



MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2013-OCT-01, 4:45 PM
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terre Flower, Chair
George Anderson
Diane Brennan
Linda McCandless
Dot Neary

Val Alcock-Carter
Suzanne Andre
Elizabeth Forrester
Ralph Meyerhoff
Angelika Valchar

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Anderson
Jan Tatlock, ex officio

Helena Green

STAFF PRESENT:

John Horn, Social Planner

Cindy Hall, 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.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Committee requested that the 2013-Sep-03 Minutes be amended as follows:
Page 2 – change first bullet to read “On average, 10,000 kg of food is recovered per month.”

It was moved and seconded that the Regular Minutes from 2013-Jul-02 and the amended 2013-Sep-03 Minutes be adopted. The motion was carried.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

J. Horn advised that Council, at their meeting held 2013-Sep-23, endorsed the recommendation from SPAC “to recommend to the Provincial Government that a Poverty Reduction Plan be developed for the Province of British Columbia which effectively addresses child poverty”. A letter will be sent from the City to the Province.

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

SPAC previously identified mental health as their priority for the next two grant rounds, with sub-topics being accessibility, suicide and education. [It was clarified later in the meeting that accessibility in this instance refers to being inclusive of diversity to all members of the community, and does not refer to mobility.]

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter dated 2013-Sep-12 from Nanaimo Community Kitchens enclosing the final report on the 'Cooking Basics' program for which they received a \$7,456 grant from the Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Proposals received for the second round of 2013 Community Service grant allocations.

J. Horn advised that following the last meeting, he contacted agencies that focus on mental health and requested proposals that address mental health issues in order for them to be considered for the second round of Community Service grants (\$12,500).

SPAC reviewed proposals from:

| Organization | Proposal |
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| Columbian Centre Society | Provision of a meal program to residents of supported housing facilities. |
| NRGH Psychiatric Unit | Transitioning psychiatric patients from the hospital to their homes. |
| Canadian Mental Health Association | Public education to de-stigmatize mental illness. |
| Canadian Mental Health Association | Support to caregivers. |
| Canadian Mental Health Association | 'Living Life to the Full' program. |
| Bike Works | Youth learn about bike repair, practice hands on skills with donated bikes and work towards taking a recycled bike home. |
| VIHA Mental Health and Addiction Services | Early detection and treatment of psychosis in young people. |
| NARSF | Provide 15 practitioners with certification in CAFAS (Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale). |
| Child Friendly Cities Working Group | Attendance at 'Cities Fit for Children' conference. |

It was moved and seconded that prospective successful applicants identified by SPAC be requested to bring forward a detailed application to the November SPAC meeting for consideration of final approval of a Community Service grant. The motion was carried.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion on the proposals.

It was moved and seconded that the following organizations be invited to submit proposals to the November meeting of SPAC, and to provide information on whether the projects would be sustainable:

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| Canadian Mental Health Association | Public education to de-stigmatize mental illness. |
| Canadian Mental Health Association | 'Living Life to the Full' program. |
| Bike Works | Youth learn about bike repair, practice hands on skills with donated bikes and work towards taking a recycled bike home. |
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9. OLD BUSINESS

None.

10. COMMITTEE / COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS / INFO ITEMS

- a) Grants Advisory Committee – V. Alcock-Carter advised that the Committee had recently recommended to Council the approval of permissive tax exemptions to several church groups. Prior to that, some organizations were requested to provide the Committee with further information about their organization as the Committee had some concerns regarding their validity.
- b) Safer Nanaimo Advisory Committee – J. Horn – No report.
- c) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness – J. Horn advised that the Working Group will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless on 2013-Oct-12.
- d) City Council – D. Brennan advised that organization of the 2014 Immigrant Welcoming Reception would have to begin soon. Diane will discuss the event with H. Schlosar of the Multicultural Society and will report back at the next meeting.
- e) J. Horn advised that a Multicultural Speaker Series will be held at 6:30 pm on the first four Wednesdays in October at the Rugby Club. The purpose of the series is to explore, understand and embrace the cultural and ethnic diversity that enriches our community.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, 2013-Nov-05.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

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