

2741 West Fourth Avenue, 733-5614.

Next KARA Meeting Thursday, April 26 (This is the fourth Thursday of the month, instead of our usual third Thursday)
 Kits House (Seventh Avenue and Vine)
 8 pm.

Main Subject:

ELECTORAL REFORM

- WHAT IDEAS DO WE WANT TO PRESENT AT ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ELECTORAL REFORM?
 * DO WE WANT A WARD SYSTEM?

Some Ideas and Questions on Electoral Reform

(written by Gavin Perryman)

For a number of years, Vancouver has had a centralized form of government. This has involved top-down decision-making, and the election of the aldermen and mayor on a city-wide basis. The citizens' main input has occurred once every two years at election time. Powerful groups (the developers, the wealthy, the highly vocal) have been able to mount lobbies at City Hall to protect their own interests. Regardless of the stated intentions of the City politicians, most people have not had ready access to the decision-making processes, nor to the sources of information that underlie Council's deliberations.

There has been a growing demand for increased citizen participation in the decision-making processes of the City. SHOULD WE VIEW THE PRESENT ATTEMPT TO UNDERTAKE ELECTORAL REFORM IN THIS LIGHT? If so, before discussing the details of a ward system, we need to address ourselves to the question:

... IS IT IMPORTANT TO US THAT CITIZENS (AND NOT JUST THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFICIENT POWER AND WEALTH TO COMMAND ATTENTION) BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES THAT SHAPE OUR CITY?

This might mean,

- Encouragement and support must be given to people to articulate their needs, and the type of community that they would like to live in.
- Opportunities must be created for people to participate in the planning, decision-making, and governing processes that affect and shape their neighbourhood.
- Development and government activity should respond to the community's needs, not vice versa.

We should make our beliefs about citizen participation clear.

- People are capable of making sound decisions and developing creative solutions to the problems in their community.
- Positive action and concern for the needs of the whole community should be the focus of citizen participation.
- Informal and consistent channels for communication will help to expand the opportunities available for a positive community role.

What About a Ward System?

At present, Vancouver, Regina, Burnaby, and Saskatoon are the only large Canadian cities (over 100,000 population) that do not have some form of ward system.

Electoral Reform (continued)

WILL A WARD SYSTEM INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITIZENS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN DETERMINING THE FUTURE OF THEIR COMMUNITY? By itself, a ward system will likely do little of concrete value towards helping citizens participate in the government process. Experience in other cities suggests that, ward system or city-wide system, we need aldermen who are committed to a process of citizen participation. No electoral structure will ensure that aldermen are responsive to the needs of the people they supposedly represent. HOWEVER, A WARD SYSTEM MIGHT PROVIDE A BETTER ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH CITIZEN GROUPS CAN ORGANIZE AND PRESS FOR FURTHER, MORE CONCRETE CHANGES - changes that involve a redistribution of the power, greater access to information and resources, and so on.

Does the Ward System Have to Be Geographically Based?

The normal argument for a ward system is that, by electing an alderman from a "small" area of the city, he will be more representative of the people in that area (especially if he has to reside there to be elected) and more responsive to their needs. This argument rests on the assumption that a "small" ward (eg. Kitsilano or half of Kitsilano) will be relatively homogeneous. On the contrary, most areas of this city contain a whole mixture of people - different incomes, ethnic backgrounds, educational levels, social classes, special interests, etc.

People have interests in common with others in their residential area, with others in their work place, with others of the same ethnic background, with others of the same socio-economic class, with others who have similar problems (eg. the handicapped, the single parent, the working woman, the mentally ill, etc.). HOW CAN THE ELECTORAL STRUCTURE BE CHANGED SO THAT ALL OF THESE GROUPS HAVE ACCESS TO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES THAT AFFECT THEM?

- Should people have two votes, one where they live and one where they work?
- Should house-wives have two votes where they live because of their work in the home?
- Should there be an ombudsman whose job would be to investigate citizen complaints about City Council and its employees? Should he/she/they be advocates for citizen interests?
- Should a commission be setup on a permanent basis to review and evaluate the electoral structure in Vancouver?
- The NDP have suggested local area governments that would have the decision-making power over local issues? Is this type of decentralization of power and responsibility to different groups (geographic or otherwise) a key to increased citizen participation and control?

Public Hearings on Electoral Reform Are Being Held by the Community Development Committee of City Council.

"The Terms of Reference of our Committee are to hold Public Hearings on the subject, to give all interested citizens and groups an opportunity to be heard, to present recommendations to City Council, and to put certain questions to the citizens of Vancouver in a Plebiscite to be held in October, 1973."

"Your comments are particularly invited on the following questions:"

1. Do you favour the principle of area representation?
2. Do you favour a full ward system, or a mixed system with some aldermen elected from wards, others city wide?
3. What are your views on the ward boundaries? Should there be one or two aldermen per ward?
4. Should some or all members of Council be paid full time, or should we continue with the present part time arrangement?
5. What size of Council would you favour?
6. Should the principle of area representation be extended to the School Board and to the Parks' Board?
7. What should be the term of office of the elected representatives?
8. What are your views on the date of the civic elections?
9. Would you favour the name of the party or group affiliation appearing on the ballot paper?
10. Should a candidate for civic office have to post a deposit? Should there be any other requirements that candidates have to fulfill?
11. Do you favour residence in the ward as a requirement for being an aldermanic candidate in the ward?

FROM THE INFORMATION CENTRE

NEW INFORMATION BULLETIN #6 ----- FEB. - MAR.

QUESTIONS:

1. Does the Free Clinic do physical examinations?
2. Are "Heritage Tours" for senior citizens operating this year?
3. Information needed on "Home Treatment Project" for mentally ill.

INFORMATION:

1. To get money changed into Canadian funds contact the head office of any bank or "Thomas Cook" travel agents at Hastings and Seymour.
2. The "Garden Project" is no longer in operation but "Project 2000" will do gardening if person has tools.
3. Free craft workshop: Kits House - Thurs. evening - teens
Alex House - Thurs. 9:15 - 12:00 a.m.
Tues. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
4. Daycare Information Centre - 45 W. 8th - 873-3596
To work in daycare, you should register here, be classified and you will be matched up with openings.
5. Community Information Centre: 736-3661
6. Volunteer Bureau - co-ordinator - Mrs. Janet McDonald - 1625 W. 8th - 731-6168
731-3525
7. Mother's Help Programme - Children's Aid Society - 733-8111
8. L.E.E.P. Manpower Grants - phone Ken Drushka - Manpower, for information
9. "F.L.I.P." is a teen vocational service project - a division of Children's Aid - (youth section). They have a house at 885 W. 7th - 879-5449. To help teens find jobs; provide a drop-in centre etc.
10. New addresses:
Cedar Cottage: 1849 Kingsway - 873-3596
Community Development Unit of Neighborhood Services Association:
West Wing, 2nd floor, 1726 W. 7th
Metro Media - 3006 Cambie - 873-3238
11. "Family Place" (L.I.P.) - 3151 Camosun at 16th - 228-0514. A place to meet and share experiences concerning marriage, families and children.
12. Casual labor - 342 W. 2nd
13. Gallery of Photography - 61 Lonsdale, N. Van. - has a good darkroom; membership \$6 for 6 months; \$10 for a year, plus hourly rates for members.
14. Tillicum Delivery Service - 1603 Franklin - "If you have trouble shopping for food, call us." - 255-4214
15. "Food for your needs" - 2610 Victoria Drive - 873-2941 - will be funded by City
May 31st
16. Spring Street Festival - for information call Ira - 687-6380
17. Children's Aid Society - "Special Services" - works with youth, parents and foster parents involved in CAS - 732-7211
18. Free Films every Wednesday at the Indian Centre, 3rd and Vine, 7 - 9 p.m.

The Info Centre needs your throwaways - foam rubber or cushions for our benches, potted plants, ashtrays, old books for our library. Also chairs, any kind, wooden, folding, etc. Big things, such as typewriters, and a chest of drawers to put our gestetner on. Old carpets. We are having problems finding a fair-sized blackboard; does anyone know where we can find one? Call Judy Alldritt - 736-3431.

*****OUR NEW PHONE NUMBER 736-3431*****

Old newspapers and clean bottles and jars can still be brought to the back of the Info Centre - 2741 West 4th Ave. Newspapers must be tied in manageable bundles. S.P.E.C. has a depot (every 3rd Saturday) under the Burrard Bridge near the Wharf Restaurant for Newspapers, Magazines, cardboard, and bottles.

If you are interested in volunteer work at the Info Centre in the near future, come to a training workshop on Saturday, May 5, at 10 a.m.

KITSILANO - PROPOSED SENIOR CITIZEN CITIZENS HOUSING - Status report

During the past few months developments have taken place on the Kits Senior Citizen Housing project. At last it appears that the City has purchased two sites for development, each site having space for approximately 35 units, thus gaining a total of approximately 70 units. Both sites have been accepted by the Participating Group.

On February 28, 1973 the first meeting of the Steering Committee was held. The Steering Committee consists of representatives from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Province of B.C., Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD), the City, and the Participating Group. The function of the Steering Committee is to get the project designed and built.

Since February 28 two further meetings of the Steering Committee have been held - on March 14 and March 28 - and the position on the project is that Mr. Richard de Pourbaix, Co-ordinating Architect from CMHC, Ottawa, will be retained as the architect. At the March 28 meeting Mr. de Pourbaix received information from the Participating Group on the items they would like to see incorporated in the project, and based on this and other information he received, he will prepare a preliminary design and cost estimate for the Steering Committee to discuss at their meeting of April 25.

On April 11 a visit has been arranged for the Participating Group and the Steering Committee to the new Senior Citizen Housing Project at Abbotsford.

As can be seen, at last this project is getting nearer to being built.

..... Jonathon Yardley, April 8, 1973.....

WEST BROADWAY CITIZENS COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION - Organizing Meeting

The West Broadway group held a public meeting on Monday, April 2nd. at St. James United Church (10th and Trutch). The purpose of the meeting was to further organize the West Broadway Committee.

A slide show and projection of maps showed quite lucidly how developers have moved into the Kits-West Broadway Area and have continued the process of land assembly. Some of the holdings of larger developers - such as the Bonnis' and Orrs - were illustrated. Much of the presentation showed how developers erode a neighbourhood through the process of 'blockbusting' - allowing homes to run-down, often renting to tenants who willingly wreck an older home; tearing down one home on a block and/or putting in surface-parking to 'scare' homeowners into selling out, often for the cash that developers are willing to pay.

The need for residents and homeowners to organize and keep each other informed as a defensive tactic was explained.

About 60 people were in attendance and more than 40 joined the West Broadway Committee Association. The group set up a Block Contact System with the core area being 5th Ave. to 13th Ave., and Larch to Waterloo.

Fifteen blocks within this area are being organized by people who volunteered to be contact persons, Block Brothers, for their respective blocks. Some of these blocks are outside the core.

Group discussed presenting 'Guidelines for the Future Development of West Broadway' to the Community Development Committee of Vancouver City Council on April 19th at an evening meeting. If City Council passes these guidelines they would provide some sort of 'hedge' (at least temporarily) against unwanted development in the area.

The group will work on these guidelines on April 9th in the Information Centre.

If you would like to know who the block contact is for your block : call Marj. Harper 738-3390 or the Info Centre 736-3431.

.....Nathan Karmel, Community Organizer, Kits.....

PARKS BOARD MEETS WITH KARA

George Wainborn and Bill McCreery of the Parks Board spoke to the March meeting of the Kits Area Resources Association. Following is a brief summary of what they said on various topics:

Kits Pool - in danger of closing due to pollution; further work on treatment may have to be done.

Boat launching fee - Parks Board spent \$43,000 developing the area (Vanier Park) and feels tax-paying citizens should get some money back.

New park - developing at Arbutus between 5th and 7th Avenues to the railway tracks.

False Creek - methods of getting citizen participation for the planning of False Creek has not been effective.

Parks Board - keen on an overview study and assessment of what the Parks Board is or should be doing. Also keen on citizen involvement - they have been holding informal meetings with citizens in various community centres but these meetings have now been discontinued until the fall.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE PARKS BOARD? they want to know

Excerpts from a letter from the Parks Board : March 30, 1973

'The Vancouver Board of Parks & Public Recreation, with the assistance of Kates, Peat, Marwick & Co., a Vancouver firm of independent consultants, is currently conducting a review of its management and operations.'

'In any study of this type, it is vital to obtain input from the citizens of Vancouver concerning the organization of the Board and its future plans and priorities....

'SPECIFIC QUESTIONS The Board has no wish to limit contributions in any way; your comments and suggestions on any aspect of the Board's operations are welcome. As a starting point for your discussion, we would suggest the following questions :

- What, in your view, should be the role of the Parks Board in the Government of the City of Vancouver?
- In view of changing recreational and park needs, what direction should the Parks Board take in the planning of future facilities and services?
- To what extent and how do you feel that the parks user should pay for facilities and services? Through admission charges? Subscriptions? Property taxes? Other taxes?
- What type of working relationship would you like to see between your group and the Parks Board?'.

Written Submissions

Please send written submissions to Kates, Peat, Marwick & Co., 900 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, to the attention of Mr. Roger Chilton. It would be helpful if material could be submitted by Friday, April 20, 1973. It would also be helpful if you could advise Mr. Chilton by telephone by Friday, April 13, that you will be contributing; he can thus ensure that your opinions are given full consideration. All submissions will, of course, be acknowledged in writing and the consultants may be in touch with you for further information.

Telephone Calls

You are welcome to telephone Kates, Peat, Marwick & Co. (688-3661) at any time to express your opinion. You should ask for Mr. Roger Chilton, Mr. Patrick Brown, or Mr. Reg. Bowman. Should they not be available, your call will be returned as soon as possible. On Sunday and Monday, April 15 and 16, a special advertising campaign will be conducted to encourage members of the public at large to telephone KPM. On these two days, telephones will be manned from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.'

WINTERIZE THE PARKS!

To mothers of pre-schoolers and any others interested: No place to take pre-schoolers on all those rainy days (now past for this year hopefully)? What do you think of covered play areas in the parks? There will be a Parks Board public meeting at Kits Community Centre where interested citizens of the area will be asked to present their needs. Phone Janet at 733-6621 if you support this principle with your suggestions

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WINTERIZE THE PARKScontinued

and maybe we can get something together to put forward at the coming public meeting. Please don't let this go by if you are at all interested. We need a group of 5 to 10 people to work on getting covered play areas in the parks.

...Janet Morgan, Mother, 733-6621

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH TEAM

Did you know that the Provincial Government, through the Metropolitan Board of Health, is sending a Mental Health Team into Kitsilano?

The only objective, articulated to this date is to 'reduce the number of people being admitted to Crease Clinic (Essondale)'.

Up to this time invitations have been extended twice to Mental Health Workers in the area to attend meetings set up to discuss the work of such a team.

'There are a lot of very sick and psychotic people who need help badly,' remarked one of the members of the team.

Do you feel we need such a 'team' in Kits?

If we do, what should they be doing?

Do you want them dealing with your children / parents / brothers, sisters / friends?

This 'team' purports to be a COMMUNITY team. As yet no citizens and potential users of the services are involved.

As yet, this Community Mental Health Team is NOT controlled by this community.

-We have not told the team what OUR problems are as WE see them.

-The 'team' has not been told in which areas of the community it should be working.

If you would like to help ensure that this 'team' meets YOUR needs and serves YOUR community, then:

- (1) Attend the next meeting: Monday, April 16th, 1:30 p.m. at Kits House 2305 West 7th Avenue, or
- (2) If you are unable to attend, send a friend or representative, or
- (3) Call Kits House 736-3588 or Kits Info Centre 736-3431 to register your ideas or complaints and suggest a better time for a meeting.

...Nathan Karmel, Community Organizer, Kits.....

MEETINGS

Monday, April 16, Community Mental Health Team, 1:30 p.m. at Kits House - 7th and Vine

Monday, April 16, Public Meeting on False Creek, 7:45 p.m. at Real Estate Board - 1109 West Broadway. Sponsored by Vancouver City Planning Commission.

Tuesday, April 17, Planning Centre Open House, 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. at 2741 West 4th Ave.

Thursday, April 19, West Broadway Citizens Committee and Community Development Committee (City Council) 7:00p.m. at Kits House - 2305 West 7th Ave.

Back in March; the West Broadway Citizens Committee Association managed to pin-down the Community Development Committee for an evening meeting of that Committee at which time the Citizens' group would present their 'Guidelines for the Future Development of West Broadway'. This meeting has been arranged for the above time.

Mass support is needed, as these guidelines, when finally approved by City Council, will provide a first line of defense against unwanted developments (and developers) in our neighbourhood.

Please attend! For more information call Kits Info Centre 736-3431.

Thursday, April 26, Kitsilano Area Resources Association - Electoral Reform 8:00 p.m. at Kits House - 2305 West 7th Avenue.

Saturday, May 6, Volunteer Training Workshop, 10 a.m. at Kits Info Centre - 2741 West 4th Ave. If you are doing volunteer work at the Info Centre in the near future, come to this training session.

Every Wednesday, Kits House Sundown, 6:30 p.m. at Kits House - 2305 West 7th Ave. a neighbourhood drop-in with food, music, games. Bring some food to share - casseroles, side dishes, trimmings or whatever you've got.

Notes from the Planning Centre

THE "NEW" PLANNING CENTRE

After two weeks of renovations, the Planning Centre is back in operation - on a much expanded basis. Display space, work area, meeting space all have been increased - we have a number of new maps that are now up on the walls, and new information on developments in Kitsilano. COME AND DISCUSS YOUR CONCERNS FOR KITSILANO. Dave, Gavin, or Lewis will be there to show you around.

Dave has started working full-time on the salary from the Secretary of State. The Centre is staffed Monday to Friday from 9 am. - 6 pm., and on Saturday from 10:30 am. - 5 pm. Gavin and Lewis are working at the Centre on L.I.P. salaries.

Some of the problems we help people with are:

- how to obtain a development permit or a building permit from City Hall
- appeals to the Board of Variance
- obtaining information on zoning, housing, transportation, new planning developments.....
- finding ways to implement new social services that are needed in Kits
- preparing briefs, reports, posters,
- contacting other people in Kitsilano who have similar concerns and interests
- planning for new parks, and discovering more imaginative ways to use our present parks and recreation facilities

THE PLANNING CENTRE NEEDS YOUR IDEAS AND CONCERNS TO DIRECT ITS WORK OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

HOUSING

We intend to hold a community gathering sometime in May around the whole question of housing in Kitsilano. We are preparing information and material for this meeting.

- What sorts of housing should there be in Kitsilano?
- What range of household styles and lifestyles should be encouraged?
- Do we need more family housing?
- Should the apartment areas be expanded? decreased?

IF YOU HAVE PARTICULAR PROBLEMS OR IDEAS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE RAISED AT THIS MEETING, DROP IN TO THE PLANNING CENTRE AND DISCUSS THEM WITH US.

BALSAM/YORK HIGH RISE

On March 14, a meeting was held at the Indian Centre by the Ad Hoc Committee on Rezoning in Kitsilano in response to rumours of a new high rise at the southwest corner of Balsam and York. A petition was written at the meeting calling for a complete review of the zoning patterns in Kitsilano by City Council and the City Planning Dept. 800 names have been collected so far. The group has not been able to arrange a meeting with City Council yet to press for the zoning review.

To date, the Zoning Desk at City Hall has received no development permit application for a high rise at this location. The agent for the property has changed; it is now Eric R. Smith of West Vancouver. The corner house is now vacant. The second house from the corner, along York Street, is occupied only by a caretaker. The tenants of one of the other houses have not been able to find out whether they will be given notice on April 15.

One of the tenants reported to us that both the new and old agents had told him that there were plans for a 10 storey high rise at this location. These plans are now being reconsidered because the owners do not want to become involved in a community protest.

Block 288 - BOUNDED BY SIXTH AVENUE, SEVENTH AVENUE, BURRARD STREET, AND PINE STREET

The Zoning Desk at City Hall have now received an application for a development permit (No. 61444) for this block. The application is for an automobile dealership and parking structure. The developers are asking that the whole block be rezoned to C-2 (medium density commercial). THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL HAVE TO BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DEVELOPMENT.

The Planning Centre has already written a Planning Bulletin (No. 8) on this development. Copies are available at the Planning Centre. If anyone wants help writing a presentation for the public hearing on the rezoning, drop in to the Planning Centre, That is what we are here for.

Further Notes from the Planning Centre

MARINAS

On Wednesday, April 18, (7:30, Council Chambers) City Council is holding a public meeting to consider changes to the Zoning By-Law. There are two major changes for debate.

1. The Shannon Estate - to repeal the present CD-1 zoning.
2. Marinas - to allow marinas as a conditional use in any area of the city that is zoned:
 - (a) Single-family residential (RS-1)
 - (b) Light industrial (M-1)
 - (c) Medium Density Industrial (M-2)

Note: A conditional use means that the approval of the Technical Planning Board is needed for a development that relates to this use. The Technical Planning Board is NOT an elected body. It consists of City officials; there are no aldermen on the Board. **WHETHER CITIZENS WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DECISION TO APPROVE OR NOT TO APPROVE IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TECHNICAL PLANNING BOARD.**

According to a report made at the last meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission, Council will be setting a policy on marinas to go along with this zoning change. The policy will say, for the present, that new marinas are allowed only in the False Creek area. However, in the future, there may be marinas allowed into the Jericho lands - this is the public reason for changing the RS-1 zoning now.

In discussions with members of the City Planning Dept., we have obtained the impression that they are trying to avoid having a public meeting solely on the question of marinas, or of marinas in specific areas like False Creek and the Jericho lands. The Shannon Estate is a big issue, and most of the public hearing on April 18 will be taken up discussing it. **IS THIS THE WAY PEOPLE SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES OF THIS CITY?**

TRAFFIC

Last Friday, Dave met with members of the City Engineering Dept. to discuss the traffic situation in Kitsilano. Items that came up were:

- the proposal to extend Pt. Grey Road through the Jericho lands to connect up with N.W. Marine Drive. (A map showing this development is on display at the Planning Centre)
- the proposal for the Burrard-Arbutus connector which would connect the Burrard Street Bridge up to Arbutus Street. Arbutus will become a major road. The City is presently buying up property for the connector road. (a preliminary plan for the connector is on display at the Planning Centre)

Dave will be writing up a Planning Bulletin on traffic and roads within the next couple of weeks. **IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE WORKED ON, DROP IN TO THE PLANNING CENTRE AND SEE DAVE.**

CUL-DE-SACS

Someone dropped into the Planning Centre last week to talk about creating artificial cul-de-sacs out of some of the local sidestreets. This could be done by blocking off one of the ends of the street. The results? - less traffic and noise, a safer place for kids to play, space for a small park.... If you are interested in pursuing this further, come down to the Planning Centre and see Gavin.

CITIZENS' DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY — A CITIZENS' APPROACH TO THE JERICO LANDS

On Monday, April 2, the CDS submitted an application to the Parks' Board, offering its services in the development of a Master Plan for the proposed park on the Jericho lands. Copies of the submission are available at the Planning Centre. The CDS intends to involve citizens and groups at all stages of the design process.

"We believe that the proposed park should be designed by those people who live or work in the nearby areas, and by those who will use the park and its facilities. The people in the nearby areas have a double concern. They are likely to use the park rather more than other people in Vancouver. At the same time, the park will have strong effects on their residential areas (eg. traffic congestion, parking problems, noise, pollution, etc.)."

CITIZENS' DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY --- HOUSING PROJECT

At a meeting on Tuesday, April 10, the housing project on Kits Point was debated. The first stage will be to consider what type of housing we are interested in, and to create a rough design for the project. This will be done at a supper meeting on Monday, April 16, 5 pm. at the Planning Centre.

HOMEMAKER SERVICE AVAILABLE

Elderly Kitsilano residents needing assistance in meal preparation, shopping, and organizing household tasks, are invited to contact the Homemaker Department of Family Service Centres at 731-4951.

"We are glad to discuss individual situations with anyone who calls. Homemaker service is also available to young couples in need," says Miss Lillian Carscadden, social work consultant with the department.

FSC is still faced with a low "allowable assets" level which prevents service being given to many elderly persons; however the agency is hoping the provincial government will raise the ceiling on financial eligibility.

FSC has a staff of 140 trained homemakers who serve the Greater Vancouver area.

As well, the agency, headquartered in Kitsilano at 1616 West 7th ave., offers a variety of services supportive of family life, including family and individual counselling, Family Life Education Groups and day care.

FSC is an independent, voluntary agency whose budget totalled \$1.2 million in 1972. Major share of the budget - approximately \$700,000 - comes from the provincial government. The United Appeal contributed the next largest amount, \$300,000 last year.

A basic aim of the agency is to prevent problems from arising so it doesn't over-expend it's resources responding to "crisis" situations.

..... Bob Groves, FSC

The KARA newsletter is prepared during the first and second week of each month. If you have events, ideas, opinions, or any other information that you would like publicized through this newsletter - bring your material to the Info Centre at 2741 West 4th Ave., or phone 736-3431.

We would like to thank everyone who has given donations for the newsletter - the donations enable us to extend our membership.

BALSAM AND YORK -- SOUTHWEST CORNER

FINAL NOTICE:

Residents at Balsam and York received their eviction notice Wednesday evening, 11 April. They were told that the buildings on the site would be torn down on May 15th. No one is able or willing to say what type of building will be erected on the site. Rumour continues that the owners have been persuaded, because of their fear of public outcry, to build a low-rise building on the site.

The Planning Centre was unable to find out from the Zoning Desk whether or not an application for a Development Permit has now been filed with the City; we called Thursday Morning.

DR. HUGH PARFITT
HOME TREATMENT
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