



**BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET**

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## **MINUTES**

### **SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2013-MAY-07, 4:45 PM**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Terre Flower, Chair  
Bill Anderson  
Suzanne Andre  
Elizabeth Forrester  
Linda McCandless  
Dot Neary

Val Alcock-Carter  
George Anderson  
Diane Brennan  
Helena Green  
Ralph Meyerhoff

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Angelika Valchar

Jan Tatlock, ex officio

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

John Horn, Social Planner

Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm, acknowledging that it 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**

It was moved and seconded that the Regular Minutes and "In Camera" Minutes from 2013-Apr-02 be adopted. The motion was carried.

#### **4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

##### **a) Appointment of Acting Chair**

It was moved and seconded that L. McCandless will serve as Acting Chair in T. Flower's absence beginning in June, 2013. The motion was carried.

##### **b) Poverty Reduction Plan**

The Committee discussed whether Councillor Anderson or Councillor Brennan should make a motion at an upcoming Council meeting with regard to SPAC's directive from their April meeting "that the City of Nanaimo request the provincial government to support a comprehensive and accountable poverty reduction plan with targets and timelines aimed at eliminating child poverty in B.C."; or whether a report to Council from SPAC is required.

It was decided that because the recommendation is coming from SPAC, J. Horn will prepare a report to Council from SPAC. He will also contact Joy Dube, who the original request came from, to suggest she appear as a delegation at the Council meeting when the report is considered, in order to support the request.

c) BC Old Age Pensioners Branch #4

J. Horn noted that he will meet with the BC Old Age Pensioners to see if they can be assisted in a way other than a grant from SPAC.

It was moved and seconded that the Committee proceed "In Camera" pursuant to Section 90(1)(b) of the Community Charter to discuss personal information about an individual. The motion was carried.

The regular meeting resumed.

5. DELEGATIONS

The Committee requested that Nanaimo Family Life be invited to the July meeting, and Loaves & Fishes be invited to the September meeting, as delegations.

6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Awards Ceremony / Luncheon

This event will be held on Wednesday, 2013-May-22 at noon in Beban Park Lounge. SPAC members wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to C. Hall.

b) Social Issues Forums

J. Horn provided background on the upcoming social issues forums to be held in June. A strategic action in the City's Strategic Plan stated the City would support and facilitate the development of a Social and Health Network. A steering committee was formed to discuss how to achieve that action. They determined that the community should assist in identifying priorities and funding requirements. Three sessions will be held in June with approximately 20 health and social agencies in attendance at each; different groups will attend each session. They will be asked what challenges their organization face, and what their priorities are. Information gathered from the three sessions will assist the City in rewriting the 2004 Social Development Strategy. The sessions will also provide the agencies an opportunity to network. Every two to three years, the agencies will be invited to reconvene as a network, and repeat the process. Information gathered will also assist SPAC and the United Way in determining their funding allocations.

c) Provincial Liquor License Policy Changes

A report on recent changes to Liquor Control and Licensing Branch policies was considered. J. Horn noted that SPAC is consulted when liquor license applications are referred to the City by the Provincial licensing agency.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a) Draft MOU – Tillicum Lelum/City of Nanaimo

This item was deferred to the SPAC meeting in September due to a staff change at Tillicum Lelum.

b) Food Strategy

J. Horn advised there is now a blog site on the City's website where comments regarding the food strategy process can be posted.

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL UPDATE / INFO ITEMS

a) Grants Advisory Committee – No report.

b) Safer Nanaimo Advisory Committee – J. Horn advised that CAT, an organization to assist street-based sex trade workers in Nanaimo, was recently formed. The organization will track the workers, assist in keeping them safe, and help them exit the trade if they choose. CAT is presently being assisted by PEERS, the equivalent organization in Victoria which has been in operation for 17 years. J. Horn will look into whether approximately \$3000. could be granted to them, through either the Women's Centre or Haven Society, from the 2013 Social Service grant fund to assist with start-up costs.

D. Brennan added that the funding would be used to pay for a phone and cards with CAT's phone number on it for distribution to the women. She has asked CAT to prepare a budget in order to determine their needs. She noted that PEERS receives some core funding from the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

c) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness – J. Horn will provide info to SPAC about the summer BBQ for the homeless.

d) City Council Meetings (April 8, April 22) – No reports.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, 2013-Jun-04. [Meeting was cancelled to give members the opportunity to attend the Social Forum.]

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.