

MINUTES  
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD TUES., 2015-APR-07  
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terre Flower, Chair  
Suzanne Andre  
Angelika Valchar  
Val Alcock-Carter

Ralph Meyerhoff  
Bill Anderson  
Linda McCandless

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Diane Brennan  
Councillor Bill Yoachim

Helena Green  
Elizabeth Forrester

STAFF PRESENT:

John Horn, Social Planner

Brenda Moore, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:48 pm. It was acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was no agenda for today's meeting.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the 2015-MAR-03 meeting be adopted as presented. The motion carried.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Terre was asked if she could give an update on any SAFER meeting she had attended. Terre has not yet attended any SAFER meetings, but there is an upcoming meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:00pm in the board room. She will update the group on SAFER at the next SPAC meeting in May.

5. DELEGATIONS

None

6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

It was reiterated to the group that the \$25,000 will be dispersed in two separate funding proposals of \$12,500 each. The first grant will be decided in May and will focus on the vulnerability of sex trade workers and the prevention of harms associated with the sex-trade in Nanaimo. A request for proposal will be in the paper next week. The second proposal in June will focus on child poverty and will be discussed at the next meeting. In September, the group would like to discuss and focus on the larger grant of \$60,000.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

SPAC Membership

Council is currently reviewing the applications received for SPAC as well as all other committees. This will be large task for council, but should happen fairly soon. It was requested that everyone attend the next SPAC meeting, even if you are not re-appointed to the committee. This will give new members some insight into how the group works, as well as provide an opportunity to provide direction on the goals of the committee.

Needle Drop Boxes

The City will be adding additional needle drop boxes to some of the most common areas where needles are discarded. Some of the locations include Barsby Park, the scout hut, playgrounds and railways. The boxes will be installed by the Public Works Department, who will also look after the recycling of the needles.

Immigration Forum

The immigration forum was held on March 14<sup>th</sup> and was well-attended by approximately 110 participants. The feedback received was really positive. A big thank you went out to the City of Nanaimo for organizing the event, and it was mentioned that the food and location were both great. It was noted that speaking with classes at the multi-cultural society was a key in making this event well-attended.

Council Watchers

The motion was passed on 2015-MAR-03 that members of SPAC would be required to attend or view a council meeting once every six months. The next council meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Linda McCandless volunteered as the council watcher for this meeting, with Ralph to follow for the next meeting. It was noted that an active role with council is important. The committee encourages everyone to not only attend the council meetings but also to be added to the speaker's list. Being able to speak on behalf of the committee give council some background information and can help them be better equipped to make decisions that affect the group. Brenda was asked to bring a sign-up sheet with council dates to the next meeting.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

None

## 10. COMMITTEE / COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

a) Grants Advisory Committee

No report

b) City Council

No report

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 2015-MAY-05 at 4:45 at 411 Dunsmuir Street.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.