

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee
Held in the John Braithwaite Community Centre, Anchor Room
On Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair
Alison Caldwell Johnson, Vice-Chair
Tomoko Ito
Michelle Robindell
Jessica Thoms
Alison Watt
Vivien Christison

ABSENT

Craig Keating, Councillor
Kenneth Izatt
Lili Motaghedi

STAFF:

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

GUEST:

Vince Verlaan, HB Lanarc

9 members – quorum = 5

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

7:00 – 7:30 – OCP EVENT – SOCIAL INCLUSION & CULTURAL DIVERSITY

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – The agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of May 25, 2011 were adopted as circulated.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

(a) Community Grants DeBrief –

Members discussed the community grants process. Members were happy overall with the way it went and felt that things worked well. P. Penner advised members about Council's resolutions regarding community grants and the two agencies that will receive core funding (included as information in meeting package). Council has also endorsed the idea of a larger review of the grants processes. This could also be affected by the upcoming reorganization of advisory bodies.

Members noted that working in groups helped with guidance and overall some challenges were felt around the presumption of repeat funding. Staff reminded members that the City's Social Plan and Official Community Plan can be relied on to provide guidance.

Some ideas for next year's process were:

- SPAC have access to other municipalities' grant allocation decisions.
- Include a one page report on the application form that asks agencies that have received past funding to summarize the success of their program, how the money was used, etc.
- Have more information available to SPAC members on different grant programs, perhaps as a one page summary document.
- Require agencies to give stronger accountability and recording of how funds are used.
- Have guest speakers from agencies to explain the agency's priorities.

4. UPDATES

- a) COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE – N/A
- b) STAFF UPDATES –
 - i. Ridgeway Elementary School Child Care Facility – At its' July 25 meeting, Council approved \$125,000 from the Community Enhancement Fund for the final fit and finishing of this facility.
 - ii. Group Child Care – A Business License applications for a group child care facility at 1952 Fell Avenue was denied by Council but has now received a conditional license for 7 months. Another group child care facility at 359 West 23rd Street was approved but is not going forward at this time.
 - iii. Seniors' Housing – ANAVET's redevelopment groundbreaking took place on July 20. Anticipate 18 months to occupancy (72 units).
 - iv. 100 Block West 15th Street – At Council's July 25 meeting, this proposed development that would provide 4 units for persons with disabilities under the Vancouver Resource Society, received 2nd and 3rd readings with unanimous support from Council. Council also requested that the developer consider provision of another unit through the reduction of parking.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Walk-Through of OCP CityShaping Website and Discussion
P. Penner gave a brief walk-through of the CityShaping section of the City's website. He noted that we are at the very beginning of the process – gathering information and raising public awareness. The survey was noted and members were encouraged to take this survey if they have not already done so. Members were also encouraged to use their professional, social and personal networks to promote CityShaping.
- b) SPAC's Role in OCP Process – Vince Verlaan
V. Verlaan from HB Lanarc facilitated an exercise enabling SPAC members to define challenges and opportunities in accessing difficult to engage population groups (see attached).

6. INFORMATION REPORTS

- (a) CityShaping Report to Council – June 21, 2011
- (b) 2011 Community Services Grants – Resolutions of Council
- (c) Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund – Resolution of Council

7. **ADJOURNMENT –**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 28, 2011**



Chair



Date