



**MINUTES**  
**SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2009-NOV-03**  
**BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL**

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**PRESENT:**

Jim Kipp, Chair  
Bev Barton  
Zeni Maartman  
Jane Templeman

Val Alcock-Carter  
Janet Cowling  
John Neville  
Sharon Welch

**REGRETS:**

Adam Evans  
Judy Lekisch

Elizabeth Forrester  
Ralph Meyerhoff

**STAFF:**

John Horn, Social Planner

Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

**OTHER:**

Marjorie Driscoll, Volunteer Nanaimo

Geri Sera, Volunteer Nanaimo

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS & AGENDA**

The agenda was approved with the addition of 'Discussion re SPAC budget'.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by V. Alcock-Carter, SECONDED by S. Welch that the Minutes from 2009-Oct-06 be adopted. CARRIED.

**4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**5. DELEGATIONS**

- a) Volunteer Nanaimo – Marjorie Driscoll and Geri Sera gave a presentation to SPAC regarding Volunteer Nanaimo. Some of their comments were:
- The organization's mission is "to enhance the quality of life in our community by increasing the impact of volunteerism."
  - The organization builds social welfare fabric through volunteerism; runs a community information and resource centre; and strengthens non-profits through capacity building, partnership development, fund development support, technology services, and consultation.
  - They made two partnership requests to the City of Nanaimo:
    - i. In-kind rental space.

- ii. Funding support in the amount of \$20,000 over a period of two years to support connecting volunteers to organizations and community events, and to establish a revenue generating business plan (social enterprise).

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Driscoll and Ms. Sera advised that volunteer organizations across B.C. are also struggling financially. Volunteer Nanaimo receives its funding from gaming revenue and project-based funding. However, filling out the required forms to apply for gaming funds is very time consuming, and now has very specific priorities. It also puts them in a competitive fundraising mode. Regarding office space, as their previous lease ran out, they are presently renting on a month-to-month basis. If they could acquire space from the City for \$1/yr. as is the case in some other municipalities, it would assist them greatly.

The Chair advised that the City supports the work of volunteers and that SPAC would endeavour to assist in their requests.

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by J. Cowling that the presentation be received. CARRIED.

Ms. Driscoll and Ms. Sera left the meeting.

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by V. Alcock-Carter that letters be sent to Parks, Recreation & Culture and the Chamber of Commerce advising that it is the view of SPAC that Volunteer Nanaimo is a value to the community and requesting Parks, Recreation & Culture to look into providing office space to Volunteer Nanaimo at a nominal fee; and that the Chamber of Commerce consider partnering with Volunteer Nanaimo in some way. CARRIED.

- b) Food4U – Val Alcock-Carter reported that the program is going well but that there are a few “kinks” that need to be worked out, such as people arriving at the depots that have not registered in advance. The idea of local food being distributed from several locations is a good one though.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Card dated 2009-Oct-09 from Start with Art Nanaimo thanking SPAC for their recent Community Service Grant.
- b) Letter dated 2009-Sep-30 from the Nanaimo Child Development Centre thanking SPAC for their recent Community Service Grant.

MOVED by B. Barton, SECONDED by S. Welch that the correspondence be received. CARRIED.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Letters of Intent received for the 2010 Social Development Grant Program were reviewed by the Committee.

MOVED by S. Welch, SECONDED by Z. Maartman that the following organizations be requested to submit full applications for 2010 Social Development Grants:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>
Loaves & Fishes Food Bank	Food (combine Food4U & egg purchase).
Volunteer Nanaimo	Nanaimo Community Dental Clinic.
Nanaimo Foodshare	Good Food Box.
Nanaimo Community Kitchens	Low Cost Cooking for Health.

The following were not chosen to submit a full application:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Reason to not proceed to full application</b>
Jacoba Kawahara	Housing and Resource Network	Not a registered non-profit.
Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre	Family Crisis Support Service	Other proposals more comprehensively addressed the grant criteria.
Mid Island Ability Society	Fresh Start	Other proposals provided significantly better value for money, and spoke to more pressing needs in the lives of the poor.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Budget – J. Horn gave a brief update on the Committee's budget. Ideas for possible use of the Committee's budget for 2010 are to host a workshop or sponsor a speaker. As the Committee has funds remaining in their 2009 budget, it was suggested that Volunteer Nanaimo be contracted to organize the meeting of social agencies that SPAC has been discussing.

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by V. Alcock-Carter that Volunteer Nanaimo be asked if they would be interested in organizing a Round Table meeting of social planning groups to be held in January 2010. CARRIED.

John will look into whether funds from the Committee's 2009 budget could be used in this way.

## 9. COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL UPDATES / INFO ITEMS

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee – No report.
- b) Grants Advisory Committee – No report.
- c) Safer Nanaimo Working Group

J. Horn advised that BC Housing, VIHA and the City recently interviewed proponents for the contract to operate the affordable housing project to be built on Wesley Street. A process for neighbourhood consultation is also being planned. Discussions have been

held with the School Board regarding problems associated with the adjoining property and the necessity to have the problems rectified prior to completion of the project.

d) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness

S. Welch advised that the Working Group hosted two Thanksgiving dinners, feeding approximately 200 people. She noted there were more families at the dinners this year. During 'Homeless Action Week' a service fair was held providing hands-on services as well as information for the homeless. It was a great collaborative event and the Working Group hope to hold it annually.

e) Council Update – No report.

f) Building Relationships Across Difference: A Community Dialogue

Information was distributed on an upcoming event to be held on Saturday, 2009-Nov-14 at Bowen Park Auditorium by the Central V.I. Multicultural Society.

g) 7-10 Club

Z. Maartman noted an upcoming 7-10 Club event to be held on Sunday, 2009-Nov-08.

## 10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

## 11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2009-Dec-01 at 4:45 pm in the Board Room, followed by dinner at Asteras Taverna, 347 Wesley Street, at 5:30 pm.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

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Chair

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