



MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2009-SEP-01
BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL

PRESENT:

Jim Kipp, Chair
Bev Barton
Elizabeth Forrester
Zeni Maartman
Jane Templeman

Val Alcock-Carter
Janet Cowling
Judy Lekisch
Ralph Meyerhoff

REGRETS:

Adam Evans
Sharon Welch

John Neville

STAFF:

John Horn, Social Planner

Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS & AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- Update on Food4U – V. Alcock-Carter
- Committee Review – J. Templeman

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by E. Forrester, SECONDED by Z. Maartman that the Minutes from 2009-Jul-07 be adopted. CARRIED.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A Committee member questioned whether the suggestion made in 10(b) of the 2009-Jul-07 Minutes pertained only to liquor license applications, or if it was meant in the broader sense: i.e. "...that when SPAC considers liquor applications in the future, that Council be apprised of their discussion rather than just the motion, otherwise their capacity to advise is lost."

The Chair directed that it should pertain to all recommendations that SPAC makes to Council.

J. Horn clarified that the July 27 opening of the Bowen/Meredith affordable housing project was held at 1:00 pm, and apologized for any inconvenience this may have caused.

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter dated 2009-Aug-06 from the Neighbours of Nob Hill thanking the City of Nanaimo for their recent Community Service Grant in the amount of \$500.

The Committee received the correspondence.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) MOU – City of Nanaimo and VIHA

J. Horn advised that VIHA and the City have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding which recognizes that the two organizations are independent with separate mandates, but that effective communication between the two parties is critical to both. Any City programs that would potentially impact VIHA will have to be communicated to them prior to being implemented, and vice versa. The mechanism through which the exchange of information will take place will be the Safer Nanaimo Working Group. John will report to SPAC on Safer Nanaimo Working Group issues, under the 'Committee Updates' section of SPAC's agenda.

The Committee then discussed the possibility of SPAC having a Round Table meeting with members of VIHA, Safer, and the Social Development Strategy Steering Committee to hear what the groups are focusing on. City Council could also be invited. John will gauge whether those groups would be willing to attend, and he will bring an overview to the next SPAC meeting on what the session could look like.

MOVED by E. Forrester, SECONDED by J. Cowling that the motion made at the 2009-Jul-07 SPAC meeting to invite a VIHA rep. to the October SPAC meeting, be held in abeyance as SPAC attempts to have a broader discussion with VIHA and the other groups involved in social planning. CARRIED.

- b) Applications received for the second round of 2009 Community Service Grants were reviewed. R. Meyerhoff refrained from discussing the Nanaimo Child Development Centre application, and J. Horn refrained from discussing the Nanaimo Family Life application, due to possible perceived conflicts of interest.

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by J. Lekisch to recommend that the following Community Service Grants be awarded:

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Central V.I. Crisis Society	Purchase of new phone system.	\$9,000	\$4,500
Nanaimo Child Development Centre	Installation of accessible ramp to connect two portables.	\$2,500	\$1,500
Nanaimo Family Life Association	'Essential Life Skills' Program.	\$2,000	\$2,000
Nanaimo Telephone	To maintain operations.	\$5,000	\$2,500

Visiting Society			
Start with Art Nanaimo	'Inclusive Art' Program	\$3,800	\$2,000
Nanaimo Foodshare Society	'School Snack' Program	\$5,000	0
MCSEEDS Society	Client participation and lunch program	\$5,000	0
Total		32,300	12,500

CARRIED.

With regard to the Committee's recommendation to not grant funds to Nanaimo Foodshare, the Committee noted that 'food security' has been the criteria before and Foodshare's applications were successful in those rounds. However, the criteria for this round is not specific to food security, so because of the limited amount of funds to be allocated, the other applications were given priority.

Regarding the Committee's recommendation to reject the MCSEED application, the Committee eliminated the food portion of the application for the same reason noted above, and decided the remaining program did not serve a sufficient number of Nanaimo residents to be eligible, as the organization was based outside of the City of Nanaimo.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Food4U Update – V. Alcock-Carter advised that Loaves & Fishes has distributed funds to the other organizations involved in the Food4U Program, and that food distribution has begun with local produce being used. New satellite food distribution stations will open on September 14 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Christ Community Church is considering opening a station.
- b) Committee Review – In response to a question from a Committee member, the Chair advised that the review is underway but is secondary to budget deliberations and other large issues, so a decision may still be months away. He believed, however, that the terms of appointment of the SPAC members would be extended.

9. COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL UPDATES / INFO ITEMS

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee – R. Meyerhoff reported that PNAC continued their review of Regional Growth Strategy backgrounders at their last meeting.
- b) Grants Advisory Committee – J. Lekisch advised that no meetings were held since the last report.
- c) Safer Nanaimo Working Group – J. Horn noted that as the Safer Nanaimo Working Group were going to be playing a large role in the communication strategy for the planned affordable housing units in Nanaimo, that he would report back to SPAC on this and other issues discussed at their meetings.

d) Council Update

July 13 – J. Cowling advised that the proposed liquor store at University Village was discussed, and Chair Kipp presented SPAC's views at the Council meeting. The application is go to public hearing on September 3. Some other issues discussed at the Council meeting were kitchen waste pick-up, configuration of Logan's Run, and the DNPS Review.

August 10 – J. Lekisch advised that traffic concerns brought forward by neighbours in the area of the Gogo Christmas Tree lot were considered by Council, as well as a request by Manzavino Restaurant to extend the hours of operation that they can sell liquor.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2009-Oct-06 at 4:45 pm in the City Hall Board Room.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Chair

Date