and animate the laneways of the village. The village laneways are about 30' wide. Normal lanes are 15' to 20' wide. The enhancement would include a number of features designed to animate the lanes. Those features are pedestrians,

Special Paving, Slow Traffic, Retail Frontage, Parking and Servicing. The co-existence of these features in the laneways will continue the current functions of a lane and also bring some life and activity to the space. The intent is to maintain vehicle use and access plus the addition of pedestrians and shop fronts to the laneways to both utilize and enliven the space. Passages from the main streets to the lanes through the buildings are desirable additions during redevelopments of properties in the village. The presentation was followed by a Question and Answer session.

Q –could we do one way lanes? A – some studies have shown two way access would be best but this concept could be explored.

Q – who would pay for the lighting? A - that would have to be reviewed

Q – who pays for the lanes? A – developers

Q – would we have to give concessions for this? A- perhaps this would come from the current CAC

Q – are there thoughts of provision of charging stations for EV's? A- currently required for new developments

Q – who is the “go to” champion of this concept at DNV? A- the planning department however the ultimate decisions would be political

3. Coffee Break (courtesy of Delany’s) & Dues Collection

4. Treasurer’s Report (Corrie Kost)

Corrie gave the annual treasurer's report noting expenditures for meeting room rental and other costs. Besides regular member dues, we also had a donation to the EUCCA by a film company in the amount of \$500. The balance in the Association's account, after AGM member contributions is \$1426.25

5. Annual Election of EUCCA Executive Committee

Grig indicated that the usual process of canvassing the membership for people interested in being on the executive was undertaken this year. The AGM e-mail notice to EUCCA members included a February 16th deadline for members wishing to serve on the Executive Committee to contact the secretary. None was forthcoming. The following were therefore elected by acclamation:

- Arzoo Babul
- Grig Cameron
- Adrian Chaster
- Susan Hyam
- Ron Johnstone
- Corrie Kost (Treasurer)
- Louise Nagle
- Brian Platts (Secretary & Liaison with DNV Hall)
- Eric Skowronek
- Peter Thompson

6. Village Developments (Peter Thompson):

Peter presented the status of development currently taking place in our area:

- **Grosvenor Connaught** – likely November occupancy for stores – hopefully parking in the complex will be ready for that.
- **BOFFO I** -- ongoing construction originally indicated as complete early spring however, now looks like mid year.
- **BOFFO II** – might be a scheduling issue. At public hearing lots of concern from citizens about amount of activity at the same time.
- **Domas** – little concern expressed about architecture, however parking, sidewalks and road management in area are neighbourhood concerns.
- **Crescentview** - Rakis has been approved by DNV last year. Expectation it will start about June.
- **I4** – 8 townhouse project on Canfield Ccr – still in process
- **Omicron** – proposals still in the process and no final submission has been made. The timetable is still up in the air.
- **Suspension Bridge** – project to replace duplexes and town homes with condo complex with extra underground parking for the bridge use has been withdrawn.
- **Wedgewood Development** (Capilano road below strip mall at Montroyal) – this is a continuation of a project started years ago and has little opposition.
- **Capilano Heights Restaurant.** – this project appears to be moving forward. The prime concern is that the proposed configuration is outside the current zoning. It is attempting to proceed as a variance to avoid a public hearing which would be required in a rezoning. Concern about process.

7. Any Other Business:

It was noted that there were line items in the DNV budget for bridge replacements which may cause traffic problems. Also funding for a traffic signal at Capilano/Edgemont is in the budget. A meeting attendee asked Marlene for an update from the merchants' perspective. Marlene indicated that she was not at the meeting in that capacity and would only speak from a personal perspective. Edgemont was found to be unique (following much research) because 80% of the businesses were owned or operated by women. The national average is 15%. Edgemont Village has been used as a case study at universities and research projects. Further to the laneway project, Marlene indicated that the merchants were not part of the study.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned and the chairs were put away with the assistance of the attendees.