

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, November 23, 2011 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair
Alison Caldwell Johnson, Vice-Chair
Kenneth Izatt
Vivien Christison
Michelle Robindell
Alison Watt

ABSENT

Jessica Thoms
Craig Keating, Councillor
Lili Motaghedi
Tomoko Ito

STAFF:

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated, with three changes - Item 5 - New Business was moved to after Item 2 – Approval of Minutes and d) Community Amenities and e) Proposed Community Grant Revisions were added to the New Business section.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2011 were adopted with a correction to the motion under Item 3 – “*Carried Unanimously*” will be replaced with “*Carried: 4-2*”.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) **Membership Changes**

- i. M. Robindell announced that she will be resigning from SPAC and this will be her last meeting.
- ii. V. Christison advised that she is also resigning from SPAC and her last meeting will be January 2012.

- iii. L. Motaghedi has resigned from SPAC effective immediately.
- iv. A. Watt has a conflict on Wednesday evenings and cannot always attend the SPAC meetings. She will speak with P. Penner to resolve this.
- v. P. Penner advised that there are 5 people on the waiting list to join SPAC.

b) **Civic Grants Committee – Terms of Reference**

P. Penner advised that this item has been moved forward in the agenda as two members need to leave the meeting early and it is best to discuss this item while we have quorum.

The Draft Terms of Reference for the Civic Grants Committee were presented and discussed.

The following points were made:

- It is important to be sure the terms of reference reflect that the Committee's purpose is to provide advice to City Council.
- A number of the grants that will be under the Committee's mandate are accessed infrequently.
- It has been very useful and informative to the Committee in the past to have a municipal staff member present information updates on various issues that may bring context to the deliberations of grant recommendations. This may still be possible in future.
- The name "Civic Grant **Advisory** Committee" more accurately reflects what the Committee will be doing.

The following concerns were raised:

- The new process of reviewing all grants could be more time consuming, depending on how the application deadlines are spread through the calendar year.
- The " Social Plan has been very useful and the Committee does not wish to lose it if it were to be merged with another, larger document.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:

THAT the document "Civic Grants Committee – Terms of Reference" be amended as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At this time, A. Watt and M. Robindell left the meeting.

c) **City Grants Overview**

P. Penner circulated a document entitled "City of North Vancouver, Grants Overview". This is an outline of the grants listed in the Civic Grants Committee Terms of Reference and is for SPAC members' information.

A member questioned whether it was noted in the SPAC minutes of May 2011 that the intention in approving the Harvest Project for the Community Grant once again was so that they would be eligible for Core Funding next year. The minutes of the May 2011 SPAC meeting were checked and, as this was not recorded in those minutes, A. Wilson will follow up on this issue and add it to her year end Chair's report.

d) **Community Amenities**

V. Christison advised the Committee that she had received a phone call from a developer of a project on the North Shore asking her what types of things she would like to see as Community Amenities. She brought this to the Committee's attention to ascertain how the City proposes and negotiates what community amenities are appropriate in conjunction with redevelopment applications.

It was noted by SPAC that when the Committee changes to the Civic Grants Committee, the role of recommending community amenities will be diminished, and the question was raised if this will be going to another Committee. P. Penner advised that this is not currently known but it could be recommended to Council that the Civic Grants Committee would like to have the opportunity to comment on community amenities from time to time.

e) **Proposed Community Grant Revisions**

P. Penner circulated the Program Grant Application Form for the North Shore Municipal Community Grant. The City has been asked to provide input, particularly on questions #5 and #6.

4. **UPDATES**

a) **COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE**

b) **STAFF UPDATE –**

- Chesterfield House was officially opened on November 7th; tenant's council is up and running.
- Rezoning for Citimark development on West 15th will include 5 units for Vancouver Resource Society residents who require supportive fully accessible homes.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

a) **City Shaping: Stage One Results and Stage Two Process**

This document was briefly discussed. P. Penner advised that Stage Two of the City Shaping process will be much more in depth, and will target hard to reach populations.

SPAC members were pleased with this process so far and commend staff for the work done.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS


- a) Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning
- b) North Shore Congress Children's Charter
- c) Living Wage Resolution – A. Caldwell-Johnson suggested SPAC members visit www.livingwage.bc.ca for more information.
- d) Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund 2011 Round Two Report & Resolution

7. ADJOURNMENT – 8:55 pm

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 25, 2012



Chair



Date