

MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUES., 2015-JUN-02
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Linda McCandless, Chair
Mike Horn
Val Alcock-Carter
Elizabeth Forrester

Ralph Meyerhoff
Bill Anderson
Ian Kalina

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Suzanne Andre
Councilor Bill Yoachim

Chris Beaton
Councilor Gord Fuller

STAFF PRESENT:

John Horn, Social Planner

Brenda Moore, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm. It was acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted with the addition of these items: liquor licensing and former SPAC members' recognition under new business, as well as school board representative under the delegation section.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the 2015-MAY-05 meeting be adopted with the addition of Elizabeth Forrester's name to the list of those present. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Traveler's Lodge

The traveler's lodge is still up for sale, no other update at this time.

Community Library

The first community library has been installed by the police station. There are a total of 16 bookcases that are ready to be "adopted" and a list of over 32 families/residences that were interested in hosting one. Because of the interest in these, John may look at purchasing another 16 bookcases.

5. DELEGATIONS

School Board Representative

The committee would like to send a letter to the school board and invite one of the members to be a representative on the SPAC committee.

Requesting Delegations

It is very beneficial when organizations/agencies that we have funded in the past come back to speak to the group and provide information in regards to how the funding was used. In order to ascertain what issues are currently active in the community, it's important to maintain open communication with the agencies that are working on social issues. The group had a discussion on how they would like to be a catalyst in getting similar agencies "clustered" together and encouraging them to work in a partnership. Hearing from different agencies also educates the members on what the agency does on a daily basis, as well as some of their current initiatives. Some of the agencies that SPAC is interested in hearing from as delegations include: Loaves and Fishes, the RCMP, the CAT group from the Women's Resource Centre, as well as non-profit and for-profit childcare providers.

6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Review of Community Service Grant Applications

The group reviewed the three community service grant applications received and discussed their thoughts on each in a round table discussion. After some deliberation, the group made a motion to recommend to the council of the City of Nanaimo to grant the requested \$2,000 to the Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society and the remaining \$10,500 to the John Howard Society Nanaimo. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.

As information for the newer members of SPAC, the group explained what some of the guidelines are when choosing which proposal to support. Generally speaking, the group is looking to make the biggest impact possible with the funding. They are looking for organizations that are trying to achieve a goal, rather than trying to keep the organization running. They try not to fund the same organization two years in a row, and try to avoid funding groups that receive provincial or federal funding.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Summer Schedule

The July meeting is scheduled for July 7th. The meeting in August is cancelled. The meetings will resume as normal on September 1st. John Horn will be away for the meeting in September.

b) Review of gaming funds

The SPAC committee receives \$90,000 per year in gaming funds. Out of that, \$60,000 is provided as funding to different organizations. With the remaining \$30,000

John supports a variety of different projects and initiatives. Some of those include the needle drop boxes initiative (\$500 each in cost), and the community library initiative (\$1,000). Each year, \$5,000 goes to support the research and production of the vital signs report. There is an upcoming workshop called "Happy City" mainly being funded by Vancouver Island University, but SPAC also provided \$500. The piano project will begin June 3rd and will cost approximately \$600 for the mover.

The funding that is left over on December 31st is put into the house and legacy fund. The members of the committee requested to be kept informed of any workshops that are coming up.

c) Working plan

On July 7th the committee would like to discuss, as the main agenda item, the \$60,000 grant which will be given out in early November.

For the meeting in September, the group would like to arrange for some delegations to come and speak to them about their organizations.

d) Liquor License

The committee had a discussion on liquor licensing and the current amendment to the liquor-primary license for club 241. It was mentioned that there needs to be a clearer direction on where the City of Nanaimo would like to go in terms of liquor licensing. There are many considerations to be made when adding to the amount of seats in the downtown core.

The committee made a motion to recommend to the council of City of Nanaimo that they create a liquor strategy for Nanaimo. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a) Former SPAC member recognition

John Horn and Linda McCandless are still planning on creating a certificate as a token of appreciation for the former SPAC members that were not reappointed.

10. COMMITTEE / COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

a) City Council

The recommendation put forward by the SPAC for the previous round of funding was approved. There was no one to report back on the previous council meeting.

Linda will be sending an email to councilor Yoachim and councilor Fuller, encouraging them to attend the meetings.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 2015-JUL-07 at 4:45 at 411 Dunsmuir Street.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.