

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, October 26, 2016 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cassandra Buckley
Tomoko Ito
Jasreen Janjua
Jullian Kolstee, Acting Chair
Joanna Linsangan

Holly Back, Councillor

ABSENT:

Mary Tasi, Chair
Steve Tornes, Vice Chair

STAFF:

Suzanne Smith, 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 5, 2016 were adopted as circulated.

3. UPDATES

a. Councillor

- A report regarding a Business Improvement Area in Lower Lonsdale has been to Council. Council has requested that staff provide for information before this is approved. This is a great time for this to be happening with so much going on in Lower Lonsdale.
- The high rise building at 13th and Lonsdale was approved at the last Council meeting. It will be rental only. Hollyburn's last rental only building (Marlborough II) had an 800 person wait list. This shows the need for more rental stock

b. Staff

- Council has recently approved the endorsement of the Healthy Communities Partnership Agreement between the CNV and Vancouver Coastal Health. This carries on the work and assistance VCH provided to CNV when the OCP was being redone. This new agreement will now move forward with priority projects that have been identified.

- Council also recently approved a report to endorse the City's Housing Action Plan (HAP). This has been some time in the making. The City was required by Metro Vancouver to create a housing action plan. The engagement process included an online survey, information boards in City Hall and presentations to the Advisory Bodies and other stakeholders. CitySpaces Consulting was then retained to create the HAP. A housing profile of the City was also created as well as a Housing Policy Alternatives research document. Housing Innovation tours were also held. The finale outcome is a concise document identifying 11 "big moves".
 - i. Question from SPAC:
 - 1. Is the intention that current residents/homeowners come to the City with requests to maximize zoning that could be used for rental stock or will the City be reaching out to homeowners?
 - a. Somewhere between the two; only particular areas will be permitted to tailor the zoning and the requirements would have to be met. The City will notify residents that these things are now possible.
- The City has also recently provided input on the National Housing Strategy
- "Un-square the Square" is a project currently going on to look at ways to enliven and reanimate Jack Loucks Court and Rogers Plaza. More information can be found at: <http://www.cnv.org/parks-recreation-and-culture/parks-and-greenways/park-projects/jack-loucks-court>.
- "Kids in the Hall" (a family friendly Open House) will be held once again in the City Hall Atrium on Saturday, November 19 from 1 – 4 pm. There will be interactive info booths with materials about child, youth and family-friendliness, safe routes to schools, parks, recreation, growing food, library services and more, to provide knowledge to parents and caregivers.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Round Two 2016 Community Grant Applications Review

The committee went through the applications and discussed any questions or concerns. S. Smith will contact agencies to have questioned answered and report to SPAC by email before the next meeting.

The spreadsheet was populated. E. Barker will send all committee members the Community Grants Review Sheet (which is to be filled out by each member, one for each application) and the updated matrix by email.

Members are asked to come to the November meeting expecting to reach final grant decisions.

6. ADJOURNMENT – 8:06 pm

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 23, 2016

Mary Tasi

Chair

Nov. 23, 2016

Date

