

MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 2007-JUL-11, BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL

Present: Diane Brennan, Chair
Elizabeth Forrester
Zeni Maartman
Kathy Torhjelm

Adam Evans
Diana Johnstone
Ralph Meyerhoff

Staff: John Horn, Social Planner
Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Val Alcock
Lynne Fraser

Andrea Bonkowski
Darcy Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:55 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by K. Torhjelm that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- Update on relocating the 7-10 Club - J. Horn
 - SAFER Downtown Working Group update - D. Brennan
 - Mental Health Services relocation - D. Brennan
 - Funding for Homelessness Projects - J. Horn
- CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by D. Johnstone, SECONDED by R. Meyerhoff that the Minutes from 2007-Jun-13 be adopted. CARRIED.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter dated 2007-Jun-13 from the Crisis Society thanking the City for their recent Community Service Grant.
MOVED by D. Johnstone, SECONDED by E. Forrester that the correspondence be received. CARRIED.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES / INFORMATION ITEMS / NEW BUSINESS

- a) Reports from Committee Reps. - No reports.
- b) Council Monitoring - K. Torhjelm noted that at the July 9th Council meeting, there was much opposition to a proposed rezoning at 2937 Departure Bay Road, and Council subsequently made a motion that future rezoning applications that involve potential loss of upland views be required to submit accurate computer generated renderings of the affected view corridors.

Kathy also advised that Community Kitchens did a presentation on their programs and the media in attendance have decided to do an article on them.

D. Brennan advised that Council reversed a decision made at the June Council meeting, and allocated \$15,000 to the SPCA for their Spay/Neuter Program. This program is provided to low-income people and results in fewer animals ending up in the shelter.

- c) OCP Submission Update - J. Horn advised that he reviewed the draft social goal with the SPAC and Social Development Strategy sub-committees, and will now work on including the cultural component.
- d) Liquor License Applications - A report by City staff dated 2007-Jun-18 re Policy Direction for Liquor License Applications was distributed with the agenda for the Committee's information.
- e) \$10,000 Addictions Fund - J. Horn advised that a developer had previously given the City a community contribution in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for alcohol addiction treatment programs. After discussing possible uses with ADAPT and other agencies, John would like to suggest that the money be used for a clean-up program around the Harewood Firehall to minimize the impact of the agencies who locate there. Discussion followed:
- Might be a good way to persuade the neighbourhood to accept the services into their area.
 - Could let the neighbourhood decide what to use the money for - would get them involved and "on board".
 - SPAC members should try to visit the 7-10 Club's or Salvation Army's meal programs.
 - Using the \$10,000 in the neighbourhood would be similar to the "Volunteer in Parks" program.
 - Another idea for use of this money is to put it into the Housing Legacy Fund. (John noted that there is approximately \$200,000 in the fund at the present time.)
 - Why does BC Ferries throw away their left-over food? Do not think it's because of liability issues, because the *Good Neighbour Act* relieves businesses of liability if they wish to donate food.
 - Could the idea of the neighbourhood getting to use the \$10,000 be linked to a Good Neighbour Agreement?
- f) Relocation of 7-10 Club - J. Horn advised that as well as the 7-10 Club, the City received applications from the following organizations interested in operating out of the Harewood Firehall:
- Harewood Community Centre Cooperative
 - Loaves and Fishes Food Bank
 - Harewood Urgent Counselling Clinic
 - Harewood Children's Clothes Exchange

A notice was sent out to homes in the adjacent area and an open house was held on July 7th to get the neighbourhood's comments on the applications. Of the approximately 50 people who attended, a few people were adamantly opposed to all of the applications, while the remainder had concerns that relocating any of these services in Harewood would make its reputation take a step backwards. Residents were even opposed to the counselling clinic as they thought it would attract the same type of people as the 7-10 Club. They also did not believe the spokesperson for the 7-10 Club is worried about the impact to the neighbourhood. John noted that if there are problems with the tenants of the building, their leases would not have to be renewed after a year.

As it might be less objectionable for the Harewood residents if there were also soup kitchens in other areas of town, John will look into where a satellite operation could be set up in the Downtown area, in particular in the Community Services Building. It was noted that this might be a good location because of its proximity to the police and fire stations, as well as the transit hub making it accessible by people from all over the city.

John will set up a meeting between SPAC and the 7-10 Club to discuss these issues.

- g) SAFER Downtown Working Group - D. Brennan advised that this committee has two focuses, public security and social development, and are working on implementing the strategies contained in their report recently approved by Council. They have just hired two security guards that will focus on "hot spots" Downtown. This service will complement the other services already in place; i.e. ambassadors who will observe and report anti-social behaviour; private security companies working for businesses; RCMP bike patrol; the City's Bylaw Officer; and the Mental Health team who will be working out of the Community Policing Office. Diane also noted that four new RCMP positions will be filled soon and also assigned to hot spots.

In response to a question, John will look into how to differentiate between the different security companies working Downtown.

Diane noted that the social development side of the committee will be looking at longer range plans such as low-income and supportive housing options.

- h) Funding for Homelessness Projects - J. Horn reported on a meeting that the Working Group on Homelessness had to recommend funding allocations. They will be recommending that five organizations receive funding from the \$720,000 available. The group received proposals totaling \$1.6 million.
- i) Mental Health Walk-in Clinic - D. Brennan advised that this office has moved from Seafeld Crescent to Brooks Landing.

MOVED by K. Torhjem, SECONDED by R. Meyerhoff to receive the Information Reports.
CARRIED.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2007-Sep-12. [Meeting cancelled]

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.