



MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUES., 2012-MAY-01, 4:45 PM
IN THE NANAIMO ICE CENTRE LOUNGE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Val Alcock-Carter
Suzanne Andre
Terre Flower
Ralph Meyerhoff
John Neville

George Anderson
Diane Brennan
Elizabeth Forrester
Dot Neary
Angelika Valchar

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Zeni Maartman

Linda McCandless

STAFF PRESENT:

John Horn, Social Planner

Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jan Tatlock, VIHA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 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-Apr-03 be adopted. The motion was carried.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) Research Proposal re Supported Housing

J. Horn advised that he had advised K. McDougall of SPAC's directive from the last meeting with regard to providing a document setting out goals, objectives and purpose of the proposal. She has since done so, and a letter has been sent to her with terms and conditions of the contract for her to sign and return to the City.

It was moved and seconded that the contract be amended to include an end date of 2012-Aug-31 for the first stage of the research proposal. The motion was carried.

b) Stand Up Speak Out Youth Against Hate Event

J. Horn reported that the event was well-attended. G. Anderson added that attendees, including the RCMP, were engaged, speakers were thoughtful, and the working groups functioned well. The organizers are having a debrief this week, and will work on producing a community charter. They indicated they may approach the City for assistance.

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Choose Criteria for First Round of 2012 Community Service Grants

The Committee discussed strategic priorities identified at the Funding Information Session and Strategic Planning Workshop held 2012-Mar-27, and how those priorities could guide the choosing of criteria for the first round of Community Service Grants.

Some of the Committee's comments were:

- Community groups in attendance at the Workshop suggested priorities for SPAC to consider. SPAC could now pick one of the priorities or narrow it down to be more specific in order to balance proposals against each other; i.e. broad or narrow.
- With a total amount of \$12,500 to be allocated in this round, grant applications would most likely be for amounts from \$500 to \$5000.
- A maximum of \$2500 per grant could be set for this round of Community Service grants. Later in the year, the Social Development Grant fund, which is much larger, could leave the amount open to allow for large projects.

It was moved and seconded that grant applications in the first round of Community Service Grants be limited to a maximum of \$2500 per project. The motion was carried.

- In the past, the total of the Community Service Grant fund (\$25,000) was split into two rounds of \$12,500 in order to allow the Committee to address emerging issues.
- Spring and fall were chosen for the Community Service Grant rounds because it is difficult for non-profits to prepare grant applications in the summer.
- SPAC's funding has been used by groups as leverage to get funding elsewhere.

It was moved and seconded that Community Service Grants continue to be allocated in two rounds (spring and fall) with \$12,500 available for each round. The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that the criteria for the first round of 2012 Community Service Grants be: "Small-scale projects that address issues of isolation and/or exclusion within and between communities". The motion was carried.

- Examples of organizations or projects that might fit this criteria are: church projects; multicultural projects; food projects; neighbourhood associations (e.g. helping them accept people with mental health problems into their neighbourhoods); and Young Professionals of Nanaimo (e.g. garden plots).
- The City should not fund school groups as they are appended to SD68.

b) Bullying

G. Anderson read out an email he had received from a parent who's child was bullied at school. Copies of the email will be forwarded to SPAC members.

Some of the Committee's comments were:

- What is the relevance to SPAC?
- The City could provide an initiative to complement the one presently in place by the School District.
- Bullying is a problem not limited to schools; it is everywhere and therefore would be relevant to SPAC.
- EDI scores are a bit lower in Nanaimo, and social readiness may be a factor. Students need more assistance in boosting their confidence.
- What is happening in school might be a reflection of what is happening at home, so this is a broader social issue.
- SPAC could contact SD68 and ask how they could fit in with their strategy on bullying.
- Concerned about the bullying paradigm.

c) Nanaimo Addiction Foundation (NAF)

J. Horn advised that NAF had inquired whether SPAC would be interested in partnering in grant funding again as they were very pleased with the quality of proposals received for 2012 Healthy Community Grants. (SPAC contributed equally to those grants from their Social Development Grant fund.) They would again like to focus on prevention, but would be open to discussing this with SPAC.

The Committee decided to consider this request further at their next meeting following their discussion on strategic planning and what their priorities for the next three years will be.

d) New Mandate & Objectives

J. Horn advised that the new Mandate & Objectives document for SPAC, which will replace SPAC's present Terms of Reference, was adopted by City Council on

2012-Apr-16. A few of the changes were the elimination of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission representative on SPAC, and the representative from SPAC on PNAC.

When asked about SPAC's suggestion that they have a representative on the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, J. Horn noted that the Commission's inclination was to not add more seats.

J. Horn introduced Jan Tatlock from VIHA. In a meeting between J. Horn and Dr. Paul Hasselback, Medical Health Officer for Central V.I., the need for the City and VIHA to work together was discussed. A suggestion was made that Ms. Tatlock attend SPAC as an ex-officio member to help forge a closer relationship between the two bodies, and as a crossover regarding the Local Health Area Profile considered at an earlier meeting by SPAC.

J. Tatlock advised that she is the Director of Community Services for VIHA, and looks after the issues of public health, communicable disease, environmental health, tobacco, and licensing. In May 2011, the Premier unveiled the following public health initiatives to look at how to impact long-term health and wellness of communities: healthy start (prenatal to two); healthy communities (healthy schools); healthy lifestyles; and healthy eating. VIHA does not have a direct role in housing, but she is interested in housing issues because of how they directly affect health and wellness. She will provide a PowerPoint presentation at the next SPAC meeting on social determinants.

SPAC members introduced themselves, and advised that they will have further discussion at the next meeting on whether a VIHA representative should attend meetings as an ex officio member.

e) Meeting Room

SPAC will meet in the following rooms until the new City Hall Annex meeting room is available:

2012-Jun-05	Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, Jack Little Room A
2012-Jul-03	Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, Jack Little Room A
No meeting in August	
2012-Sep-04	Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, Jack Little Room A
2012-Oct-02	Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, Jack Little Room B

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL UPDATE / INFO ITEMS

a) Grants Advisory Committee – J. Neville – No report.

b) Safer Nanaimo Working Group – J. Horn – No report.

- c) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness – J. Horn reported that the Group will put on a BBQ for the homeless on July 29 at Bowen Park. They will hold a Thanksgiving dinner but not a Christmas dinner this year, as they have decided instead to advertise and support Christmas dinners for the homeless being planned by other organizations.
- d) Council Meeting Updates:
 - Mar. 12 - V. Alcock-Carter advised that the main topic was the financial plan.
 - Apr.16 - R. Meyerhoff advised that the issue of opening up the Westwood Tennis Club to the public by amending their Land Use Contract was discussed. Some Neighbourhood Association members were concerned about what effect a business opening up beside the Bethlehem Retreat Centre would have on the Centre.
 - Apr.30 - D. Neary noted the Chamber of Commerce presented on their Successful Cities project, and that it appeared to be parallel to the City's strategic planning process that is currently taking place. The Chamber's project included 12 elements and 66 action items.
 - D. Brennan added that Council approved a parking variance request for a new karaoke restaurant that will be primarily attended by international students, many of whom do not own cars.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

SPAC's priorities for the next three years will be discussed at the next meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2012-Jun-05 in the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre (741 Third Street) in Jack Little Room A

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.