

MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUES, 2015-AUG-04
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Linda McCandless, Chair
Suzanne Andre
Val Alcock-Carter
Mike Horn

Ralph Meyerhoff
Bill Anderson
Bill Robinson (School Board)
Gord Fuller

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Elizabeth Forrester
Bill Yoachim
Ian Kalina
Chris Beaton

STAFF PRESENT:

John Horn, Social Planner

Dave Stewart, Planner, City of Nanaimo

GUESTS PRESENT

Jesse Chalmers – Habitat for Humanity
Bert Hick and Dan Brady – Rising Tide Consultants

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted, motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the 2015-JUL-07 meeting be adopted.
The motion carried unanimously.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Correspondence to school board

The School Board appointed Trustee Bill Robinson to represent them on SPAC. A motion was made to add Bill Robinson as a member of SPAC. The motion was moved and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5 Delegations

Jesse Chalmers, representing Habitat for Humanity, provided background on their organization. The organization helps families move from renting a home to owning a home. Habitat holds the mortgage, and eligible families need a minimum income as the mortgage payment is supposed to be 25% of the income of the family.

There was a request for support from SPAC for the reduction of Development Cost Charges associated with a 6-unit development at 2360 Extension Road. This project will be a phased build-out over several years but the DCC relief is for the totality of the project, approximately \$32,866. Jesse completed his presentation and left the Board room at 5:10pm. Motion made to receive the delegation; motion moved and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Stewart presented some background on an application for site- specific rezoning to allow for the move of a Liquor Retail Store from 1- Terminal Avenue to Unit 120-2000 Island Hwy North. (RA357).

Bert Hick and Dan Brady presented on behalf of the applicant. They indicated that the license, if moved, would be extinguished at the 1-Terminal site. They also indicated that the City of Nanaimo Council policy is to not locate a liquor store within 1 km of another, and that this application meets that criterion. It was also mentioned that it is also a City of Nanaimo council policy to not locate a liquor store near a school and this site has two schools in proximity.

Discussion held on how the proximity to a school is measured. Dave Stewart indicated that in the past both a door-to-door interpretation and a lot-line to lot-line interpretation have been used.

Motion to receive the delegation on RA357. Moved and seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Rising Tide consultants left the room at approximately 5:45pm.

Discussion of delegations

Motion: SPAC recommends to the City of Nanaimo Council that Habitat for Humanity be granted a 50% reduction in the Development Cost Charges associated with 2360 Extension Road, and that the source of funds for that reduction be taken from the City of Nanaimo's Housing Legacy Reserve. Motion moved and seconded, motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: John Horn to send a report to the City of Nanaimo Council from SPAC with a recommendation as per the above.

Motion: SPAC recommends to the City of Nanaimo Council support the application for a site-specific rezoning at unit 120-2000 Island Hwy North to add "Liquor Store" as a site- specific use. Motion moved and seconded.

Following the motion, a discussion was held amongst members in regards to the proximity to Woodlands High school. City staff does not believe that the location meets the intent of the Council policy regarding proximity to schools.

Vote called on the question- 6 opposed, 2 abstaining – **Motion Defeated.**

6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

None

Review of SPAC Grant Application Criteria

Scheduled for the September 1st meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

Little Libraries

A discussion was held in regards to the Little Libraries initiative. Since these have been so popular, John Horn has requested that Rotary North build more. Anyone who wants to be on the list to potentially receive a "little library" can contact John Horn and he will add them to the list.

Bill Robinson acknowledged the contribution of Ed Poli and Bob Lasoda of Rotary North who built the libraries at cost.

Grants Advisory – no report

Council – no report

SAFER – no report

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 2015-SEP-01 at 4:45 at 411 Dunsmuir Street.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.