

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, October 28, 2015 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Steve Tornes, Vice-Chair/Acting Chair
Nick Bryant
Cassandra Buckley
Tomoko Ito
Jasreen Janjua
Ray Moore
Stephanie Snowden

ABSENT:

Mary Tasi, Chair
Donna Zwickel
Holly Back, Councillor

STAFF:

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk
Suzanne Smith, Planner

GUESTS:

9 members – quorum = 5
1 Councillor (non-voting) 2 staff (non-voting)

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2015 were adopted as circulated.

3. UPDATES

a. Councillor – N/A

b. Staff

- Housing profile – This is part of the housing action plan which is currently being developed with the assistance of consultants. W. Tse will be coming to the November SPAC meeting to present the plan and will be seeking input on the housing policy.
- A PowerPoint presentation from the North Shore Multicultural Society is included in the circulation folder. This was presented to Council on September 28 as an update to Council as well as a request for assistance in finding new office space.
- The Sustainable Development Guidelines, which were presented to SPAC at the June meeting have now been endorsed by Council and are included in the circulation folder.
- The Active Design Guidelines are also included in the circulation folder. This is somewhat ground breaking in Canada; it encourages developers to look at ways

to encourage activity and social interaction with their neighbours in new developments. This can be achieved through the design and location of stairways, indoor amenity rooms, outdoor recreation, community gardens, and circulation. These guidelines have been endorsed by Council, but will have a public meeting for input, then go to public hearing.

- The CNV4ME Task Force has held its first meeting. The Task Force's focus is on implementing the Child & Family Friendly Policy that was adopted by Council last year.
- P. Penner has been working on behalf of the Connect for Kids early years planning table on an application for funding that has submitted been to the province by North Shore Community Resources for Early Years Centres in 5 locations across the North Shore. These centres would enable parents to receive additional programming for them and their children. One of the proposed centres would be located at Ridgeway Elementary school
- The necessary paperwork has been submitted to have the Harvest Project considered for core funding in the 2016 Financial Plan.
- North Shore Neighbourhood House is currently doing a space needs analysis as their current building has reached the end of its economic and service life. Consultants are working with NSNH staff and Board to determine the types of spaces they will need to function effectively in the future.
- School District No. 44 has recognized a future need for a school in the Lower Lonsdale area. The City will be working closely with them on this.
- The North Shore Youth website is now "live". It can be viewed at www.nsyouth.ca. A wallet/pocket card is also being produced.
- The "Keeping Safe" wallet card has been updated and was passed around to the Committee.
- "Kids in the Hall" is an event for families coming up on Saturday, November 21, 1pm – 4 pm. It will take place in the City Hall Atrium and Civic Plaza and will celebrate programs and initiatives that make the City more liveable for children, youth and families. This will also be a forum for newcomers to learn about their community and civic government.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Moodyville Design Guidelines – Suzanne Smith, Planner

S. Smith, Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation, updating the Committee on the Moodyville Design Guidelines.

Key points included:

- During the update of the Official Community Plan, the Moodyville area was identified as an area where people are looking for more ground-oriented, family dwellings.
- TransLink has identified East 3rd Street as a future rapid transit corridor.
- The Moodyville area currently contains 300 lots and approximately 1,100 people. The proposed changes could see an increase to potentially 4,000 people.
- Five guiding principles for the guidelines were identified during the early stages of this process. The guidelines need to:
 - Contribute to Moodyville identity
 - Create neighbourly streetscapes

- Improve mobility
- Promote housing diversity
- Advance sustainability
- Community Benefit Contributions:
 - \$20/square feet on net new development
 - 20% goes to the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund
 - 80% to the Community Amenity Reserve Fund
 - Up to \$25 million at 100% buildout

Questions/Comments from SPAC:

- How does affordability that play into this process?
 - We are introducing more multi-family forms and other measures such as lock-off units in suites. Don't have a developer interested yet in developing in this area but this will come along as development occurs.
- Regarding stacked townhouses, it is important to note that, although they can be more affordable, a downside in that accessibility to upper levels is greatly reduced.
 - Stacked townhouses will be about 30% of the area. Other forms will be more accessible.
- Can you explain the advantage of stacked over regular townhouses?
 - It gives a different option for form, more volume area.
 - Stacked is a higher density form that can be put onto the lot.
- Thanks to Suzanne!

6:55 – 7:00 pm - Break

b. Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund – Round Two 2015 – Initial Discussion

The applications were discussed and a range of initial recommendations were noted. The Community Planner will follow up with a few of the applicants and report to SPAC members at the November meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT – 8:26 pm

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 25, 2015



Chair



Date

