

CITY OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF THE SAFER NANAIMO WORKING
GROUP HELD 2009-OCT-20

PRESENT:

Councillor Fred Pattje, Co-chair
Councillor Merv Unger, Co-chair
Tim Davidson, Bylaw Services
Gord Nixon, Community Policing
Wally Taylor, RCMP Bike Unit
Dave LaBerge, RCMP Bike Unit
Gail Pasaluko, Parks and Recreation
John Horn, Community Planning
Inga Nielsen-Cooper, Tillicum Lelum
Tom Hickey, Public Works
Ted Swabey, Development Services
Marg Fraser, VIHA
Lorna Medd, VIHA
Matt Hussmann, DNPS
Gail Honeyman, Recording Secretary

Delegations:

There were no public delegations.

Assertive Community Treatment Team

The province has released \$1.6 million for an Assertive Community Treatment Team which will be comprised of medical, social work, and support personnel. They will be operating from 528 Wentworth Street. The team will respond to the needs of the clients and the goal is to engage with the people requiring help. One of the team members will be a person who has had a mental illness.

Ms. Fraser also informed the group that Clearview Detox is again open.

Update – Requests for Expressions of Interest – Wesley Street Supportive Housing

City of Nanaimo, BC Housing, and VIHA staff met and interviewed three applicants. Two of the proposals merited further discussion. It is hoped that an operator will be selected by Friday (2009-Oct-23).

Quennel Square CPTED Analysis

The group discussed the problems in this area. There are several parts of this neighbourhood which are not occupied and that cannot be seen from surrounding properties. There is no natural surveillance.

It was suggested that a meeting be held with the school board to discuss matters in the neighbourhood and what can be done from a CPTED perspective. A report should be brought back to the working group.

Supportive Housing – Vancouver

There was a discussion about the tour of the supportive housing in Vancouver. It was an opportunity to discuss the operation with experienced operators.

Good Neighbour Agreement – Harris House

There was a meeting with Harris House and area residents/businesses in January. There was a great deal of anxiety. Since that time, the business community has made a decision not to sign a Good Neighbour Agreement.

Discussions took place regarding possible neighbourhood meetings to discuss any problems.

The meeting terminated at 11:30 a.m.