

Subject: RE: Community Space...

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Hello Maureen:

For you to resign from Fonvca would be a very serious mistake. I appeal to you not to do that. This is exactly what the political establishment centered around NET wants i.e. to break up Fonvca. What is needed more than ever is unity. What is needed also is to move forward. That which unites people and neighborhoods is greater than that which divides them. The reason why you got the Library has little to do with any of the reasons stated either for or against the project albeit everybody believes his/her reasoning to be valid and his/her cause to be just.

The reason the project went through was that there was a good turnout - a demonstration of people's power. Politicians are nose counters first and foremost. That is the only language they understand - people power - you used it and won. The lesson for the rest of the neighborhoods including upper and lower Capilano, Norgate and everywhere else is that political action pays off. Divisions among the people such as has been the case in other areas is a recipe for defeat.

Also Corry is quite right that "all excuses are lies". It is correctly attributed to me and it is still valid. What Corrie may not understand is that principles are guidelines never absolutes. A principle of chess is that the King stays in the corner and away from the direct action, but depending on the situation the King may have to become involved in the fray. Any Chess player who does not understand this will not last long. The same is true in life. The question is always for whose benefit is the decision made. Regardless of my vote I would have been condemned by either one or the other side so I decided to be condemned in favor of the people of Lynn Valley. I'll do the same for any other neighborhood. My vote was between me and God.

Ernie

-----Original Message-----

From: Corrie Kost [mailto:corrie@kost.ca]

Sent: September 2, 2004 10:14 PM

To: Maureen Bragg

Cc: Brian Platts; Cathy Adams; Ernie Crist; fonvca@fonvca.org

Subject: Re: Community Space...

Hi Maureen,

We can definitely agree to disagree. But let us move past that. In no way do I want to impugn the character of your hard working organization. Please read carefully what I wrote. I feel hurt that you would feel uncomfortable at FONVCA. We have always been civil to each and everyone. You have brought great value to the group and I sincerely hope you will reconsider resigning from it. I can't speak for others, but I believe they would feel the same way. I definitely meant my last remark to be pointed at Councillor Crist and the referendum - it was a quote of his in the first place. I have absolutely no animosity towards you. I have never used FONVCA's forum for any personal purposes. Please consider it separate from this issue.

Corrie

Maureen Bragg wrote:

On that note Corrie it is obvious you and I will never agree. To state categorically that the Lynn Valley Town Centre Project information was false is not true, furthermore it is unfair. In fairness to those that share your views and are part of the LOCW group I offer my formal resignation before this situation of animosity develops any further. I will find another representative from Save Lynn Canyon Park to take my place at the FONVCA table to avoid any embarrassment for the LOCW's around the table. It may take some time as they are also involved in streamkeepers, wild bird trust and parks so are busy like most volunteers. I will go on to say that I have respect and admiration for everyone I have had the pleasure of meeting through these groups and I regret having to do this. Sincerely Maureen Bragg.

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From: [Corrie Kost](#)

To: [Maureen Bragg](#)

Cc: [Ernie Crist](#) ; [FONVCA \(E-mail\)](#) ; [Cagebc@yahoo.com](#) ; [Brian Platts](#) ; [Cathy Adams](#)

Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2004 3:14 PM

Subject: Re: Community Space...

It is unfair to move on when decisions are made on the basis of incomplete and false information. As I said - Lynn Valley will now have two community facilities while both Upper and Lower Capilano have none. The Lower Cap Plan was even completed

before the Lynn Valley one. They are still waiting for their Community Centre. Anyway, facilities should be provided

on the basis of equity and need - not how many hours are put in. The suppression

of the referendum will forever blemish the record of the district and "will echo for an eternity". I will move on - but injustices have a way of being dealt with. Remember, as one councilor put it "all excuses are lies".

Corrie Kost

Maureen Bragg wrote:

It is time to move on Corrie. I do not think the intention of Ernie or Council is to pitch one community against another. Perhaps it is now time for Upper and Lower Capilano to get their recreation centre too. Have the residents spent ten years to date planning and working many, many volunteer hours towards these centres, if so then one would hope it would be their turn next. I hope that the "Council Watchers ", of which I am one, although I seem to concentrate mostly on things that cost money it seems, such as the "Waterfront " which I firmly believe is for everybody not just North Vancouver as Lynn Canyon Park is for everybody, do not expect to be able to agree on all things all of the time. That after strong debate we can all agree to disagree. regards Maureen

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From: [Corrie Kost](#)

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Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2004 10:13 AM

Subject: Re: Community Space...

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.