

Wreck Beach Preservation Society Meeting
Minutes for November 20, 2008
West Area Metro Vancouver Headquarters - 4915 W. 16th Avenue

PRESENT: Rick Fearman, Marilyn Hogan, St.Sgt Kenna, Aaron Land-MV, Don McLean, James Lowen, Chris Rarinca, Lance Read, Lucy Rodriguez, Richard Wallis-MV, Judy Williams

- I. Introductions / Protocol – Due to time restraints and Items to be covered, we must adhere as closely as possible to the suggested time limits as I plan to have us out of here promptly at 7:30; those wishing to meet afterward may do so.

- II. Delegation: *Village Vancouver* and UBC Farm Letter Writing campaign- **Marilyn H.** Jill Wise – Village Vancouver. James suggests anyone receiving g a forma letter response from the UBC President’s office, send a return letter requesting their questions be answered properly.

- III. RCMP- New Constable Charlotte. An attempted log boom suicide was stopped. Stf. Sgt. K. met with Olympic folk today, to discuss possible University area closures during Winter Olympics 2010.

- IV. Metro Vancouver (GVRD) (15 Minutes)
 - A. Vendor bin issue for 2009 and expansion of bins. Possible second bin down at the beach. To be deferred to January meeting for discussion.
 - B. Repressiveness of Proposed New Strictness on the Part of the Health Authority...and non-disclosure until the WBLC meeting on Nov. 13, 2008 - Although Jennifer F. has switched areas with the present female inspector, they both seem to have little interest in working with the WBPS when they see infractions which they only shared with us as of Nov. 13. When they did go to the beach they went in pairs. They claimed that when they tried to talk to vendors, they either hid or didn’t answer phones. At any point this past summer they could have walked over to us or called us to discuss problems as they were observing them instead of saving them up to justify taking away permitting jurisdiction from MV. To walk into that meeting cold without prior warning was not a pleasant experience as she cited a litany of violations. WCHA now wants to take permitting away from MV entirely except for the fees MV would still collect. As was suggested at the meeting, perhaps they should be trying for better compliance before they lower the boom with more regulations. They were told that such repressiveness just increases even veteran vendors’ willingness to cooperate and we get an increase in illegal vendors as a result.

Much discussion ensued. Lack of transparency and furtiveness of VCHA is noted.

C. Mobile Vendors and Vancouver Coastal Health Authority – WBPS will be working with VCHA to monitor and control mobile vendors

D. Potties/squatties shut down for winter (Re-visiting replacement of potty with squatty at Breakwater location since it would be a simple matter to swap and monitor for the summer). Reminder that Metro Vancouver's engineer will be coming to our January 15 meeting to talk turkey about toilets, and a need to discuss what forms public input is going to take for 2009. Could we strike a WBPS /Beach Community Toilet Task Force?

Richard et al may consider discussing possibility of a trial replacement of potties with squatties.

E. Garbage/litter strategies for 2009 – The committee decided that none of the submissions suited our need and the contest will be extended until a suitable sign is submitted. The entrants will be thanked for their submissions.

F. Meeting Locations when Trailer shuts down for next 3-5 years. We are good here until after Night Quest in March. We will then meet at Airport Square.

G. Spring log cleanup meeting to be set in January meeting.

H. Vender poles have a number of climbing spikes in them which is an issue to be looked at

I. Input on Farm to UBC still being accepted but all correspondence being answered by a form letter from Toope. See James suggestion part II above.

J- Condo area digging and vegetation disturbance. Discussion ensued about vegetation destruction at condos. Meeting with Condos working group shall happen prior to Richard reporting back to WBPS.

K- OTHER – Ric F. on behalf of PCAN donated \$500 to WBPS

V. Wreck Beach Preservation Society Updates

A. We won two significant nudity rulings on Nov. 13 and 14 in Seattle and Portland, respectively. Candace is back in hospital but holding her own.

B. Chicken Soup Tasting Ad- CBC TV- Request- No follow up.

C. Volunteers needed at Christmas Party on Dec. 12, Heritage Hall, 8 pm./1:00 am WBPS coffers (account) is very low

Adjourned at: 19:48 h – 7:48p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m. Engineer Speaking on Toilets