

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terre Flower, Chair	Elizabeth Forrester
Linda McCandless	Ralph Meyerhoff
Val Alcock-Carter	Councillor Diane Brennan
Angelika Valchar	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Helena Green	Bill Anderson
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STAFF PRESENT:

John Horn, Social Planner	Brenda Moore, Recording Secretary
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:46 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 as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the 2015-JAN-06 meeting be adopted as presented. The motion carried.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

5. DELEGATIONS

Ms. Courtney Wiley and Mr. Jordan White, Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre.

Courtney and Jordan spoke in regards to the funding they received from SPAC. They expressed their gratitude for the support and explained that Jordan will now be employed fulltime as a day time staff member and will be in charge of a new day program that will be beginning officially on Tuesday, February 10th. This day program will run Tuesday-Friday from 10:30am-4:00pm and will offer different activities for youth. They will also be offering a youth drop-in on Friday and Saturday nights. In addition to the day program, funding is also being used for staffing purposes which will allow the centre to operate at full capacity (utilizing all 8 beds) for approximately six months. They are currently operating at max capacity. Tillicum Lelum is continuously searching for additional funding to be able to maintain their programming and operate all 8 beds on a permanent basis. The VIHA funding that was previously discussed did not get approved and the committee would like to know where this money was used.

It was moved and seconded that the delegation be received. The motion carried.

6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

There was a discussion around the process involved for review and approval of funding proposals. The committee agrees that the length of the process should be tailored to the amount of money that is being requested. There was a discussion on whether to bundle the funds together and provide one large grant of \$25,000 or whether to split the funds into two smaller grants of \$12,500 each. The committee decided that the only agenda item for the meeting on March 3, 2015 will be community service grants. A decision will also be made on whether to keep the focus on mental health or to expand and look for other non-profit organizations that may benefit. The committee requested a detailed list of the group's priorities from a previous meeting held in the field house on Third Street.

ACTION ITEM: John to provide detailed list of the committee's priorities from field house meeting to the committee for the next meeting on March 3rd.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

Update on Sex Trade Cohort- John has been receiving an increasing number of phone calls from concerned members of the public in regards to an increase in sex trade workers operating in the Victoria Road/Prideaux Street area. The sex trade cohort is currently working on a plan and seeking input from both the neighborhoods affected and the sex trade workers and intends on establishing some guidelines that will work for everyone.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Immigrant Welcome Reception- The third annual immigrant welcome reception will be held at the convention centre on Saturday, March 14th from 2-4pm. The committee felt they would feel more confident and be well-received if they had name tags identifying them as members of SPAC. It was noted that there will be members from the RCMP, the RDN and various members of legislature in attendance. It was moved and seconded that John purchase name tags and provide them for the committee as well as extend an invitation to Dot Neary.

ACTION ITEM: John to purchase and provide name tags for the committee members for the immigrant welcome reception and extend an invitation for the reception to Dot Neary.

Child Poverty Forum- There was a great turnout for the child poverty forum with approximately 160 people attending. From the meeting there were 7 different focus areas identified in the coalition to end poverty:

- Childcare Advocacy
- Living Wage
- Food
- Social inclusion, recreation and culture
- Geography of Poverty
- Young adults

- Skills, education and training

There will be a follow-up session on Thursday, February 12th from 2-3:30pm at Beban Social Centre, Room 1.

10. COMMITTEE / COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

a) Grants Advisory Committee

No report

b) City Council

City Council approved a feasibility study for a development of aboriginal student housing at the site across from the Quarterway Pub. The deadline to report to council is May 15th.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 2015-MAR-03 at 4:45 at 411 Dunsmuir Street.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.