

MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUES., 2015-JAN-06
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terre Flower, Chair
Helena Green
Val Alcock-Carter
Angelika Valchar

Elizabeth Forrester
Ralph Meyerhoff
Bill Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Linda McCandless

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

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 2014-OCT-07 meeting be adopted as presented. The motion carried.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

John to report back to committee in regards to the SPAC/SAFER joint meeting held at a previous date.

5. DELEGATIONS

Ms Lisa Marie Barron, Barron and Associates Consulting

Ms Barron presented her report "Supporting Youth Experiencing Mental Illness in Nanaimo". Ms Barron was hired in September 2014 to consult with community organizations within Nanaimo who work directly with youth experiencing mental illness. A total of 15 organizations were consulted in this process. It was decided amongst these groups that the \$70,000 grant from SPAC would be best spent funding additional beds at the youth safe house. They have a total of 8 beds, but only 4 are currently in operation. This grant will provide them with the necessary funding to staff the remaining 4 beds. It was noted that the committee will request Tillicum to report back to them at a later date to provide details of how the funding is being utilized.

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 these grants are a great help to non-profit organizations and that the length of the process should be tailored to the amount of money that is being requested. So far, the processes have gone fairly smoothly and there were no changes to be made at this time.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

Immigrant Welcome Reception - The upcoming immigrant welcoming reception is scheduled to happen sometime in February. There will be a planning committee meeting soon to discuss and plan the details of this event. Angelika and Terre-Flower volunteered to attend these planning meetings.

Child Poverty Form - John put out an open invite to anyone who might be interested to attend the Child Poverty Forum happening on January 22nd. There will be mini-sized posters distributed. The intent of this forum is to educate the public and to initiate action plans required to help children living in poverty.

Surviving in Nanaimo booklet - There has been a great demand from the community to continue to produce this booklet. The 2015 version is currently being updated and reviewed, and should be ready for distribution in a few weeks. It was requested that the youth safe house listing include "all youth welcome" so as not to discourage any youth from utilizing these services.

Needle Drop Boxes - There has been an increase in the number of sharps being discarded in the downtown core. They are looking to increase the number of needle drop boxes to help alleviate this problem.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. COMMITTEE / COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

a) Grants Advisory Committee –

No report

b) City Council

The report to council in regards to the social development grant program was reviewed. It was requested that John make a few amendments including adding the last paragraph from the executive summary page provided by Lisa Barron, as well as the list of organizations involved in the decision from "Appendix D".

11. NEXT MEETING

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.