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, March 28, 2012 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair Alison Caldwell Johnson, Vice-Chair Tomoko Ito Kenneth Izatt Chris Nichols Mary Tasi

ABSENT:

Jessica Aldred Nadia Louzado Alison Watt

STAFF:

Cheryl Kathler, Community Planner Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

Rod Clark, Councillor

9 members - quorum = 5

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

 APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The agenda for the March 28, 2012 meeting was adopted as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2012 were adopted as circulated.

3. UPDATES

a. Councillor

- Councillor Clark updated the committee on Social Housing issues that have been brought forward to Council. At a recent Council meeting, Councillor Heywood put forward a motion asking that staff analyze the costs and benefits of selling the 6 housing units in the Kimpton as opposed to retaining them and leasing them to a non-profit operator. This has brought to light the City's need for a new policy.
- He also mentioned that it looks like the City is going to have a 2% tax rate increase this year. Final approvals will be late April or early May.
- Councillor Clark also encouraged all SPAC members to attend the final CityShaping workshop coming up on March 31 if they have not attended one previously.
- SPAC members questioned the Councillor regarding the recent moratorium on bylaw enforcement of secondary suites by Council.

Councillor Clark responded that fire and safety issues take precedence over Council's moratorium.

 There was further discussion on the Kimpton and affordable housing issues in general and it was agreed that SPAC will keep be kept informed on these issues and will have opportunity to comment further in the future.

b. Staff

- CityShaping workshop March 31, 2012. If you have already been involved in a workshop, get your friends and neighbours involved, please encourage people to fill out a workbook on the CNV website or get a hard copy from City Hall or staff member.
- Age-friendly communities Seniors' Today survey was phase one. The second phase is now underway, with a workshop for City seniors to be held April 4, for working on priorities heard in the surveys. A Seniors Action Table group has been formed and they will speak to transportation pedestrian safety issues, etc.
- Tri-Municipal committee on disability issues is looking for volunteers.
 Encourage anyone you know with a disability to become involved.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2011 Annual Report & 2012 Work Plan

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:

THAT the report to City Council entitled "SPAC 2011 Annual Report & 2012 Work Plan" be approved, being sure to amend dates to reflect the current year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Community Grants - Round 1 Discussion

N. Louzado and J. Alred could not attend but sent completed review forms and C. Kathler presented on their behalf. It was unanimously agreed that the committee would populate the Community Grants Matrix with amounts and overall recommendations and save comments for a future meeting.

The recommendations of each group were reported and the application matrix was amended. Staff will email SPAC members the updated spreadsheet.

c. Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund

The deadline for the first round of the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund is March 31, 2012. C. Kathler advised that SPAC will review these applications at the May SPAC meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Advisory Body Reorganization - Update

The Integrated Transportation Committee has been formed and has met once or twice. Other aspects of the reorganization are proceeding.

b. Eli Mina Workshops

A. Wilson advised that she attended the workshops on parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order and felt that they were very good. She reported that a main point for her was learning that if a committee member abstains from voting, his/her vote is counted as a positive. This is due to the fact that the City of North Vancouver follows the Community Charter before Robert's Rules of Order.

c. CNV Website Redesign Focus Group

N. Louzado was part of the website redesign focus group and sent her report to SPAC via email. She reported that a total of 13 people attended and it was a diverse group of youth, seniors and in between. The goal was to find out what City residents want and expect from the website. People were very specific in terms of needs and expectations and it was a very productive meeting.

d. CityShaping Workshop - March 10, 2012

A. Wilson and N. Louzado attended the March 10 workshop and report that it went very well. SPAC is interested to see how all the comments will be filtered into a report.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Chair

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