



MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2010-NOV-02, 4:45 PM
BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, 455 WALLACE STREET

PRESENT:

J. Kipp, Acting Chair
A. Evans
J. Lekisch
J. Neville

V. Alcock-Carter
E. Forrester
R. Meyerhoff
J. Templeman

REGRETS:

B. Barton
Z. Maartman

J. Cowling
S. Welch

STAFF: J. Horn, Social Planner C. Hall, Recording Secretary

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

MOVED by V. Alcock-Carter, SECONDED by R. Meyerhoff that the Minutes from 2010-Oct-05 be adopted. CARRIED.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5. DELEGATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) The Committee reviewed Letters of Intent received from the following organizations for the 2011 Social Development grant program:

- Nanaimo Women's Resources Centre
- Volunteer Nanaimo
- Shore Counselling Society
- The Salvation Army Nanaimo Ministries
- Nanaimo Mother and Baby Society
- Haven Society
- Nanaimo Foodshare

- Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society
- Nanaimo Community Gardens Society
- Nanaimo Citizen Advocacy Association
- British Columbia Paraplegic Association
- Nanaimo Addiction Foundation

The Letters of Intent were evaluated under the following criteria: “Proposals that address one or more of the areas of focus identified in the *Social Development Strategy* and the accompanying *Social Status Report*.”

MOVED by J. Lekish, SECONDED by A. Evans that the following organizations be requested to submit a full application. CARRIED.

Organization	Proposal
Volunteer Nanaimo	Nanaimo Community Dental Clinic
The Salvation Army Nanaimo Ministries	Providing vouchers for hair cuts
Haven Society	Stepping Out program
Nanaimo Women’s Resources Society	Go Girl program
Nanaimo Citizen Advocacy Association	Helping individuals in the community build capacity

The Committee requested that Volunteer Nanaimo be asked whether they sought the funding mentioned in their 2010 Social Development grant application, and that all the organizations requested to submit a full application, be asked to indicate the “scaleability” of their proposal so that if the full amount requested cannot be provided, whether the proposed activity can be implemented on a smaller scale with a smaller budget.

It was also requested that the ad soliciting Letters of Intent for the 2012 Social Development grant program direct applicants to the program’s guidelines on the City’s website in order that they include a program budget.

When Letters of Intent are received for the 2012 Social Development grant program, staff will provide SPAC with the status reports received from organizations reapplying for funding.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL UPDATE / INFO ITEMS

- PNAC – No report.
- Grants Advisory Committee – J. Neville advised that the Grants Committee did a review of their criteria. As organizations who receive City grants are not eligible for tax exemption, the Committee will review the permissive tax exemption list at their next meeting.
- Safer Nanaimo Working Group – J. Horn reported that Safer are working on “shepherding” the affordable housing strategy through, and ensuring that proposals are distributed across the city. One neighbourhood where a building is being proposed is exhibiting anxiety, whereas another neighborhood that is farther along in

- the process is showing little concern as they become more experienced in addressing the issues.
- d) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness – J. Neville advised that the Thanksgiving dinner put on by the NWGH was a phenomenal success.
 - e) Council Update – October 25 - R. Meyerhoff reported that there were two presentations regarding the supportive housing project proposed for the hospital area. Residents were concerned about being overburdened with services in their area, and about the fact that the buildings would be “wet houses”. Ralph encouraged SPAC to attend any future open houses on the planned supported housing projects.

SPAC voiced concern that if Council did not proceed with the projects, the homeless problem would only get worse. If the problem is addressed now, costs would be far less than if left to the future.

MOVED by V. Alcock-Carter, SECONDED by E. Forrester that SPAC send a letter to City Council encouraging Council to retain their stance regarding supportive housing projects planned for Nanaimo, and to not react to fear from a minority of the citizens of the city.
CARRIED.

Suggestions were also made that staff should consult homeless strategy resource material from a few years ago about gaining community approval; and that Larry Campbell should be invited to speak to City Council.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting/Christmas Social will be held on Tuesday, 2010-Dec-07. The business portion of the meeting will be held in the Board Room, followed by dinner at the Keg Restaurant.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm