

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER  
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee  
Held in City Hall, Conference Room 'A'  
On Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 7:00pm

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**MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

Antje Wilson, Chair  
Alison Caldwell Johnson, Vice-Chair  
Jessica Aldred  
Tomoko Ito  
Kenneth Izatt  
Nadia Louzado  
Chris Nichols  
Alison Watt

**ABSENT:**

Mary Tasi  
Rod Clark, Councillor

**STAFF:**

Paul Penner, Community Planner  
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

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

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**1. WELCOME**

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

P. Penner took over as chair and commenced the meeting with the elections for Chair and Vice-Chair. Nominations were called for from the floor.

Antje Wilson was nominated for the position of Chair and she accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, Ms. Wilson was declared Chair by acclamation.

Alison Caldwell Johnson was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair and she accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, Ms. Caldwell Johnson was declared Vice-Chair by acclamation.

The meeting was then called to order at 7:15 pm by the Chair.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for the February 22, 2012 meeting was adopted with a change in the order of items under #6, Discussion Items.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2012 were adopted as circulated.

## 5. UPDATES

### a. COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE – N/A

### b. STAFF UPDATE –

- Child Care Delegation to Council – Parents from Park Place Daycare, the operator of Park Place, and other child care operators made a presentation to Council on February 6, 2012. Park Place is moving, as the building was not up to the seismic standard for a child care facility. The parents spoke about how this has been a loss for them. Council resolved that the City undertake advocacy with the Province and federal governments, and for staff to report back to Council to identify barriers to business owners wishing to start new daycare facilities, and the ways in which new child care facilities can be created in conjunction with large developments. P. Penner will be writing a Council report on this matter.
- Age-friendly Communities – The North Shore Age-friendly Communities project is continuing into the second phase of priority, setting workshops with seniors in various communities across the North Shore. The City held a workshop at the Library in early January. The Committee Clerk will forward a link to the Lionsview Seniors Planning Society's website to SPAC members where they can review the Seniors Today survey summary.
- Versatile Building (Intracorp) – The groundbreaking occurred this week on the development at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lonsdale. This will provide the City with 1,000 square feet of ground floor space to be leased to a non-profit society.
- Youth Awards, Scholarships and Grants – The deadline for nominations and applications for these awards and grants is March 9, 2012. The Committee Clerk will forward the information and links to SPAC members. SPAC members are asked to pass on this information if they know of anyone that may qualify and encourage them to apply.
- 5 Days for the Homeless – Capilano University students are participating in this 5 day charity campaign in which they "live" homeless to raise money and awareness for a local charity. This will occur March 11 – 16<sup>th</sup> this year.

## 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### a. SPAC 2011 Annual Report & 2012 Work Plan

A draft report was sent in the agenda package. Members were asked to make any suggestions or recommendations to the Chair as soon as possible.

- Regarding the Advisory Body Reorganization, the report was written with the assumption of the committee being status quo.
- Members wish to see child care strongly highlighted in the 2012 work plan.
- SPAC will be asked to participate in depth in the OCP revision.
- ~~Importance of adaptable design should also be highlighted in the work plan.~~

### b. Community Grant Process Review & Distribution of Applications

P. Penner reviewed the Community Grants review process. Review groups have been established and applications have been sorted and given to the group lead. The intention is for all members of the group to go through the applications and then compare notes with others in the group to create one evaluation form per application. Hard copies of the evaluation form are available and the Committee Clerk will email the fillable/emailable version of the form to all members.

Members were reminded to refer to the guidelines as they go through the applications and to the Social Plan if questions arise.

It was confirmed that the first discussion on applications would occur at the March meeting and SPAC members were asked to form draft recommendations, including the recommended level of funding for each application in their packages by then.

- c. Debrief: CityShaping Event at the Pinnacle – Nadia & Antje  
N. Louzado and A. Wilson both attended the CityShaping Kick-Off event. A. Wilson came away with an overview of what the City is doing and learned more about the broader theme of using what we have. N. Louzado reported feeling positive about the City's future and personally uplifted.
- d. Off-Site Meetings  
A. Wilson inquired as to whether SPAC members have any interest in holding meetings outside of City Hall. It was agreed that this is an option if held somewhere that is close to transit, parking is available and that organizing such a meeting would not put undo effort onto staff or the venue. Off-site meetings would not be scheduled until the Community Grant review process is complete.
- e. CityShaping Workbooks & Other Engagement Opportunities  
P. Penner spoke about the CityShaping kick-off event that occurred at the Pinnacle Hotel February 16. It was well attended and feedback has been generally positive. More in-depth workshops are coming up and SPAC members are encouraged to attend and help facilitate the workbook process with members of the community. SPAC is also encouraged to spread the word about CityShaping to friends, neighbours, business contacts, etc. and encourage people to come to workshops or go to the City website to participate.

He then had committee members do a workbook exercise in Workbook #3 and the results were as follows:

#### Subtopic Rankings

1. Social Well-Being (4 votes)
2. Food Security (3 votes)
3. Health & Safety (1 vote)
4. Culture & Public Amenities (0 votes)

#### Social Well-Being – Policy Option Rankings

1. Make an inclusive community for all income levels a City priority by providing a range of rental and ownership housing, and supporting accessibility for all residents in community services and recreation and cultural services. (4 first place votes, 2 second place votes)
2. Identify child care as a community amenity with density bonusing potential. (1 first place votes, 2 second place votes)
3. Consider recreational, cultural and other community spaces as aspects of informal community living rooms, and essential 'social infrastructure', particularly in high density neighbourhoods like Central/Lower Lonsdale. (3 second place votes)

4. Continue to support the community services sector by allowing the use of City-owned spaces or buildings, core-funding, and community grants. (1 first place vote, 1 second place vote)
5. Other: Employment (1 first place vote)
6. Other: Community Engagement (1 first place vote)

Rationale for Top Ranked Policy Option

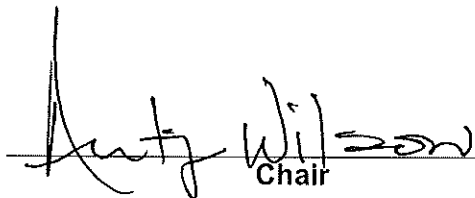
- Complete communities = diverse communities
- Diverse communities are happier, stronger and more resilient
- Inclusivity important given personal background as a minority
- Diversity of housing types enables newcomers, who may initially have more modest incomes, to settle in the City
- This is a more encompassing approach that removes access to barriers
- A balanced, healthy community has opportunities to rent or own
- Need a diversity of residential opportunities to ensure that young people can remain in the community
- The demographic trend toward aging suggests that the City needs to provide opportunities for young people as other residents age.

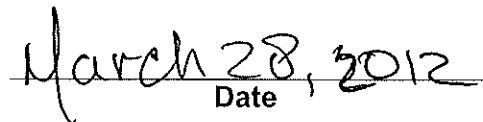
Other points raised:

- Economic stability should be highlighted as this provides a sense of well being.
- The word "providing" should perhaps be changed to "facilitating" when in reference to housing.
- There was some confusion about the meaning of "food security" and a suggestion was made that a delegation attend SPAC at some time in the future to explain this concept.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – March 28, 2012

  
Chair

  
Date