



MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUES., 2011-OCT-04
BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, 455 WALLACE STREET

PRESENT:

Zeni Maartman, Chair
Bev Barton
Linda McCandless
Ralph Meyerhoff

Val Alcock-Carter
Jim Kipp
Sharon Welch
John Neville

REGRETS:

Janet Cowling
Elizabeth Forrester

Judy Lekisch
Terre Flower

STAFF:

John Horn, Social Planner

Rebecca Tubbs, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:51 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by J. Neville that the Minutes from 2011-Sep-06
be adopted as presented. CARRIED

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Choose Criteria for 2012 Social Development Grant Program (\$60,000 available)

At the 2011-Jul-05 SPAC meeting, the Nanaimo Addiction Foundation (NAF) proposed to match dollar for dollar (up to a max. of \$40,000) the City's funding for 2012 Social Development grants, if the grant criteria related to programs aimed at treating drug addiction. SPAC would place the call for submissions, and NAF would assist in application review and selection.

MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by S. Welch, that \$30,000 of the 2012 Social Development grant budget be pooled with \$30,000 from the Nanaimo Addiction Foundation, for a total of \$60,000 to be used toward programs aimed at treating drug addiction. CARRIED

The remaining \$30,000 of the 2012 Social Development grant budget will be distributed based on a different criterion. Suggestions included programs aimed at reducing child poverty, assisting families, the working poor, seniors; adults on income assistance or with a limited income; and the unemployed; and programs related to education/school programs (such as PACs), social enterprise, and food.

MOVED by J. Kipp, SECONDED by V. Alcock-Carter, that the criterion for the remaining \$30,000 of the 2012 Social Development grant funds be "programs aimed at the relief of poverty by supporting groups/individuals to access education". CARRIED

It was noted that funds would be useful for Parent Advisory Committees (PACs) to use for educational purposes within the schools (even small amounts up to \$1,000), and that School District 68 PACs be invited to apply for a grant by way of a one-page letter.

MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by J. Kipp, that a letter be sent to the District PAC inviting and encouraging their members to consider applying for a Social Development grant. CARRIED

J. Kipp left the meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a) Continue Discussion from last meeting re Social Status Report Update

Due to the unsatisfactory quality of the report update, some changes need to be made. Prior to the meeting, J. Lekisch submitted suggested changes which J. Horn will review and present a revised report update at the next SPAC meeting.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL UPDATE / INFO ITEMS

a) PNAC – No report.

b) Grants Advisory Committee – J. Neville reported that the 7-10 Club requested a grant subsidy of \$12,000 (to achieve a 50% reduction in rent). The Grants Advisory Committee recommended that the 7-10 Club ask City Council for the funds, and therefore, the item may appear on an upcoming Council agenda.

c) Safer Nanaimo Working Group – J. Horn advised that the main issue being discussed by the Group is the lack of public washrooms downtown. They are looking to facilitate the provision of toilets downtown, and are currently reviewing examples from Victoria and Vancouver.

d) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness – J. Horn reported that the Group recently hosted the "homeless connect day" as well as a sleepover at Maffeo Sutton Park. Next week they will be providing a thanksgiving dinner at St. Paul's Church.

Applications for the funds (\$66,000) the City received from the RDN, which had originally been allocated to the RDN from VIHA to support capacity building for homelessness, were reviewed by the Group and the following allocations will be made:

Canadian Mental Health Association (Mid Island Branch)	\$2,000
Nanaimo John Howard Society	\$3,200
Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre	\$2,000
Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness	\$10,000
First Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo	\$48,800

L. McCandless left the meeting.

- e) Council Updates – 2011-Sep-12 – R. Meyerhoff reported there was nothing of a social nature discussed at that Council meeting.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

a) Social Agencies Forum

Deferred to next meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, 2011-Nov-01.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.