

**MINUTES**  
**SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, 2006-DEC-13, DORCHESTER HOTEL**

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**Present:** Diane Brennan, Chair  
Beverley Barton  
Lynne Fraser  
Ralph Meyerhoff  
Val Alcock  
Elizabeth Forrester  
Zeni Maartman  
Kathy Torhjelm

**Staff:** Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Diana Johnstone  
Darcy Ross  
Donna Allen  
Eileen Reilly  
John Horn

1. CALL TO ORDER  
The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
There was no agenda for the meeting as the only items of business were adoption of the last Minutes, and review of the draft Report to Council re grant allocations.
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES  
MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by Z. Maartman that the Minutes of 2006-Nov-08 be adopted. CARRIED.
4. OUTSTANDING ISSUES
  - a) Social Development Grant Program - The Committee considered a draft Report to Council from SPAC recommending the following 2007 grant allocations:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Nanaimo Region John Howard Society	The Response and Assistance Program	\$13,000
Shore Counselling	Harewood Crisis Walk-in Clinic Space Renovation Project	\$4,000
Nanaimo Foodshare	The Good Food Box	\$12,500
Nanaimo Women's Resources Society	Building Bridges: Goals, Decisions, Action	\$5,000
Cedar Community Policing	Christmas Hamper Program	\$1,500
Nanaimo Addiction Foundation	Nanaimo Addiction Foundation Start Up	\$8,000
Loaves & Fishes	Low Income Cooking for Health	\$11,800

MOVED by K. Torhjem, SECONDED by E. Forrester to recommend that Council approve the recommended 2007 Social Development Grant allocations as per the Report to Council from SPAC dated 2006-Dec-18. CARRIED.

Discussion:

- The SPAC sub-committee that reviewed the grant applications recommended rejecting the application from the Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre because it was not clear as to what they were going to use the funds for, and because they did not include all of the required documentation.
- The sub-committee also recommended rejecting the application from the Nanaimo Alcohol and Drug Action Coalition because the majority of the funds were going to be used for a consultant, whereas the sub-committee felt that the funds should go to a more direct service in the community.
- Regarding the Nanaimo Women's Resources Society, the sub-committee are recommending allocating half of the requested amount. The sub-committee was concerned that the Society were not building community partnerships, as the amount requested was to fund the entire project.
- The unsuccessful applicants will require an opportunity to appeal. J. Horn will check when the new appeal process prepared by the Grants Process Review Committee comes into effect, or if grant applications in-stream should follow the previous appeal process.
- J. Horn will confirm the location of the Shore Counselling project, as R. Meyerhoff is opposed if the proposed location is the Harewood School.
- Concerns were raised regarding the Cedar Community Policing Office's request for funding for Christmas hampers, in light of the fact that other organizations are also doing that. It was noted that the population that they will serve is geographically distinct from the rest of town as it is a small school catchment area, but that they will be required to connect with the other Christmas hamper programs.

The question was called on the motion. L. Fraser excused herself from the vote, as she is on the board of the Nanaimo Addiction Foundation.

The motion carried.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2007-Jan-10 at 4:45 p.m. in the Board Room, City Hall.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The business meeting / dinner concluded at approximately 7:30 p.m.