

Subject: Re: Community Space...

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Brian excuse me for not answering immediately I was out last night, to-day I am looking after my grandchild. He is asleep at the moment. I did not resign Save Lynn Canyon Park from FONVCA I just said I would ask someone to go in my place. I think it is very important to keep FONVCA going and also very important for SLCP to remain part of it because there are many concerns that the group have regarding its welfare. I have not had a reply to my repeated request of how the million dollars from GVRD is going to be managed. It should be in a trust account and building. I hope it is.

With regards to the Lynn Valley Town Centre John Hunter came forward and shook my hand after the decision came down and I believed that would be the end of the debate and we would all move forward together to work towards making this project a great success for the entire District not just Lynn Valley. John, Bill, Peter and Corrie gave excellent presentations and as you say they are entitled to their opinions and I respect them all most sincerely. Especially taking into consideration that they all have considerable qualifications as do Dan Ellis, Lee Gavel, Don Friesen who have been on the plan monitoring team all along.

However with regards to LOCW I am out of my depth when it comes to qualifications. Lynn Valley needs a focus, I have looked around me for years, actually since I arrived here. That is all I care about, we are finally going to get a decent Town Centre. Same as the Waterfront on the North Shore why did not anyone care enough about what was and is happening to it long before this. As I said, everything I support doing, will cost the taxpayer money and the LOCW group I am sure find me too visionary.

Having said all that I am sure we can all remain friends and agree to disagree but I really cannot cope any longer with the Lynn Valley project being called a Turkey, a Boondoggle a total disaster bound to fail etc, etc. I am sure this is going to be a great project for the North Shore and there will be no "I told you so".

Take care all. regards Maureen

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Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2004 7:17 PM

Subject: Re: Community Space...

Hi Maureen - hold on a second here. Lets all take a deep breath. As I see things, Corrie is expressing his own personal views, to which he is entitled, just like everyone else. The project in Lynn Valley has nothing to do with FONVCA, so please, please reconsider your resignation.

I've often found it amazing that we (the LOCW and FONVCA) don't disagree more often. We have an incredible track record of consensus. The library project has been approved and will now go forward (assuming no lawsuit is initiated) so any more commentary is just that -- commentary.

I think you will agree that the opposition to the process had some valid points to make. This project is unlike ANY the District has embarked upon previously. When Corrie quoted Ernie ("all excuses are lies") he was no doubt referring to Ernie's broken election promise that ALL major capital projects should go to a referendum. You might disagree with the project going to a referendum, Maureen, but you can't deny that Ernie has not only disappointed those who believed in his unequivocal promise of demanding direct democracy, he has also destroyed his own credibility in the process.

I'd like to think I'm fairly impartial on the Lynn Valley project, so having said that, I think people like Corrie, Peter, Bill, and John, among a number of others, have good reason to feel frustrated after the other night when comparisons were made between this project and Parkgate or even Edgemont. The differences are distinct and clear.

No one is suggesting that residents who spoke in favour of the Lynn Valley project were acting without honour. Certainly a few well-meaning citizens were not 100 percent accurate in their facts, but that's no crime. It is just unfortunate that it was left to other citizens to try and correct some statements. But again, none of this has anything to do with either FONVCA or even the LOCW so I really hope you don't resign.

Sincerely,
-Brian

Maureen Bragg wrote:

Corrie to state categorically that the Lynn Valley Town Centre Project information was false, is not true, furthermore it is unfair. In fairness and to avoid embarrassment for those that share your views and are part of the LOCW I offer my formal resignation from the LOCW 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. I have respect and admiration for everyone I have had the pleasure of meeting through these groups and regret having to do this. However you are insulting me and people I have worked with on this project these past ten years. These people are honourable sincere people who have done the very best they can. To use the quote about lies in the same breath when referring to the people of Lynn Valley astonishes me. Sincerely Maureen Bragg

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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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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.