

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, September 26, 2012 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair
Alison Caldwell Johnson, Vice-Chair
Kenneth Izatt
Nadia Louzado
Mary Tasi

ABSENT:

Tomoko Ito
Alison Watt
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

The minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2012 were adopted as circulated.

3. UPDATES

a. Councillor – N/A

b. Staff – P. Penner

- Child Care Policy Options report – This was written in response to a Council resolution requesting information on the inclusion of child care in new, large developments, and on City-imposed barriers to child care. With respect to inclusion in new developments, in the 2009 Child Care Policy & Plan recommended that child care space be identified as a community amenity eligible for density bonuses, and that recommendation is being carried forward into the current OCP revision process. With respect to City-imposed barriers to child care, child care operators have stated that the business license requirements for group child care in residential zones, and the time the approval process takes, constitute a City-imposed barrier. Council resolved to rescind the current Business License requirements for group child care in residential zones, and to implement a more rigorous staff approval process.

- CityShaping Community Walkabout – This event occurred last week in conjunction with Vancouver Coastal Health and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. 60 members of the public attended.
- The core funding applications have been received. This is currently a staff review process but may be changed to a committee review next year. SPAC requested that P. Penner bring information on the amounts that are being requested to the next meeting.
- Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund – The deadline for the fall intake is October 15. It was asked if SPAC is in agreement with receiving the applications for review on October 19 and discussion at the October 24 meeting. SPAC members agreed to this if the committee review will be done over two meetings in October and November. This will allow enough time for the report to go to Council in early December. SPAC members also agreed that they prefer the report to come from staff as this is a more neutral voice.
- Jessica Thoms and Chris Nichols have both resigned from SPAC. The City Clerk's office is currently recruiting new committee members.
- Cheryl Kathler retired September 13 after 23 years with CNV.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Suzanne Smith – Advisory Body Reorganization

S. Smith presented the report on the Advisory Body Reorganization. Key points touched on were:

- The intention since the last OCP was adopted in 2002 has been to review the Advisory Bodies.
- A third party audit was conducted by the Fraser Basis Council, and they suggested CNV look at opportunities to “cross pollinate” the committees.
- The Integrated Transportation Committee has been formed.
- The Planning Commission will keep the same name, but will be expanded to include social issues as well as economic. It was noted that APC's focus is quite broadly based.
- The Advisory Design Panel would remain unchanged but may utilize some Heritage expertise from time to time.
- A new Sense of Place (or Community Identity) Committee is proposed which would encompass heritage, public art, parks, natural environment, cultural diversity etc.
- It is proposed that SPAC change to the Civic Grants Advisory Committee, whose main focus would be to review grant applications.

SPAC Comments:

- It appears from the Terms of Reference for the new committee that the focus will be more financial than social.
- Concern that social planning issues may not get enough attention at the Advisory Planning Commission.
- New proposal seems more efficient.
- Difficult to comment on social planning issues going to APC without seeing their Terms of Reference.
- Members of the new Civic Grants Committee should have an ability to read and understand financial statements.

- Important to keep new committee aware of the “bigger picture”.

The following motion was moved and seconded:

THAT, the Social Planning Advisory Committee, having received the report and presentation from Suzanne Smith, Planner, City of North Vancouver, regarding the proposed Advisory Body Reorganization, supports, in principle, the proposed Civic Grants Advisory Committee.

Further, the Committee recommends that the Draft Civic Grants Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be amended as follows:

“Ideally committee members would have an awareness of, and concern for, diverse social issues on the North Shore and knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and/or business or not-for-profit experience.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) CityShaping Update

P. Penner advised that two reports have gone to Council regarding CityShaping since SPAC's last meeting (both were included in the agenda package).

The Stage II report was a high level summary to Council. The information collected will be communicated to the public via the CNV website and on presentation boards around the City.

The process for Stage III of CityShaping was endorsed by Council September 17. Originally, Stage III was to be the first draft of the new OCP. However, a community group has requested more opportunities for broader public input. The Walkabout last week was one such event and there are 3 upcoming workshops planned - Housing Needs in the City (October 20), Density Bonusing & Community Amenity Contributions (October 29), and Growth & Land Use Scenario Development (November 24).

There will also likely be another workshop in early 2013. The revised timeline for the adoption of a new OCP is early fall 2013.

c) Community Grants Recommendation

The Chair read the memo containing the recommendations from SPAC's June meeting on the Community Grants process to the committee.

As there were some members present that were not at the June meeting, not all were in agreement and it was decided that this item would be deferred to the November meeting for further discussion.

Also SPAC members would also like to further discuss the possibility of merging the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund and the Community Grants.

d) Community Heroes Recommendation

The Chair read the memo containing the recommendations from SPAC's June meeting on the Community Heroes Award to the committee.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT, the Social Planning Advisory Committee, having discussed the Community Heroes Award program, wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. The following names are forwarded for consideration:
 - a. Community Impact Award
 - b. Friends of the City Award

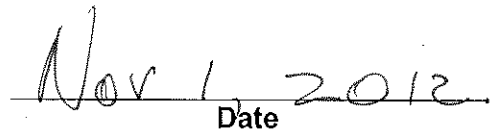
2. The following ideas for promoting the Community Heroes award are submitted for consideration:
 - a. Circulate information to past Community Grant and Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund grant recipients and applicants.
 - b. Advertise in public area, i.e. Recreation centres, community centres, library.
 - c. Previous year's award recipient(s) should be featured prominently on the City's website when the award is conveyed and again when nominations are called for.
 - d. More extensive use of social media.
 - e. Encourage individuals and agencies to be added to the City's email list.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – 9:05 p.m.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – October 24, 2012


Chair


Date