

MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 2009-Mar-11, BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL

Present: Jim Kipp, Chair Janet Cowling
Val Alcock-Carter Adam Evans
Elizabeth Forrester Jane Templeman (until 5:40 pm)
Judy Lekisch Zeni Maartman – (until 5:40 pm)
Ralph Meyerhoff Sharon Welch
John Neville

Staff: John Horn, Social Planner Rebecca Tubbs, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Bev Barton

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

Introductions were made and Committee members briefly described their interest and experience in social development.

2. APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS

The Agenda was approved with the following late items:

- a) Correspondence dated 2009-Mar-06 from the John Howard Society.
- b) Election of Chair for 2009:
The Committee discussed whether to have a rotating or permanent Chair, and subsequently decided on a permanent Chair in order to have an official representative.

MOVED by J. Neville, SECONDED by E. Forrester that Z. Maartman be elected as Chair of the Social Planning Advisory Committee for 2009. CARRIED

J. Templemen requested a brief description of the Chair's duties at the next meeting.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by V. Alcock-Carter, SECONDED by Z. Maartman that the Minutes from 2008-Dec-10 be adopted. CARRIED.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) Mattresses

It was noted that mattresses received from BC Housing for the BC Summer Games will be disposed of because of their very poor condition.

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received by the Committee:

- a) Letter dated 2009-Jan-06 from the Salvation Army/Loaves and Fishes Christmas Hamper Program regarding the 2008 program.
- b) Letter dated 2009-Feb-26 from Shore Counselling Society regarding the 2008 Social Development Grant they received from the City.
- c) Letter dated 2009-Mar-06 from the John Howard Society regarding the 2008 Social Development Grant they received from the City.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Basic Demographics of Nanaimo's Neighbourhood

J. Horn displayed neighbourhood statistics maps which included statistics regarding income, housing, visible minorities and aboriginal identity, population, recent immigration, rental housing, educational attainment, immigration, and family structure. He noted they provide a visual example of demographic information and trends throughout Nanaimo, and showcase information from a variety of sources (including 2006 Census Canada statistics). He emphasized the difference in demographics between Nanaimo's neighbourhoods and advised that the maps provide an objective view of Nanaimo's neighbourhoods opposed to a subjective view.

In response to a question from the Committee as to why a close-up of demographic statistics in the Divers Lake area was done, John advised that the School Board is closing Mt. Benson School and is interested in turning it into a community centre.

b) Criteria for the First Round of the Community Service Grant program

J. Horn advised that the Community Service Grant Program is \$25,000 per year with the amount split into two grant rounds in April and September for which SPAC determines criteria for and maximum grant amount. The purpose of the grant is to provide funds where no other funds are being provided. Grant criteria can be based on a current and hot-topic issue, or an element of the Social Development Strategy. Current hot topics include:

- Gang prevention
- Loaves and Fishes food services
- Homeless campground
- Daytime activities for the homeless

The Committee also has the option of not setting any criteria and leaving it open-ended. This method would allow anyone in the community a chance to present their ideas to SPAC.

MOVED by J. Templemen, SECONDED by J. Lekisch that no criteria be set for the first round of the 2009 Community Service Grants. CARRIED

It was also decided that the maximum of funding awarded to any one group will not exceed \$10,000 in this round.

c) 2009 Excellence in Social Development Awards

The nomination form and timeline were reviewed and J. Horn advised that the number of awards given depends on the number of applications received. Previous award

categories have been removed from this year's form, so the award is also "open-ended". Committee members are encouraged to get others to apply or to nominate others. Nominations must be received by 2009-Apr-07.

MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by E. Forrester, that the Excellence in Social Development Awards brochure be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

d) SPAC Representative on the Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee (PNAC)

J. Kipp described the role of the SPAC rep. on PNAC and asked if anyone was interested in the position. R. Meyerhoff volunteered to be the rep. and A. Evans volunteered to be the alternate.

MOVED by V. Alcock-Carter, SECONDED by Z. Maartman that R. Meyerhoff be appointed SPAC's representative on PNAC for 2009. CARRIED

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by S. Welch that A. Evans be appointed SPAC's alternate representative on PNAC for 2009. CARRIED

e) SPAC Representative on the Grants Advisory Committee

Z. Maartman described the duties of the SPAC rep. on the Grants Advisory Committee. J. Neville volunteered to be the rep.

MOVED by J. Cowling, SECONDED by R. Meyerhoff that J. Neville be appointed SPAC's representative on the Grants Advisory Committee for 2009. CARRIED.

f) Meeting Date

The Committee discussed changing their meeting date, and subsequently agreed to change it to the second Thursday of the month.

g) Presentations by Non-profit Groups

The Committee revisited a previous directive of SPAC to have a presentation at each SPAC meeting by a non-profit group. They decided that it would be beneficial to have a presentation by a non-profit group at each meeting even if it is only a 10 or 15-minute presentation. Committee members should email suggestions to J. Horn.

8. ISSUES ARISING OUT OF NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL MONITORING / INFO ITEMS

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee – No report.
- b) Grants Advisory Committee - No report.
- c) Council Monitoring – The sign-up sheet was circulated.
- d) Social Development Strategy - Copies of the Strategy were distributed for the Committee's information, as the document is basically the framework for everything that SPAC does.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

J. Horn will email out a draft SPAC workplan prior to the next meeting for members to review and bring possible items of interest to be added at the next meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 2009-Apr-09 at 4:45 pm. in the Training Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall Annex, 238 Franklyn Street. (Beginning in May, SPAC meetings will be held in Room A at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

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Chair

Date