

**MINUTES
SAFER NANAIMO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD 2012-JUN-21 AT 10:30 AM
ROTARY FIELD HOUSE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Pattje, Chair
Jim Kipp
Diane Brennan
Bill Carter

Inga Nielsen-Cooper
Samantha Letourneau
Marg Fraser
Gord Fuller

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Laraine Ashpole

Norm McPhail

STAFF:

Randy Churchill, Bylaw Services
Jeff Ritchie, Parks
Rob Weaver, RCMP
Sheryl Armstrong, RCMP
Gail Honeyman, Recording Secretary

John Horn, Community Planning
Dave LaBerge, RCMP
Gord Nixon, Bylaw Services
Matt Watkin, RCMP

DELEGATIONS:

Joy Bremner
Ted Aussem

Mike Harrison

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM.

INTRODUCTION:

F. Pattje reviewed the mandate and objectives of the committee and welcomed the new members.

DELEGATION – TERMINAL PARK RESIDENTS

Ms Joy Bremner spoke on the increased disorderly and criminal activities in the Terminal Park area. There are instances of trespass and theft from private residences; loitering; camping in public parks; public urination; and other disorders. She indicated that the neighbourhood is working together to establish a Block Watch program. She asked that SAFER assist by developing a strategy for the stakeholders in the community to respond to issues.

Councillor Brennan entered the meeting at 10:47 am.

S. Armstrong said that the RCMP is doing proactive work in this community. There are more patrols of the area including foot patrols. She suggested a community meeting with stakeholders.

D. LaBerge said the RCMP is working on the challenges in the neighbourhood. The vulnerable people on the street have needs which should be addressed. One of the long term projects is to get people housed and well. In the short term, public safety issues must be dealt with.

SEX TRADE WORKERS INITIATIVE

D. LaBerge spoke on the initiative that is being developed for sex trade workers in the City. This initiative is to develop a proactive and balanced response to problems associated to the sex trade. The system will have an emphasis on communication and will provide for a more timely response if someone is missing. There will also be a process for the workers to report "bad dates".

The project will take time. SAFER is asked to provide support. It was suggested that a pilot project be developed.

PUBLIC WASHROOMS

A temporary washroom has been installed in the parkade at Bastion and Skinner Streets. It has been fairly successful. The washroom is serviced twice a week. There has been some vandalism and graffiti. Another site is being considered on Victoria Crescent.

M. Fraser left the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Permanent public washrooms are needed downtown for all users.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the committee support a budget submission for a public washroom facility downtown. The motion CARRIED.

LOW BARRIER HOUSING

J. Horn provided an update on low barrier housing. Pacifica had public meetings regarding the new housing on Uplands Drive. They were pleased with the positive response.

There will be approximately 118 units when all the housing is completed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

F. Pattje
Chair