

MINUTES  
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD TUES., 2015-MAR-03  
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terre Flower, Chair  
Helena Green  
Suzanne Andre  
Elizabeth Forrester

Ralph Meyerhoff  
Bill Anderson  
Councillor Diane Brennan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Linda McCandless  
Angelika Valchar

Val Alcock-Carter  
Councillor Bill Yoachim

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.

John handed out SPAC nametags for the members to be worn at the immigrant welcome reception being held on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Arising from changes to the City's committee structures decided by Council at their March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 meeting it was announced that Terre-Flower, chair of SPAC, will now be a member of SAFER. This will provide a link between the two groups, enhancing communication and enabling the groups to work on common goals.

5. DELEGATIONS

None

6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

There was a discussion around requests for funding proposals and how the group would like to divide the funds, as well as what type of issues they wanted to focus on. During the discussion, members reviewed the summary of the health and social issues

identified in the health and social forum in 2013. Some of the topics mentioned included skills, education and training, affordable childcare, living wage and social inclusion as some of the key issues in the community. The committee established that they would like the funds to be put into local initiatives that are currently underway. John spoke on behalf of two key issues that are active right now in the community, those being child poverty and the safety of those working in the sex-trade.

The motion was put forward to concentrate on these two current issues for the upcoming funding this year. The funds will be split into two bundles of \$12,500 each. The first grant will aim to support the sex-trade safety issues in May and the second grant to support child poverty in June. The requests for proposals will be advertised for in the local paper. The motion was moved and seconded.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

Council Meeting Reporting

A motion was put forward to require members of SPAC to volunteer once every 6 months to participate in watching and/or following council meetings and report back to the committee. This will help the committee stay up to date with key issues. The motion was moved and seconded.

CORE Review

Councilor Brennan spoke briefly on the upcoming CORE review and the types of changes that could possibly be looked at. They will be hiring a consultant and there will multiple opportunities where the public will be able to provide ideas and feedback before the review begins.

Application Form

The committee requests an email attachment or link be provided when the application for re-election to the committee is available.

Immigration Forum

Invitations to the Immigrant Welcome Reception happening on March 14<sup>th</sup> have been sent out in the mail today. There were approximately 120 invitations sent. Members of SPAC will be in attendance in a host role.

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-APR-07 at 4:45 at 411 Dunsmuir Street.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.