

**Subject: Re: Community Space...**

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Plus, if the H. Fund is to be virtually depleted for the Lynn Valley projects, at least for the short term, I would like to know that the money for the Capilano Community Centre - also approved by the 1996 referendum - is safely sitting in its own account, earning enough interest that it may yet be sufficient to actually build it in 2004/5.

After all, it's their turn, isn't it?

Sorry, Corrie.

Liz

*Corrie Kost* <kost@triumf.ca> wrote:

It might be noted that neither Upper nor Lower Capilano have a community centre. On the other hand Lynn Valley has had one for years.

If I am wrong on this let me know.

Until then, please, not another word about whose turn it is.

Corrie Kost

Ernie Crist wrote:

A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST:

The people of Lynn Valley have won a new Library but they lost the community space which had been promised and was part of the original town center plan. That plan had called for a 5 story, 55,000 square foot building of which 15, 000 square feet had been allocated for community space. But the size of the building was reduced from 5 stories to 3 stories and the community space from 15,000 square feet to 3,000 square feet. At the same time the price of the project has remained the same or has even increased.

There will be a shiny new building in the center of Lynn Valley but no sizable space for seniors by way of example. The 3,000 square feet allocated for such purposes will hardly be enough for a population of over 20,000 and growing fast. There will be no space for small musical events, small theater, readings, lectures and other social or cultural activities.

If the people of Lynn Valley want to meet they will have to find another place despite the fact that they spent a great deal of money. I supported the Library since the alternative would have meant risking the project altogether. On the other hand, combination Library and community centers are common place today.

Fortunately, there is a way out which is one of the reasons why I supported the project, despite objections from many community activists and despite the fact that the financing of the project is not exactly to my liking. The commercial building adjacent to the Library, which is part of the town center project is at present earmarked for commercial space - all or at

least a portion of the building could be used as a community center. I will certainly try to get approval for such a concept but unless the people of Lynn Valley come out in force as they did on the Library itself, Lynn Valley will have been shortchanged. We shall see.

Ernie Crist, Councillor.

District of North Vancouver.

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