



MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2010-SEP-07
BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL

PRESENT:

J. Kipp, Acting Chair
B. Barton
J. Lekisch
J. Neville

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

REGRETS: A. Evans
Z. Maartman

J. Cowling
S. Welch

GUESTS: Leanne Salter, President, Dental Working Group

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 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-Jul-06 be adopted. CARRIED

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) Social Status Report

With regard to updating the Social Status Report, J. Horn advised that Lynne Brown and Dennis Sylvestrone are interviewing the consultants who submitted proposals. When the selection is made, SPAC members who had stated an interest in attending the meetings with the consultant, will be advised of meeting times.

5. DELEGATIONS

a) Leanne Salter, President, Dental Working Group

L. Salter provided a status report on CODE (Community Organized Dental Enterprise) which is a non-profit, community-based dental clinic to be located at #201-489 Wallace Street. The clinic has four dentists "on board", including a children's dentist, and proposes to open in mid to late October. An accountant and denturist have also stated an interest in becoming involved. She noted that J. Horn found them a good site with affordable rent, and volunteers contributed much hard work and creativity over the past year on renovations.

She thanked SPAC for the 2010 Social Development grant the clinic received, and advised they would apply for a 2011 grant if they meet the criteria.

Responding to questions from the Committee, L. Salter advised that the clinic plans to open two to four days per month. The long-term plan is to not require grant money, and to pay staff a stipend. J. Horn noted the clinic has a lease for five years.

The Committee suggested that if the criteria for the 2011 Social Development grant program is appropriate for the clinic to apply, that the clinic's application address their long-term funding plan. It was also suggested that SPAC may wish to review reports from successful free dental clinics operating in BC.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Community Service Grants

The Committee had a lengthy discussion on the nine applications received. Some comments were:

- Organizations who have permissive tax exemption are also eligible for Community Service grants and Social Development grants.
- There does not appear to be coordination amongst food providers.
- Some organizations appeared to be sitting on large surpluses.
- Some organizations who applied were direct food providers requesting funds to pay for food, and some were service providers requesting funds to extend/enhance their services.
- As there was such a small amount to allocate (\$10,000), the Committee decided to concentrate on food providers.

V. Alcock-Carter left the meeting.

MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by J. Lekisch to recommend Council allocate the following Community Service grants:

Organization	Program	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society	Low Cost Cooking for Health	\$3,000	\$2,000
Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre	After School Nutrition Break & Family Support Emergency Fund	\$6,000	0
St. Paul's Lutheran Church	Ramp to basement	\$10,000	0
Haven Society	Subsidizing access to services that require nominal fees for disadvantaged women and their families	\$6,625	0
Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank	Food 4U	\$4,000	\$4,000
Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre	Dads Make a Difference Family Crisis Support Services	\$5,000	0

	Dads and Kids Connect		
Nanaimo 7-10 Club Society	Provision of local produce, fruit and eggs for its community breakfasts and bag lunches	\$4,000	\$4,000
Nanaimo Foodshare Society	Kids get Cooking and Gardening	\$7,500	0
The Farm at Cedar Woods	Implementing a system of food production to help stock the shelves of Nanaimo organizations that feed the hungry	\$10,000	0

The motion carried. (E. Forrester abstained from voting.)

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL UPDATE / INFO ITEMS

- a) PNAC – No report.
- b) Grants Advisory Committee – No report.
- c) Safer Nanaimo Working Group – No report.
- d) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness – No report.
- e) Council Update:

July 12 – J. Kipp noted there was discussion around tax exemption with respect to the E&N Railway Station.

August 9 – E. Forrester advised that a presentation was given on the “Twelve Cubed Homes” concept, and their application to use property on Bowen Road for display purposes.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

J. Kipp suggested that in light of the Committee noticing a perceived lack of communication and possible overlap in services when reviewing grant applications from social agencies, that groups who have received grants in the past be invited to a get-together, to find out what services they currently provide and what they plan on providing in future.

Some comments from the Committee were:

- It is important to also invite food service organizations who haven't applied for grants.
- An organization having their own niche is not necessarily an overlap.
- An alternative to a get-together would be to put a questionnaire on the internet, and compile responses into a matrix.

- Asking the organizations in person if there are ways their work could be enhanced might help SPAC better understand what the groups do.
- Suggestions could be made to the groups to be more specific about what the grant is going to be used for when they are filling out their application, and to be realistic in their requests. They could also be asked how the funds would help to build service capacity, and why some have large reserves.

The get-together will be placed on SPAC's work plan for 2011.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, 2010-Oct-05.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

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Chair

Date