

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 28, 2015 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair
Cassandra Buckley
Nick Bryant
Tomoko Ito
Ray Moore
Maria Sponza
Steve Tornes
Mary Tasi
Donna Zwickel
Holly Back, Councillor

ABSENT:

STAFF:

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk
Juliana Buitenhuis, Community Worker

GUESTS:

Stephanie Snowden

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 November 26, 2014 were adopted with one change; under Item 4 a) #8 – North Shore Neighbourhood House – Grandparent Connections Program, the second concern should read “High cost per participant.”

3. UPDATES

a. Councillor

Councillor Back reported that is she is happy to be part of SPAC. There will be a lot of growth coming up in the City in the coming year. Appointments to the committees were made at the last Council meeting.

b. Staff

- The report regarding the 2014 Round Two Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund recommendations went to Council December 15 with the committee's recommendations being endorsed. Discussions are continuing with CNV's Finance department regarding the financial logistics of merging the LLLF with Community Grants. Staff anticipate reporting back to Council in February on this issue.

- In the last round of the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund, North Shore Neighbourhood House received \$12,000 for a Seniors' Peer Support & Outreach Program. They have subsequently received \$10,000 from Vancouver Coastal Health for this program. Therefore, North Shore Neighbourhood House will be returning \$10,000 to the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund which will be available for future disbursement.
- Referring to the staff report in the circulation folder on the Age Grant and Community Recognition; this grant application was turned down by the Province but the City is still proceeding with its community partners (Silver Harbour, Lionsview Planning Society and the DNV) to look for other funding sources. The CNV and its partners will still be seeking an age-friendly community recognition, and hope to receive this before the 55+ games in North Vancouver later this year.
- The money that was allocated for the child care space at Ridgeway Elementary has been extended to allow for some final upgrades.
- A tri-municipal event was recently held on Safe and Active Routes to Schools. This includes walking school buses, walking buddies, drop off points, etc. The CNV is a leader in this regard; the City has also provided funds to schools in the past to pay for crossing guards.
- Queen Mary Elementary School will be holding a Centennial Celebration on May 22, 2015.
- At SPAC's February meeting, elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will be held.
- This will be A. Wilson's last meeting. The City extends many thanks for six years of dedicated service to SPAC!

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. City Initiatives in Community Services

J. Buitenhuis, Community Development Worker, gave a PowerPoint presentation on City Initiatives in Community Services.

Key points included:

- Juliana's portfolio at the City includes Youth, homelessness and some work with seniors.
- The Child, Youth and Family Friendly strategy, called CNV4ME was adopted by Council October 2014.
- Arbour Educational & Clinical Consulting was retained to compile data and develop the strategy. This happened over several months; from April to October 2014.
- The consultation process included many age groups were consulted; 19-24 years olds identified as unique group. In total, 1,200 people were consulted.
- Five dominant themes came from this process: Community Engagement, Community Spaces, Housing, Program Design & Delivery, Community Partnerships.
- For each theme a vision, a goal and a series of focus areas were established and the implementing department/partner was identified.
- This process has created an opportunity for the CNV to work more cohesively with the Recreation & Culture Commission on social planning issues.

- Some implementation processes have started; the CNV is currently creating an online user friendly youth services directory, with a target of the end of February.
- A committee is being created for CNV4ME implementation; the hope is that it will be up and running by March.
- A family-oriented event called “Kids in the Hall” is being planned for March 28. The idea is to have city hall opened up for a Saturday and various departments talk about what they do.
- An employment program with the Lookout Society is also in the works which will involve a delivery service.
- Youth Week will be celebrated once again May 1 – 7 and the City will be conveying Youth Awards on Thursday, May 7 at City Hall.

b. Core Funding

P. Penner gave a PowerPoint presentation on the City’s core funded agencies.

Key points included:

- This is annual financial support to select social & cultural agencies.
- This is part of the City’s operating budget.
- As the CNV does not undertake direct provision of services; it relies on non-profit partners to do so.
- Operating funds can be difficult to access for agencies; core funding reduces administration costs for agencies.
- For a non-profit agency to become eligible for core funding they must have received 3 consecutive years of \$10,000+ funding and be recommended by staff or Council.
- The City’s core funded agencies include: Capilano Community Services, Family Services of the North Shore, North Shore Community Resources, North Shore Crisis Services, North Shore Neighbourhood House, North Shore Women’s Centre, Silver Harbour Centre, North Vancouver Restorative Justice Society and the NS Advisory Committee on Disability Issues.
- Some are also core-funded by the DNV and/or receive provincial funding.
- Financials are reviewed every year by CNV’s finance department.
- North Shore Neighbourhood House represents about 70% of the City’s core-funding budget; the City has had a relationship with NSNH since the 1930’s.
- Silver Harbour is the 2nd largest core-funded agency.
- Other City Supports to these agencies include buildings & land, community facility grants, permissive tax exemptions, other grants (excluding Community Grants).
- The Core Funding Policy states that *“the Social Planning Advisory Committee.... may be requested by staff or Council, from time to time, to review and comment on core funded organizations or services in relation to the City’s overall objectives, or on specific requests for funding increases”*.

c. CityShaping Update

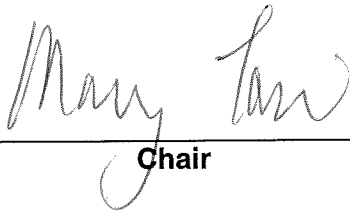
- Council directed staff to make some changes to the last version of the plan, and referred a new bylaw to public hearing. The public hearing will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2015.
- The January 2015 revisions include:
 - Single detached houses will be permitted to have both secondary suites and coach houses; both would have to be rental and could not be stratified. There would be no increase in permissible density to do this.
 - 1500 blk Eastern/200 blk E. 15th Street: Residential level 6 (increase in permissible density).
 - East 3rd Street area: multiple changes; are reverting to approximately the same land use proposals recommended by staff in July, but have included some height restrictions and view considerations.
- Next steps include notifications and referrals, information displays at City Hall, public hearing, bylaw adoption. Subsequently the draft density bonus policy will be considered by Council.
- More information can be found at www.cnv.org/cityshaping/final_ocp.

d. Upcoming Community Grants

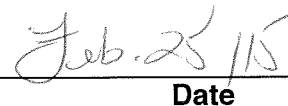
E. Barker referred the committee to the Community Grant review material included in the agenda package and also in their members binders. SPAC members were asked to review this information and become familiar with the process. At the February meeting, the Community Grant applications will be handed out to the sub-groups for review.

6. **ADJOURNMENT – 8:30 p.m.**

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 25, 2015**



Chair



Date