

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 26, 2014 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair
Mary Tasi, Vice-Chair
Nick Bryant
Arash Ehteshami
Tomoko Ito
Ray Moore
Steve Tornes

ABSENT:

Rod Clark, Councillor
Dhaneva Skogstad

GUESTS:

N/A

STAFF:

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

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

A. Wilson was nominated for the position of Chair and accepted the nomination. M. Tasi was nominated for the position of Chair and accepted the nomination. The committee decided by consensus to vote via ballot, rather than by a show of hands. A vote was held and A. Wilson was elected.

Nominations were then called for for Vice-Chair. A. Ehteshami was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair and accepted the nomination. M. Tasi was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair and accepted the nomination. A vote was held via ballot and M. Tasi was elected.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the February 26, 2014 meeting was adopted as circulated.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2014 were adopted as circulated.

4. UPDATES

a. Councillor

- Councillor Clark was unable to attend due to a family commitment.

b. Staff

- Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund – There is a total of \$118,695 in the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund. This amount includes surplus funds from 2013 that Council has carried over to 2014 at SPAC's request.
- North Shore Crisis Services Society - As SPAC members may recall from North Crisis Services Society's presentation a few months ago, they were seeking funding to develop more second stage housing at SAGE transition house located in the District. That funding has now been secured from BC Housing and a private foundation. Construction will begin in April.
- School District – Surplus Properties – Two of School District 44's current surplus properties are the Lucas Centre and Cloverley Elementary School. SD 44 have retained land use management consultants to work through a public process to determine the community's aspirations for these sites in the context of the school district's needs to deliver K to 12 education services.
- Homelessness Prevention Strategy (HPS) – The Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness, which operates out of Metro Vancouver, make funding recommendations on how federal HPS funds should be spent. This committee supports a wide range of initiatives. The federal government has recently shifted the emphasis to a Housing First model that places more emphasis on providing housing. As a result, some things that have been funded in the past may not be in the future. This could be a large concern for the Youth Safe House, and a Seniors at Risk program. We are currently waiting for details on what the Housing First model will look like, and its implications for existing services and programs.
- A report on the North Shore Food Charter was circulated to SPAC members. This has been under development for some time. Supporters are now going to member organizations requesting their endorsement. City Council endorsed it on Monday night.
- Council gave preliminary approval to a new financial plan at the last Council meeting. Some core funded agencies had requested new funding and Council has approved those on a preliminary basis.
- Applications are open for the Youth Centennial Scholarships and Civic Youth Awards, which recognize youth between the ages of 10 and 24 years for noteworthy achievements and contributions to the community. Deadline for applications is March 12, 2014 and the youth awards ceremony will be held May 8th.
- The City and the Lookout Emergency Aid Society are partnering in the "We Are Neighbours" Photography Exhibit which will be held in the Atrium at City Hall March 13 – March 21. There will be a catered opening night on Thursday March 13 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
- Applications are now open for "Studio In the City", a youth summer employment opportunity. This year, the Vancouver Biennale is coming to the CNV and North Vancouver students will work with internationally renowned artists from Brazil at the historic Pipe-fitters building in Shipbuilders Square.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Draft Official Community Plan – SPAC Comments

P. Penner thanked the group for all the initial feedback on the Draft OCP circulated via email. A summary was prepared of all comments received from SPAC members and circulated to the group. Also circulated was a copy of a letter from the North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues including their comments on the OCP. Vancouver Coastal Health will also be providing comments via a position paper.

Council has directed staff to hold four Town Hall Meetings on the draft plan. Originally just one Town Hall Meeting was planned, and the additional three meetings will be held throughout March and April. These meetings will be run by third party facilitators.

It was decided that the committee would agree to some core points on the draft OCP that they wish to pass along to Mayor & Council and include these in a letter with a resolution.

The core points agreed to were as follows:

- Define jargon in simple, understandable terms. For example “walkability” and the means of achieving it need to be better defined noting its positive attributes of social inclusion, contemplation, and resting.
- Need a more specific focus on social and community planning issues and these need to be woven throughout the document.
- The Guiding Principles need to include more aspects of “community supporting community”: The concept that the City strives to be a compassionate community, recognizing that every one of us will require some support at some time.
- Reference needs to be made to the support the City provides the non-profit sector, and its role in “community supporting community”.
- Expand the ways that growth in the city can contribute to the non-profit sector, eg. Perhaps include a 5th density bonus category or a “Community Supporting Community” reserve fund that developers can contribute to.
- Simplify 4.4.1.5 to focus on equal access to services and resources.
- SPAC strongly endorses all measures to increase the supply of affordable housing in the City.
- Expand the definition of diversity to include other groups such as LGBT, the mentally ill, etc.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT, the Social Planning Advisory Committee, having reviewed the Draft Official Community Plan, support the direction of the Draft OCP in principle.

FURTHER, SPAC feels that the goals and objectives outlined in the Draft OCP regarding social and community needs are appropriate but need further development and further integration with the OCP as a whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Early Development Instrument – Wave 5 – Community Summary
This item was deferred by unanimous consent.

c. Guidelines/Process for Reviewing Community Grant Applications
The sub-group assignments and application forms were distributed to committee members.

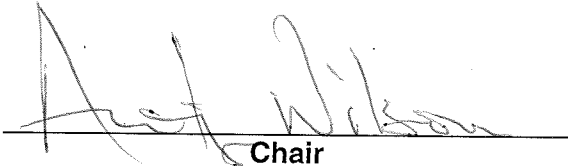
E. Barker gave a brief overview of the Review Form and reminded committee members that one review form needs to be filled out per application form. These review forms need to be returned to staff at the end of the process to ensure all the committee's comments and recommendations are captured.

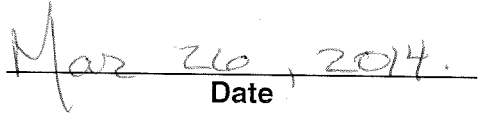
Members were asked to come to the March meeting prepared to have a preliminary discuss on recommendations.

d. 2014 Activities
This item was deferred by unanimous consent.

6. **ADJOURNMENT – 9:10 p.m.**

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 6, 2014**


Chair


Date