

**MINUTES**  
**SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, 2008-JUN-11, BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL**

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**Present:** Diane Brennan, Chair  
Andrea Bonkowski  
Lynne Fraser  
Amrit Lally  
Kathy Torhjelm

Bev Barton  
Adam Evans  
Diana Johnstone  
Ralph Meyerhoff

**Staff:** John Horn, Social Planner

**Regrets:** Val Alcock-Carter  
Zeni Maartman

Elizabeth Forrester  
Cindy Hall

**Guests:** Jim Spinelli, Executive Director, Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society

1. CALL TO ORDER  
The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
The agenda was approved as presented.
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES  
MOVED by L. Fraser, SECONDED by Diana Johnstone that the Minutes from 2008-May-14 be adopted. CARRIED.
4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES:  
None.
5. DELEGATIONS  
Jim Spinelli, Executive Director of the Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society provided SPAC with the history of NAHS, and gave an overview of the local non-profit housing sector. He noted the Society's current focus and initiatives, and the role of NAHS staff.  
  
Mr. Spinelli was thanked for his presentation and he left the meeting.
6. CORRESPONDENCE / NEW BUSINESS / COMMITTEE UPDATES / INFO ITEMS
  - a) Harm Reduction & Housing First Action Plan  
J. Horn reported back from the Open House which was held on 2008-May-28. There was generally positive feedback from the approximately 140 people who attended. Written feedback forms will be made available to City staff by CitySpaces, the consultant, some time in late June 2008.
  - b) Needle Drop Box Initiative  
J. Horn reviewed the process for installing needle drop boxes. There have been no decisions made yet regarding specific locations.
  - c) Reports from Committee Reps.  
**PNAC** - No report.

***Secondary Suite Task Force*** - No report.

***Grants Advisory Committee*** - No report.

- d) Council Monitoring  
None.

- e) Correspondence  
Correspondence from Meals on Wheels regarding age-friendly initiatives. The correspondence was discussed and it was decided that Edith Loring-Kuhangas of the Ministry of Health will be invited to a future SPAC meeting to review the provincial mandate and resources available to implement age-friendly initiatives in Nanaimo.

There was discussion regarding a requirement that groups be non-profits to receive grant money. It was noted that certain City grants, like festival grants, do not require non-profit status.

In response to an inquiry about the youth housing complex, it was noted that there is an emergence of single young parents as more of a component of the complex. John will follow up with Steve Arnett of Nanaimo Youth Services for feedback on this issue.

- f) Report from Central V.I. Multicultural Society re Healthfest 2008  
Correspondence from the Central V.I. Multicultural Society thanking the City of Nanaimo for support and outlining activities at Healthfest was reviewed.

7. ISSUES ARISING OUT OF NEW BUSINESS  
None.

8. STRATEGIC PLANNING

- a) Criteria for next round of Community Service Grants  
It was clarified that SPAC will use the OCP, Social Development Strategy and “hot spots” as their framework for allocating monies. Discussion ensued about possible areas of focus.

MOVED by K. Torhjelm, SECONDED by A. Bonkowski that the criteria for the next round of Community Service Grants be “food security for children” including provision of locally-produced food by non-profits, i.e., subsidy to non-profit to buy local food; and that the maximum individual grant amount be \$5,000. CARRIED.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2008-Sep-10.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.