

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, January 22, 2014 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair
Kenneth Izatt, Vice-Chair
Nick Bryant
Arash Ehteshami
Greg Geub
Tomoko Ito
Ray Moore
Mary Tasi
Steve Tornes
Rod Clark, Councillor

ABSENT:

STAFF:

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

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

GUESTS:

Lisa Hubbard, Executive Director,
North Shore Neighbourhood House
Linda Ranger, Board Member,
North Shore Neighbourhood House
Paul McLean, Chair, Board,
North Shore Neighbourhood House
Guy Heywood, Councillor, Appointed to NSNH
Board

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. GUEST SPEAKERS

North Shore Neighbourhood House

Lisa Hubbard, Executive Director gave a PowerPoint presentation. Key points included:

- NSNH has been serving the North Shore community since 1939. It was originally started to assist women going to work at the Shipyards. They have always been located in Lower Lonsdale.
- Is one of the largest not-for-profits on the North Shore.
- 700 volunteers give 10,900 hrs. annually.
- Are the largest provider of childcare on the North Shore.
- Provide inclusive programs for kids with all abilities; support for young parents, etc.
- Provide a young parent program in which 24 families are supported, including a young dads' program and food programs.

- Provide multicultural connections including ongoing support for new Canadians, 12 languages spoken by staff
- Strong community partnerships
- Senior staff hold over 85 years of cumulative experience
- 75 years of service
- Core funded by CNV, and highly appreciative of that support
- The issues that come up over and over in CNV – housing, childcare, transportation costs
- 150 people attend the NSNH food bank every week; they have embarked on a program with the Greater Vancouver Food Bank to change the way food is delivered. Clients are now able to “shop” with tokens inside the gymnasium and there are other tables of services available. This format is more dignified than what had previously been in place.

SPAC Questions/Comments:

- Where does the food for the food bank clients come from?
 - It is provided by the Greater Vancouver Food Bank and delivered every Wednesday to NSNH.
- Where are the youth centres located?
 - NSNH, Harry Jerome, John Braithwaite Community Centre and Lynn Valley.
- Are there set programs provided at the youth centres or can youth drop in anytime?
 - There are set programs and youth can drop it at any time. Workers are accessible if assistance is required.
- Does North Shore Neighbourhood House have emergency preparedness plan?
 - A program was started 6 years ago for all childcares to have disaster kits, emergency water, etc. NSNH is also an emergency response site for the City.
- Is there an effort being made to promote healthy food and food education?
 - Yes. If childcares serve food, they must go through Vancouver Coastal Health and submit menu plans, etc. to be food safe. Currently this means NSNH serves processed food. Two years ago, NSNH started creating new food safety plans with VCH to be able to serve salads, homemade apple sauce, etc. We are currently on our 10th food safety plan and continue to move forward in that direction.
- What about the food bank?
 - Edible Garden comes to the food bank every week and sells produce from the farm at a very low cost. They also provide demonstrations on preparation and provide recipes to clients.
- Regarding the food bank, are there long-term dependencies developed or is the provision of food for crisis situations?
 - Both. The Vancouver Food bank is trying to lessen dependencies and generational issues. The NSNH board received a presentation recently on a new program to focus on moving “institutional” users out of the system through education. The hope over time is to break the cycle of dependency.
- Great presentation - glad to hear about the food bank & grandparent programs.
- Do you have your own recreation facilities?
 - We have a gym. At one time NSNH was the only gym in Lower Lonsdale before the John Braithwaite Community Centre opened. Both facilities are well used.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of November 27, 2013 were adopted as circulated.

4. UPDATES

a. Councillor –

- Council has approved the Draft OCP and it is out for public comments.
- Council has directed staff to have a shovel ready project for Harry Jerome by the time that the replacement of the William Griffin Recreation Centre is completed in 2 ½ to 3 years.
- Council recently approved a Child & Youth Friendly strategy, and approved \$50,000 towards it.
- The development at 101-149 Lonsdale Avenue has been approved; this will include street level commercial as well as 10 non market housing units for special needs people.
- Council has approved and sent to Port Metro a request for a health assessment and an environmental assessment on projects at the waterfront
- The Lower Lonsdale Business Association was looking to form a BIA. They have now withdrawn their application for a bylaw. They will consult with businesses in Lower Lonsdale before moving forward again.

b. Staff

- a. North Shore Neighbourhood House, on behalf of the North Shore Welcoming Action Committee, has organized “A Dialogue Over Dinner”. There will be several dinners at North Shore restaurants in which the restaurateur will share food from their country of origin and their experience settling on the North Shore. The hope is to provide a starting point for a dialogue to discuss challenges and salutation around community integration. P. Penner will forward an email to SPAC containing more information.
- b. A Child & Family Friendly Strategy was approved by Council and staff are moving forward with RFP process to find individuals to assist with the process.
- c. P. Penner has completed the review of the core funded agencies. This information will go to the City’s Finance Committee.
- d. The planning has begun for this year’s youth scholarships and youth awards. Updated forms are available online at www.cnv.org/youthawards.
- e. J. Buitenhuis will be doing a portrait photography project with Lookout Shelter and these photos will be displayed in City Hall during the homelessness count (March 12).
- f. Tuesday, February 4 is the official “Raise the Roof Toque Tuesday”. Toques and socks are available for purchase at City Hall or through Lookout for \$10 each. All proceeds go to the North Shore Housing Centre.
- g. Wednesday, February 26th is “Pink Shirt Day” for anti-bullying, and all are encouraged to participate.
- h. The annual elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at the beginning of the February SPAC meeting.

- i. Fran Jones, the regional coordinator for the Early Development Instrument on the North Shore, has requested to come before Council as a delegate on March 3 and will be talking about the results and more.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Draft OCP – Paul Penner

P. Penner presented the draft Official Community Plan (OCP), focusing on chapters 4: Community Well-Being; 6: Parks, Recreation & Open Space; and 7: Arts, Culture & Heritage.

SPAC Questions/Comments:

- Ray asked for an explanation of the density bonus policy.
- Is there any kind of reference that one could use to understand mixed use and what the numbers mean?
 - There are examples in the draft OCP.
- Why is there no financial planning aspect to the OCP? It would be good to know how the City is planning to use taxpayers' money.
 - There is some information about financial sustainability in the implementation chapter. This will be expanded upon in the final document.
 - The City, by bylaw, also must have a Financial Plan which has a similar status as the Official Community Plan. Most of the financial information stays in the Financial Plan.

SPAC members were asked to review the draft OCP in more detail before February's meeting with a view to providing a resolution. SPAC's resolution should reflect the Committee's opinion on whether or not the goals and objectives in the Plan regarding social/community needs are appropriate or if they need further development. Members are to send any comments to the Chair via email and any questions to P. Penner.

b. Early Development Instrument – Wave 5 – Community Summary

This item was deferred to the February meeting.

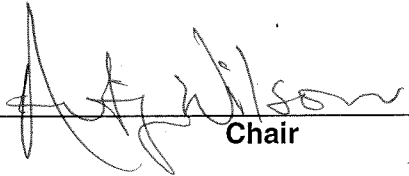
6. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Farewell to Retiring Members

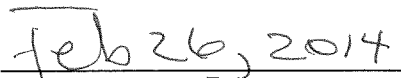
- K. Izatt has reached the end of his service to SPAC, having sat on the committee for 3 terms (6 years). Ken was thanked very much for his service and for his near perfect attendance record.
- G. Geub has resigned from SPAC as he will be moving out of the City. Greg was also thanked for his service.

7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:15 p.m.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 26, 2014



Chair



Date