



MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2012-JUN-05, 4:45 PM
IN THE NANAIMO AQUATIC CENTRE, 741 THIRD STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terre Flower, Chair
George Anderson
Elizabeth Forrester
Ralph Meyerhoff
John Neville

Val Alcock-Carter
Diane Brennan
Zeni Maartman
Dot Neary
Angelika Valchar

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Suzanne Andre

Linda McCandless

STAFF PRESENT:

John Horn, Social Planner

Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes from 2012-May-01 be adopted. The motion was carried.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that on future agendas, 'Strategic Planning' follow 'Delegations'. The motion was carried.

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) A report from Haven Society regarding the Stepping Out program was received.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Applications received for the first round of 2012 Community Service grants were reviewed. Because of a perceived conflict of interest, E. Forrester vacated the meeting room when the St. Andrew's Presbyterian grant application was discussed.

Some of the Committee's comments were:

- Much of what is being requested is the responsibility of senior government, and could be considered downloading.
- The Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre should contact the John Howard Society regarding men's suits that were donated to the Society.

G. Anderson left the meeting at 6:05 pm.

- St. Paul's Anglican Church, Island Crisis Care Society, and the Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre should work together. Some of their programs appear to overlap.
- SPAC should consider making a recommendation to City Council that they include a line item in their budget for food provision funding based on a per capita assessment.
- Schools receive funding for food from the Province based on how they fall on the vulnerability scale.
- If St. Paul's Church is awarded a grant, it should be targeted to specific programs around creating community.
- The grant application evaluation table should be amended to add a "suggested grant amount" column, and a column to rate each application as high, medium or low priority.
- SPAC should have a discussion at their September meeting re systemic issues.

It was moved and seconded that the following allocations be approved by City Council:

Applicant	Funds to be Used For	Amount Requested \$	Amount Recommended \$
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	Community Lunch Program	2,500	1,000
Southend Community Association	Miners Heritage Picnic	-	250
Island Crisis Care Society	Transportation to Appointments	2,405	400
Young Life	Training Leaders	2,500	1,000
Waterfront Rock Balancing Artist	Signage/Fencing, Supplies, Hiring Assistants	2,500	0
Haven Society	Stepping Out Program	2,500	1,000
St. Paul's Anglican Church	Food, Clothing, Transportation for those in Need	1,500	1,000

Nanaimo Brain Injury Society	Peer Mentoring Program	2,500	1,500
The Salvation Army – Nanaimo Ministries	New Tables for Meal Centre	2,500	500
Nanaimo Family Life Association	Grey Matters Program	2,500	1,000
Victoria Human Exchange, Nanaimo Branch	Improvements to Homeless Facility	2,500	0
Canadian Mental Health Association	Gardening and Clean-up done by Homeless Individuals	2,500	1,000
Nanaimo 7-10 Club Society	Community Breakfast and Lunch Program	2,500	800
Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre	Clothing Program and Supervised Access Program	2,500	250
Nanaimo Disability Resource Centre	Computer Tutor at Home Program	2,500	1,000
Scouts Canada	Membership Subsidies and Special Events Assistance	2,500	0
Mid Island Abilities & Independent Living Society	Gala Grand Opening of New Society	2,500	0
Nanaimo Region John Howard Society	Together We Can Breakfast	2,400	800
Nanaimo CarShare Co-operative	Financing Plan for New Members	2,400	0
Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society	Bellies to Babies and Beyond Program	2,500	1,000
TOTAL		46,200	12,500

The motion was carried.

The Committee directed that delegations not be scheduled for future meetings where grant applications will be deliberated.

b) Appoint SPAC member to Grants Advisory Committee

It was moved and seconded that John Neville be appointed as SPAC's representative on the Grants Advisory Committee. The motion was carried.

c) Welcoming Reception for New Immigrants

D. Brennan advised that she would be making the following motion at the City Council meeting to be held 2012-Jun-11:

"That Mayor and Council host an annual citizenship welcome reception for new immigrants, and that the Social Planning Advisory Committee be tasked with planning the event with a budget of \$2,000."

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Inquiry from Nanaimo Addiction Foundation re Partnering in Grant Funding

Deferred to next meeting.

- b) Discussion re possible VIHA representation on SPAC

Some of the Committee's comments were:

- Having a representative from VIHA would provide a route to systemic change.
- Suggest inviting a VIHA representative to SPAC meetings as needed, and discuss the issue in question at the beginning of the meeting.
- Would like a VIHA representative to be a full-time member of SPAC, as much of what SPAC considers is aligned with health in some way. Would also provide an opportunity for SPAC to be apprised of VIHA funding opportunities.
- Consider having a VIHA representative as an ex-officio member. Being employees of the Province, they might have a conflict of interest if they were a voting member, which could skew discussion around the SPAC table.
- The difference with the School Board member on SPAC is that the School Board representative is not an employee of SD68.
- A VIHA representative could be a conduit and relay SPAC's message back to their organization.
- VIHA wants to participate on SPAC. They want to build a relationship with the City, and this would be a good place to start.

It was moved and seconded that Jan Tatlock, Director, Community Programs, Public Health & CYF Services for VIHA be invited to attend SPAC meetings as an ex-officio member, and that the seat be reviewed in future to consider making it a full member. The motion was carried.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL UPDATE / INFO ITEMS

- a) Grants Advisory Committee – Deferred to next meeting.
- b) Safer Nanaimo Advisory Committee – Deferred to next meeting.
- c) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness – Deferred to next meeting.
- d) Council Update – Deferred to next meeting.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

- a) SPAC's priorities for the next three years.

Deferred to next meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2012-Jul-03 in Jack Little Room A, Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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