

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 27, 2013 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair
Kenneth Izatt, Vice-Chair
Nick Bryant
Arash Ehteshami
Greg Geub
Tomoko Ito
Ray Moore
Mary Tasi
Steve Tornes

ABSENT:

Rod Clark, Councillor

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of October 23, 2013 were adopted as circulated.

3. UPDATES

a. Councillor

b. Staff

Staff are currently working to get a Draft Official Community Plan before Council at the December 9 meeting. Staff will be seeking Council's endorsement to take the draft OCP out for public discussion. This will lead into a Community Engagement Strategy in the new year leading to adoption of the new OCP sometime before the summer.

89 people attended the Community Grants Workshop, held in the DNV Council Chambers. We will be posting the new forms and guidelines shortly. There may also be a video and a FAQ sheet.

At the Council meeting Monday night, the Finance Committee received preliminary approval on the 2014 budget. The youth employment program, Studio in the City has been reinstated for next year.

J. Buitenhuis's report to Council on Child & Family Friendliness on the North Shore was included in the SPAC agenda package. This report references 2 surveys which were both commissioned by North Shore Congress. Juliana's report focuses on survey conducted on behalf of the CNV of parents in the CNV. There were some solid recommendations from the survey that the report responded to. Active transportation is being addressed by our Engineering department. The Vancouver Coastal Health survey contains good information for this committee.

There was a Notice of Motion made at Council Monday night regarding having a shovel ready project for Harry Jerome once the William Griffin renovations have been completed. Council's direction is for staff to start looking again Harry Jerome in January of next year.

A group of pre-teens visited City Hall recently and did a mock council meeting through the Youth for Chance program run out of NS Neighbourhood House and funded by the CNV. The youth also commented on what they would like to see at the City's Waterfront, and met with Mayor Mussatto.

J. Buitenhuis (Community Development Worker) attended the Cities Fit For Children Conference hosted by the City of Surrey. All of the seminars were facilitated by youth. There was a resounding message heard that outdoor play areas are important for children.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund 2013 Round Two – Final Review
1. North Shore Keep Well Society - Volunteer Health and Nutrition Awareness Project, Phase 2 – Request: \$4,000, Recommendation: \$4,000

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Good collaboration with neighbour partners
- Good ratio of dollars per residents served
- Fosters volunteerism on the North Shore
- Fosters listening

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- Seems like it may be a duplication of service
- Committee members requested to see tangible outcomes from the first year of funding
- Ask seems high to train volunteers

2. North Shore Neighbourhood House – GrandParent Program
Request: \$5,545, Recommendation: \$2,500

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Successful program
- Need for program
- Unique target

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- High ask per participant/individual
- Volunteers are too few

3. North Shore Neighbourhood House – Lower Lonsdale Seniors Lunch & Listen Program – Request: \$9,000, Recommendation: \$6,000

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- High number of Lower Lonsdale participants
- Important program for seniors

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- Seems like a duplication of service.
- Unclear what the cost of the lunch covers

4. North Shore Women’s Centre – Health and Wellness Program – Year 2 Request: \$8,000, Recommendation: \$3,200

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Good partnerships
- There is a place for this as it does work for some people
- Inclusive for low income women that have a need
- Good collaboration between holistic and mainstream
- Good preventative medicine

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- Some committee members concerned that low income women may not get proper care for serious conditions
- Perhaps need to advertise more to get clients that can pay partial funding
- Would like to see a greater number of Lower Lonsdale residents served

5. Spectrum Mothers Support Society – Mothering Support Request: \$15,000, Recommendation: \$15,000

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Great program
- Can be tremendously helpful to new mothers and infants
- Diverse funding partners from different community organizations

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- High cost per participant
- Program should be made more known to public
- Connections to people in crisis need to be focused on rather than connections to agencies

6. Canadian Mental Health Association, North and West Vancouver Branch - BRIDGES (Building Recovery of Individual Dreams and Goals through Education and Support) – Request: \$24,600, Recommendation: \$18,000

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Partnered well in community
- Good program
- Big issue in our society

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- High cost per participant
- Seems like there are ways they can save money though space, etc.
- Concerned about qualifications of person leading groups but answering portray person fully qualified
- Drawback that program is only offered in English

7. North Shore Neighbourhood House – Queen Mary Community Development Project – Lower Lonsdale Community Celebration – Request: \$4,000, Recommendation: \$1,000

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Low cost to benefit community

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- School's PAC should perhaps be heading this up

8. Sharing Abundance Association – Sharing Abundance Meal Programs Request: \$5,000, Recommendation: \$5,000

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Very well supported in community
- Directly serves residents of Lower Lonsdale

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- Bookkeeping issue

9. Westcoast Family Centres Society – Strong Kids Program Request: \$35,000, Recommendation: \$0

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- The need is great
- Middle school age really important before high school, currently no strong programming for this age
- Work closely with the Ministry

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- Committee members were concerned about supporting such a new program
- Not sure if there is a need for the program
- Assessments can be subjective
- Some discrepancies.
- Large amount per participant
- Should be asking for other sources of funding

The Committee felt this is a worthwhile program; however, they were reluctant to fund it at this point in time. SPAC suggests that Westcoast Family Centres Society do some additional research, particularly at the schools in the CNV that they are planning to run this program in. SPAC would also like to see letters of support from principals of the schools in the CNV where this program will potentially be run. The committee also suggests that Westcoast Family Centres look at the Early Development Investment Wave 5 study for School District 44. SPAC would like to encourage Westcoast Family Centres Society to re-apply to the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund at a later date and, if so, that they include letters of reference from principals and stakeholders of schools where this program has occurred.

The following motions were introduced, discussed and voted on:

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Social Planning Advisory Commission re-open the discussion regarding application #4 – North Shore Women’s Centre, Health and Wellness Program, Phase 2.

DEFEATED

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the unallocated monies from the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund from 2013 (\$15,638) be carried over for disbursement in 2014.

CARRIED 8/1

b. Early Development Investment – Wave 5 – Community Summary

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding the Early Development Investment Wave 5 Community Summary be deferred to the January 2014 meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. January Speaker -

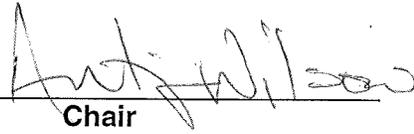
P. Penner advised that Lisa Hubbard of North Shore Neighbourhood House will attend the January SPAC meeting and make a presentation.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

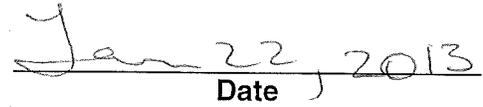
- a. K. Izatt noted that the Lower Lonsdale Business Association is hosting the 10th Annual Lower Lonsdale Christmas Festival at the Shipyards on December 7, 2013 – 4:30 pm – 8 pm. Further details can be found at www.cnv.org/Parks-Recreation-and-Culture/Community-Events.

6. ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 22, 2013



Chair



Date