

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee
Held via WEBEX
On Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Tina Parbhakar, Chair
Kate Galicz, Vice Chair
Anna Boltenko
Jasreen Janjua
June Maynard
Martyna Purchla

Angela Girard, Councillor

ABSENT:

Raashi Ahluwalia
Jolene Kennett
Etienne Normandin-Poitras

STAFF:

Heather Evans, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk / Admin
Coordinator II
Mike Friesen, Manager, Strategic Initiatives
Coreen Alexander, Planner 1

9 members – quorum = 5

1 Councillor (non-voting) 2 staff (non-voting)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair at 6:04 pm.

The approval of the agenda was moved and seconded and the agenda was approved as circulated.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNCEDED TERRITORY

6:10 p.m. – T. Parbhakar joined the meeting and took over as Chair.

3. PRESENTATION

North Shore Neighbourhood House Site Redevelopment

C. Alexander and M. Friesen presented.

The City is initiating an Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment, Zoning Bylaw amendment, and park boundary adjustment for the redevelopment of the North Shore Neighbourhood House (NSNH) / Derek Inman Park site. The subject property is City-owned land located at St. Georges Avenue between East 1st and East 2nd Street.

The City is working with four non-profit partners on the redevelopment of the site: North Shore Neighbourhood House, Catalyst Community Development Society, The Health and Home Care Society of BC and Hollyburn Family Services Society.

The proposed project is comprised of two buildings and a newly envisioned Derek Inman Park. A six-storey mixed use building is proposed in the northwest corner of the site and an overnight respite care and adult day program at ground level and below-market rental housing above. A mixed use building up to 18 storeys is proposed in the southwest corner, containing the new North Shore Neighbourhood House facility on the first three floors and below market rental housing above. The site development principles are as follows:

1. Contributing to neighbourhood.
2. A distinct identity for the emerging community hub.
3. And equitable, inclusive and sustainable design.

Questions & Comments:

- Will the current tennis court at Derek Inman Park be integrated?
 - The tennis court should not be impacted by the first phase of construction; the City has not undertaken design on the park as yet. We will be asking for feedback from the community.
- The community gardens on the NSNH site certainly deserve a new space. There is a high demand for community gardens right now and wait lists for existing plots. What will happen with the gardens and the heritage building?
 - The development team has reached out to the community gardens and are working with them to find alternate locations in the area. The City also has a project to find new community garden space. There will be opportunities to relocate those groups and there would be no net loss through relocation.
 - The house is classed Heritage B; the outcome for it has not been determined as yet. The City is hoping to find an opportunity to relocate it.
- How will the project be impacted if the 18 storeys on the second tower are not approved?
 - The tower does provide an opportunity to fit a large amount of low market housing onto the site. We would lose 15 units if it was lowered.
- Great opportunities for connections between age groups, i.e. adult day centre, child care, neighbourhood house programs, park.
- If there is going to be an expansion of respite care and child care in the centre, was consideration taken for human capacity? We know there are not enough early childhood educators in the province; has that been considered?
 - NSNH has a staffed child care on site now but this has not been considered as a part of this process.
- There are two different parts to the low income housing – will they be treated equally and the criteria be the same?
 - The two are different and will operate differently. Catalyst is not grant based; their mandate is to deliver as much affordable housing as they can. Catalyst operates under CMHC loans and would be able to offer more affordability. Beyond that, the rest of the units would be offered at 20% below market.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The adoption of the minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2021 was moved and seconded and the minutes were adopted as circulated.

5. UPDATES

- Councillor
 - a) Council approved the Healthy Community Initiative Grant application to expand the Studio in the City project. A grant application in the amount of \$90,000 will be submitted.
 - b) An update to the Outdoor Dining Patio Guidelines was approved and outdoor dining license to use agreements will be issued.
 - c) The 2021-2031 Financial Plan Bylaw approved by Council.
 - d) Councillor Girard brought forward a follow up Notice of Motion regarding the Living Wage Policy. It was indicated in two staff reports to Council that the cost for the City to implement a Living Wage Policy and become a Living Wage employer would be minimal. Staff were directed by Council to update all existing policies and complete the certification process to become a Living Wage Employer by August 31, 2021.
 - e) Councillor Bell brought forward a Notice of Motion to regulate tree cutting and removal in the City. A motion was carried to request staff to report back on an interim tree protection bylaw and that staff develop an Urban Forest Management Strategy.
 - f) The 2021 Property Tax Increase Distribution Option 1 was approved. This means a 3.98% tax rate increase be applicable across all tax classes.
 - g) Funding was approved for the purpose of funding the Lawn Bowling – Clubhouse project.
 - h) An application was approved to the UBCM 2021 Strengthening Communities' Services Program. CNV will be the lead applicant to secure funding to help improve the health and safety of unsheltered homeless people in the City.
 - i) Council approved a motion to direct staff to proceed to the pre-construction phase of the Harry Jerome Recreation Centre (HJCRC) project.
- Staff
 - a) Attended an interesting webinar from a trust based philanthropy organization and will send summary information to SPAC.
 - b) The City is continuing work on the Community Well-Being Strategy and look forward to bringing it to SPAC soon.

6. DISCUSSION

a) 2021 Round One Community Grants Discussion

The Chair began the discussion on grant allocations.

The matrix was populated with high and low recommendation amounts and previously sent to the Committee for review. The Community Planner noted that, since SPAC's March meeting, the full amount available in the Community Grants fund was confirmed to be \$177,692.

7:14 pm – K. Galicz left the meeting.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT, the Social Planning Advisory Committee, having received and reviewed 78 Community Grant applications in Round One of 2021, recommends the allocations as discussed at the April 28, 2021 meeting for a total Round One allocation of \$121,900, leaving \$55,792 to be allocated in Round Two.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) SPAC Work Plan

The Chair and the Community Planner began the discussion on SPAC's 2021 Work Plan.

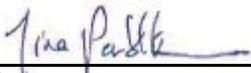
The Committee is interested in receiving presentations from Backpack Buddies, Canadian Mental Health Association, the Avalon Society, St. Andrews United Church, (meal program), Meals on Wheels, Sharing Abundance, and Immigrant Link Centre Society

In the coming months, SPAC will also be receiving presentations on Planning strategies that are being developed: the Community Well-Being Strategy, and possibly the Environment Strategy and the Mobility Strategy as well

7. ROUND TABLE

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Chair

May 26, 2021

Date