

MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUES., 2015-MAY-05
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Linda McCandless
Suzanne Andre
Mike Horn
Val Alcock-Carter
Elizabeth Forrester

Ralph Meyerhoff
Bill Anderson
Ian Kalina
Chris Beaton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Bill Yoachim

Councillor Gord Fuller

STAFF PRESENT:

John Horn, Social Planner

Brenda Moore, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:46 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted with the addition of these two new business items: The acknowledgement of former members of SPAC and an update on the traveler's lodge. The motion carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the 2015-APR-07 meeting be adopted as presented. The motion carried.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

5. DELEGATIONS

None

6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

a) Overview for new members

The new members of SPAC received a booklet containing background information, social status data, health and social forum reports and the committee's mandate and objectives. John Horn provided the group with the overall function of the committee and a breakdown of how the funding is distributed throughout the year. In summary, the SPAC tries to focus on the most pressing issues in the community and encourages interaction between different agencies that provide social services. The group has a total

of \$90,000 a year that is available to provide funding to various resources and agencies that are currently supporting the community's issues.

b) Election of Chair

Linda McCandless was nominated as the new chair. She accepted. The motion was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

c) Appointment of chair to SAFER Nanaimo

As the new chair of SPAC, Linda McCandless was also appointed as a member of SAFER Nanaimo. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion passed.

She requested to be notified of the date and time of the next SAFER meeting as soon as the information becomes available.

d) Review of Community Service Grant Applications

The group reviewed the two community service grant applications and discussed their feelings on each in a round table discussion. In the round table, 7 of the members were in favor of supporting the Nanaimo Women's Resource Society and 2 of the members were in favor of supporting the Island Crisis Care Society. After further discussion, a consensus was reached and the committee made a motion to support the Nanaimo Women's Resource Society application. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion passed. SPAC recommendation will be forwarded to Council for consideration.

e) Review of Community Service Grant for June 2015

John spoke in regards to the request for proposals and the next community service grant. The request for proposal will be advertised in the paper next week. The topic for this grant will be child poverty, as determined at the SPAC meeting held 2015-MAR-03. The deadline for applications for this request for proposal will be 2015-MAY-29th at 4:30pm. The committee will then review the applications received at the next meeting and determine which proposals they would like to support.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Acknowledgement of former SPAC members

The group acknowledged the former SPAC members who were not reappointed. SPAC would like to send them a card and a certificate of appreciation as a thank you for all their hard work. The certification of appreciation will be signed by John Horn and Linda McCandless.

b) Update on the traveler's lodge

There is currently no update to provide. John will look into this project and report any updates at the next meeting.

c) Funding for reports

A motion was put forward to support the funding of the Vital Signs Report and the State of the Child Report. This money is provided each year for the research costs associated with gathering the information needed for the reports. The motion moved and seconded. Motion passed.

There was a request from a committee member for John to bring to the next meeting a list of expenditures associated with the annual \$30,000 gaming money held by Social Planning.

d) Community Library Project

John provided the group with information in regards to a new project that will soon be underway called the community library project. The project will consist of 16 bookcases that will be placed in residential neighborhoods around Nanaimo. The Vancouver Island Regional Library is going to stock the bookcases initially, then the idea is for the neighborhoods to keep them stocked by taking one book and leaving another in its place.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. COMMITTEE / COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

a) Grants Advisory Committee

Val Alcock-Carter was nominated as the Grants Advisory Committee representative and she accepted. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion passed.

b) City Council

A committee member provided an update on the previous night's council meeting and updated the group on issues that might pertain to SPAC. The main discussion revolved around an amendment to a liquor primary license for club 241. The club is looking to increase their seating capacity by 28 seats, from 244 to 272. Nanaimo RCMP has requested that the club agree to additional terms and conditions for their license to be amended. Council voted to send the issue back to staff for further discussion.

A motion was put forward to provide council with a letter of support in regards to the signing of the terms and conditions provided by the RCMP. The main focus of the letter will be the prevention of vulnerability in young adults within the community. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion passed.

A second motion was put forward to request involvement from council in future amendments to existing liquor primary licenses. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion passed.

The council watchers schedule was circulated around the table for members to choose a date to either watch or attend the council meeting, as discussed at SPAC's previous meeting. Members will be asked to update the group on any relevant issues at the next meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 2015-JUN-02 at 4:45 at 411 Dunsmuir Street.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.



COUNCIL WATCHERS 2015 - SIGN-UP SHEET

COUNCIL DATE:	NAME:
June 1 st	Mike Horn
June 15 th	Ian Kalina
July 20 th	Suzanne Andre
August 17 th	
September 21 st	Elizabeth Forrester
October 5 th	Ralph Meyerhoff
October 19 th	
November 2 nd	
November 16 th	
December 7 th	

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