

Edgemont Community Association

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Skyline Meeting Room, District Hall, June 26, 2024

Present: Lynn Kelly, Adrian Chaster, Eric Skowronek, Susan MacKechnie, Julia Minnie, John Lesow

Regrets: Corrie Kost, Margaret Campbell

1. Call to order 6:55pm.
2. Proposed agenda adopted with added items related to Bill 44
3. Moved, seconded to adopt the minutes of May 29, 2024. **Passed.**
4. **Ambleside Orchestra:** Lynn spoke with Chris Stringer of Ambleside Orchestra. They practice and perform at Highlands Church and would like to make the community more aware of their presence. Reaching out to ECA as an ally in that effort. We can start by putting their schedule on our website.
5. **Website registration:** Cost of \$187.11US carried willingly by Julia until such time as we have funds to reimburse.
6. **Mission statement:** Based on previous discussions of what we envision ECA being and doing as we go forward, board agreed on a Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to engage and connect neighbours; to create an enhanced sense of community through events and sharing of information.

7. **NVCAN:** Request to NVCAN regarding increasing community grants limit revealed some flexibility in current funding approach at the District. Lynn will continue to pursue the question with DNV directly.
8. **Tech update:** It's a bit of a drawn out process, but we are slowly advancing. New website is live and will continue to flesh out with content over time. Likewise for our Facebook page and Instagram accounts.

Board volunteers willing to do some legwork to prepare content are welcome; please contact Julia directly for details. Digital media is an ideal venue for students to use as a volunteer opportunity and internship type role. Susan M. to explore the student volunteers angle.

New email address info@edgemontcommunity.org forwards to Julia & Lynn. Copies are also kept on the server for archive purposes.

9. **All candidates meeting (ACM):** Discussion around timing of this event (Oct 16). Three days before elections (Oct 19). Many people will have voted by then.

Very short window to work with:

- nominations close Sept 28,
- we don't have info on other scheduled ACMs on the north shore,
- traditionally felt being first or last to host meetings was to our advantage,
- attendance tends to be good.

Perhaps future could see ECA's coordinate their meetings to encourage continuum of community involvement.

Our most pressing need is for a moderator. Adrian to make inquiries.

10. **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Proposed meeting date be set in October, after ACM to allow time for planning and promotion given we break in August. **Adrian to approach Highland to request available dates the week of Oct 21-24.** St Catherines another option if Highland not available.

High level discussion of agenda/program for the AGM. Business portion is defined by our new bylaws. Programming of presentations should be aimed at providing information of value/interest to community members. Some items discussed: NS Emergency Management, Mayor Little, Sergeant Bracewell (RCMP).

11. **BlueShore Credit Union:** ECA has been approached by BlueShore. They are looking for opportunities to increase their profile in the community through sponsorship of events and activities.
12. **Edgemont Village Business Association:** Efforts to connect with EVBA have stalled. We are open to future conversations; for the present we'll focus on our own efforts and partnerships.
13. **Additional items:** Animated discussion of ECA's role on issues of planning and development and engagement with government agencies.

Moved, seconded that the executive of the Edgemont Community Association does not take a position on the current provincial government housing mandates. **CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned 9:02pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 24th 7-9pm at District Hall.

Glossary:

District of North Vancouver (DNV)
North Vancouver Community Association Network (NVCAN)
Edgemont and Upper Capilano Community Association (EUCCA)
Edgemont Community Association (ECA)
Official Community Plan (OCP)
Edgemont Village Business Association (EVBA)
Waste-water Treatment Plant (WWTP)