

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee
Held in City Hall, Atrium Meeting Room
On Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Etienne Normandin, Chair
Anna Boltenko
Arash Ehteshami
Jasreen Janjua
Jolene Kennett
Larry O'Grodnik

ABSENT:

Naz Kohan, Vice Chair
Tina Parbhakar
Heather Urquhart

Angela Girard, Councillor

STAFF:

Heather Evans, Community Planner
Wendy Tse, Planner 2
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

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

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNCEDED TERRITORY

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The approval of the agenda was moved and seconded and the agenda was approved with one addition; the Chair will lead the discussion on Item 6 a).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The adoption of the minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2019 moved and seconded and the minutes were adopted as circulated.

4. PRESENTATION – BALANCED HOUSING LAB

The Planner 2 presented on the Balancing Housing Lab.

Key points included:

- This project came out of a Council Notice of Motion and fits in with Council's Strategic Plan.
- The goals are:
 - To generate workforce housing solutions
 - Involve diverse stakeholders
 - Increase rental and ownership options
 - Partner with all levels of government
- A Solutions Lab is a social innovation model with an iterative approach that is systems based and collaborative.

- The timeline involves several workshops and should conclude with a Collective Impact Workshop in April 2020.
- The engagement will involve stakeholders, public feedback and SPAC.

Questions/Comments from SPAC:

- The committee discussed the Collective Impact Workshop; there were concerns that this can be unbalanced approach, depending on who is in the room. The City will endeavour to have a balanced and inclusive group of stakeholders.
- The point was made that when well-facilitated, these type of workshops can be very efficient.

5. UPDATES

- Councillor
 - Unavailable.
- Staff
 - Council approved the Permissive Tax Exemptions bylaw; two of three new sites were approved for PTE's.
 - Council approve the revised Elementary School Playground Enhancements Policy.
 - A six-month trial program for child minding during Council meetings was also approved by Council. This will start in 2020.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Historical Community Grant Data – Review & Discussion

The Chair showed a PowerPoint presentation and led a discussion of an analysis of historical Community Grant data.

Key points included:

- Requests are going up every year and will likely continue.
- The average amount per grant application has not changed much over a number of years.
- We seem to be receiving more applications from the same organizations.
- Community Grants could be underfunded by 2025 if no new money is made available.

Questions/Comments from SPAC:

- Discussion occurred on other ways to balance the current model for community grants such as lowering the maximum amount requested per organization or limiting the number of applications from one organization.
- It was noted that SPAC could advocate to Council for changes to the Community Grant levels via a motion and/or input into the Community Well Being Strategy.

Break – 7 pm – 7:10 pm

7:10 pm – A. Ehteshami left the meeting.

b) 2019 Round Two Community Grants –Review and Discussion

The Chair led a discussion regarding recommended allocations for Round Two of the 2019 Community Grants.

The spreadsheet was populated and the committee agreed to allocate the remaining \$45,883.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 27, 2019

N. Khan
Chair

Feb 26, 2020
Date

