

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, April 26, 2017 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Steve Tornes, Chair
Arash Ehteshami, Vice Chair
Etienne Normandin
Heather Urquhart
Jasreen Janjua
Joanna Linsangan
Mary Tasi
Tina Parbhakar

Holly Back, Councillor

ABSENT:

Cassandra Buckley

STAFF:

Heather Evans, Community Planner
Tanis Huckell, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated with two additions.

New member, Etienne Normandin, was welcomed to the committee and introduced himself. The committee did a roundtable of introductions.

S. Tornes thanked M. Tasi for her work as Chair over the past 2 years.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2017 were adopted as circulated.

3. UPDATES

a. Councillor

- The second to last segment of the Green Necklace is almost complete. Very exciting! We have a meeting upcoming to discuss the funding.
- The Harry Jerome Project is getting some momentum. There are several public open houses and a town hall meeting coming up. Staff are working hard on plans. Council are receiving emails from groups wishing to be included in the space.

- Council approved a tax increase of 3.4%.
- A Notice of Motion has been made regarding putting a Ferris wheel at the Waterfront. Would like to see that move forward!
- CityFest is coming up on Saturday, May 6.

b. Staff

- There is an interesting exhibition happening in Vancouver at the Sunset Community Centre. It is about “lived experiences” of aging immigrants and the purpose is to study the impact of immigrants and aging. This is scheduled for May 11 and 12. Will pass on the information.
- Have included information about the upcoming Harry Jerome open houses. The May 15 Council meeting will be dedicated to delegations wishing to speak to the Harry Jerome Project. The Town Hall Meeting will happen the next day.
- The preliminary results of the homelessness count which took place March 7 and 8 are available. A copy of the staff information report is available. Some of the highlights: homeless seniors are increasing, homeless youth 25 and under are decreasing. There has been a decrease in homelessness on the North Shore but local workers suggest this may be inaccurate. Staff will keep SPAC updated.
- The Placemaking initiative at Jack Louck’s court is now underway. Tables, chairs, umbrellas have been ordered. There will be long lunch tables, live musicians, things happening there every Thursday in July.
- The awards ceremony for the Civic Youth awards are next Wednesday, May 3 at City Hall. We are expecting over 150 guests. May 1-7 is Youth Week across BC.
- The City commissioned a report from a group called Cascadia. They are looking at a housing feasibility study, funded in part by the City.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2017 Round One Community Grants Recommendations – Finalize

The final grant decisions were discussed. Decisions were reached and unanimously agreed upon. The spreadsheet was populated.

b. Planning for 2017 Speakers/Tours

H. Evans asked members what speakers they would like to see at the May and June meetings. Some ideas from the last meeting are Hollyburn Family Services, Queen Mary Literacy Program, North Shore ConneXions, North Shore Meals on Wheels and Big Brothers. Members agreed that these are all of interest.

H. Evans will speak to these agencies and make arrangements.

c. Roundtable

S. Tornos asked if members had any suggestions to make the grant process easier and asked for general thoughts about how the first round went. Some general thoughts:

- The process could be tightened up.
- Good to have everyone give their thoughts and questions.
- Appreciate being able to see other applications.

- Could be made more objective; guidelines need tightening up.
- A digital process would make things easier for members.

5. ADJOURNMENT – 8:18 p.m.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 24, 2017



Chair



Date