



BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET

MINUTES

SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2013-FEB-05, 4:45 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terre Flower, Chair
George Anderson
Elizabeth Forrester
Ralph Meyerhoff
Angelika Valchar

Val Alcock-Carter
Diane Brennan
Linda McCandless
Dot Neary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Suzanne Andre

Jan Tatlock (ex-officio)

STAFF PRESENT:

John Horn, Social Planner

Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Beaton, Project Manager, Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition of the following late items:

- a) Appointment of SPAC member to the Grants Advisory Committee;
- b) SPAC Work plan 2013.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes from 2012-Dec-04 be adopted. The motion was carried.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a) New Immigrant Welcoming Reception - D. Brennan advised that the event was a success and will now take place annually. Approximately 100 people, newly immigrated within the last 18 months, attended. The follow-up by the Multicultural Society to invitations sent was very important in getting a good turnout. Geraldine Manson from Snuneymuxw First Nation started the event by acknowledging it was being held on traditional Snuneymuxw territory, and giving the blessing. T. Flower acted as MC, as the Mayor was unable to attend, Diane Brennan gave the welcoming remarks on behalf of City Council. Sharon Jensen, Chair of the Multicultural Society welcomed the attendees, and Terre introduced MLA Leonard Krog, City Councillors Anderson, Greves, Johnstone, McKay and Pattje, and Dot Neary, School Board representative. SPAC members in attendance were E.

Forrester, D. Neary and A. Valchar. The RDN green bin and transit departments had displays, as well as Parks, Recreation and Culture, and C. Sholberg, Heritage Planner.

5. DELEGATIONS

- a) Chris Beaton, Project Manager, Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Nanaimo and Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre be created to support an urban aboriginal strategy. He provided some background information about Tillicum Lelum:
- Opened in 1968
 - Offers 40 programs and services out of 6 facilities, as well as a health centre which is one of only a few in BC
 - Open to all members of the community (not just aboriginal)
 - Focuses on early childhood development, and has a good relationship with School District 68 and VIU
 - Has a longstanding relationship with the City of Nanaimo. Their supportive housing building and safe house on Tenth Street were the first projects built under the City's 'Housing First Harm Reduction' strategy
 - The birth rate for aboriginals is higher than non-aboriginals on central Vancouver Island
 - 30 percent of aboriginals are under 15 years of age, compared to 5.1 percent being over 65 years of age.

The Federal Government has an urban aboriginal strategy, and the Provincial Government has announced its intention to introduce one. Tillicum would like to formalize the work already undertaken with the City by entering into an MOU, and are willing to take on pilot projects. Tillicum has demonstrated a high level of participation at City meetings, and projects have been implemented such as the building on Tenth Street. Tillicum has the reputation of getting things done. The MOU would be a working document, and there would be a shared acknowledgment that the issues would be worked on together.

J. Horn noted the City has MOU's with the Multicultural Society and VIHA. They give a sense of commitment, but do not bind.

A committee member stated the MOU should be focused and identify areas of mutual interest.

Another member suggested that the MOU be a framework, and not specific – a dynamic document, and not stagnant.

It was moved and seconded that SPAC request John Horn and Chris Beaton to work out details of the MOU and to bring it back to SPAC for further discussion and possible recommendation to Council. The motion was carried.

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

C. Beaton left the meeting.

6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- a) A suggestion was made to include on grant applications a question about the demographics of who will be served by the proposal.
- b) At the SPAC meeting held 2012-Oct-02, 'food infrastructure' was identified as SPAC's priority for 2013. Discuss at next meeting whether that will pertain to 2013 Community Service grants as well.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Committee considered a report dated December 2012 from Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre regarding use of their 2012 Social Development Grant.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Appointment of SPAC member to the Grants Advisory Committee.

It was moved and seconded that Val Alcock-Carter be SPAC's representative on the Grants Advisory Committee. The motion was carried.

- b) 2013 Excellence in Social Development Awards – Review nomination form and timeline.

Staff will make the nomination form that is available on the City's website fillable, and indicate on it that the nominee does not have to be a volunteer.

It was moved and seconded that the nomination form and timeline be approved. The motion was carried.

- c) Work Plan

The 2013 Work Plan for SPAC was discussed and some minor wording changes were suggested.

It was moved and seconded that the Work Plan as amended be forwarded to Council for their approval. The motion was carried.

Regarding grant applications, the committee directed that the requirement for a follow-up report be requested in the application form and letter to the applicant.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Loaves & Fishes Food 4U Truck

Photos of the new truck showing the logos were viewed.

The committee requested that Peter Sinclair from Loaves & Fishes be invited to attend SPAC's meeting in May to give the committee an update on the program.

J. Horn noted that Loaves & Fishes are holding their official launch of the Food 4U program and truck on February 16 in the parking lot outside of Thrifty Foods at Port Place Mall. SPAC are invited to attend.

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL UPDATE / INFO ITEMS

- a) Grants Advisory Committee – No report.
- b) Safer Nanaimo Advisory Committee – No report.
- c) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness – No report.
- d) Council Update – No report.

11. NEXT MEETING

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.