

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Blueridge Community Association held on Tuesday May 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Eric Andersen

Guest Speakers

- Angela Duso introduced the Guest Speaker, Erin Winchur, Manager of the Capilano Branch of GardenWorks. Erin gave an informative presentation about Chafer Beetles, which have recently arrived on the North Shore.
- Katrina Carlucci presented information on a community baseball game "Swinging for Papa and Parkinson's". She invites everyone in the community to a series of fun, evening baseball games. Participants are invited to donate a toonie for Parkinson's Fundraising.

BCA Directors

Alf Cockle moved to re-instate previous directors and accept new board members Alberto Trujillo and Donna Sacuta. Graham Gilley stepped down as co-chair.

Current directors are: Anni Danielson, Barry Fenton, Ruth Hanson, Lesley Brooks, Rhoda Irwin, Colleen Mah, Graham Gilley, Sonia McLeod, Stephen Parker, Angela Duso and Eric Andersen.

Co-chairs report

- At the BCA's Annual General Meeting on May 12, 2015, the Co-Chairs, Eric G. Andersen and Graham Gilley, pointed out the following highlights for 2014-2015:
 - 1/ meetings continued to be held every second month (September, November, January, March and May).
 - 2/ we had a number of guest speakers – Mayor Richard Walton (twice), local resident Donna Sacuta (Blair Rifle Range) and Susan Ware (GardenWorks)
 - 3/ three newsletters (May 2014, November 2014 (8 pages) and March 2015) were prepared in 2014-2015 which reached every household in Blueridge/Seymour Heights (thanks strictly to volunteers). Another newsletter is scheduled to be distributed in May 2015.
 - 4/ the BCA hosted a very successful 17th Blueridge Good Neighbour Day in June, 2014, at the Blueridge Elementary School. A large and dedicated committee is working on the 18th BGND.
 - 5/ the BCA general account has a negative balance of about \$400 - in addition we have around \$11,800 earmarked as seed-money for the next Blueridge Good Neighbour Day and \$3,400 from the Farmers' Market.
 - 6/ the BCA has a regularly updated website: www.blueridgeca.org and an e-mail address: info@blueridgeca.org. We have about 275 e-mail recipients in Blueridge/Seymour Heights. We have a twitter account located @BlueridgeCA (if people want to "follow" us). Different hashtags associated with our account are: #BGND2015 and #SharingGarden
 - 7/ the BCA has notified its members of numerous meetings and events of potential interest to them. This is done through our Communication Officer's 'Blueridge Bulletin' which mostly goes out twice a month.
 - 8/ the BCA has representatives on the CMAC water committee, Community Advisory Panel, Canlan Ice-Sports Committee, the Highway Interchange working group, the Seymour Local Plan Monitoring Committee and the Natural Hazards Working Group.
 - 9/ the BCA has a traffic committee, a Blueridge Good Neighbour Day committee, a trails committee (hosting walks in the neighbourhood), a Constitution and Bylaws committee (ad hoc), a sharing garden committee, a scholarship committee (ad hoc), a Good Neighbour Greeting committee and a Community Lands Task Force. Each committee will make a brief presentation.
 - 10/ the BCA has its own brochure (recently updated)

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- 11/ the BCA is offering a baby sitting service
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- 12/ the BCA's Constitution has not been finalized yet – the firm goal is to finalize it in the fall
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- 13/ the BCA had its first wine tasting (in November)
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- 14/ the BCA had a highly successful 'meet and greet' your neighbours aimed primarily at new Blueridge/ Seymour Heights residents (in January)
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- 15/ the BCA hosted a well-attended meeting regarding the TransLink plebiscite (in March)
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- 16/ the BCA co-hosted an All Candidates Meeting prior to the November municipal election
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- A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO THE BCA. An amazing amount of help was given by our volunteers. The BCA could not operate without all YOUR assistance.
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- **Committee Reports**
- Colleen Mah - Sharing Garden. The next work party will be May 23rd. The Sharing Garden needs volunteers to come out to the work party.
- Rhoda Irwin - Blueridge Creek Clean-up. The next creek clean up will be before the end of May. The students from Mrs. Bates Grade 4/5 class are very enthusiastic about the creek clean-ups. They really enjoy being outside.
- Angela Duso - BGND. A volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated for the BCA table. Planning for BGND is well underway.
- Graham Gilley - Community Lands Task Force. A UBC student is using the Blueridge Community Lands Task Force as a thesis project/case study. In addition, Graham has developed signage to reduce/avoid trail conflicts and parking issues at the Hyannis Drive/Baden Powell trailhead.
- Anni Danielson - Community Walks. Anni has hosted three walks so far in the neighbourhood. She usually attracts a mixture of old and new residents.
- Lesley Brooks - BCA Scholarship. \$500 is available to a student who lives in Blueridge and volunteers in the community. So far there has only been one applicant. Lesley advertised at all high schools on the North Shore.
- Lesley Brooks - Good Neighbour Greetings. Very successful so far. Everyone is please to see her, and she hands out the BCA Brochure. Lesley wondered if some new residents are lonely?

New Business

Guest Speakers for 2015/2016. September Mike Mayers from MetroVancouver (Twin Bridges update). Alberto suggests Alternative Energy or Solar Panels speaker.

Thank you to Nasrin for storing and placing the BCA signs advertising meetings.

Blair Rifle Range Historical Plaque. Donna Sacuta has spearheaded discussions with the DNV regarding the historical designation of the rifle range. The DNV hasn't come to a decision yet.

May newsletter. Thursday May 14th is the deadline for submission of articles. May 22 is the print deadline. Volunteers will be required to distribute the newsletter

ERA (electronics recycling initiative). Saturday June 13 - the BCA will host a free pick-up of old electronic in our neighbourhood

214 Bus. Alberto reports that the meeting with the DNV wrt proposed new 213 bus (combining 211, 212 and 214 routes into one "super-route") didn't go well. Suggestion was to approach DNV councillor Jim Hanson for help in reaching the right people.

Hwy 1 Interchange. Dave Davey reported on a recent joint (Feds/Province/City & District) \$150 million proposal for upgrades and improvement of cross traffic flow at the Interchange. He reminds us that this is a proposal - money isn't on the table yet. Plans will follow in the summer.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Tuesday 09/08 (location TBA).