

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, January 23, 2013 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair
Alison Caldwell Johnson, Vice-Chair
Arash Ehteshami
Tomoko Ito
Kenneth Izatt
Mary Tasi

ABSENT:

Greg Geub
Nadia Louzado
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

The agenda was approved with two additions: 4 d) Visit from Non-Profit Agency and 4 e) 2013 Work Plan.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of November 24, 2012 were adopted as circulated.

3. UPDATES

a. Staff

- A. Watt has resigned. This will be A. Caldwell Johnson's last meeting after 6 terms. Many thanks to both Alisons!
- Next meeting, we will have 2 new members. It will also be Arash and Greg's 1st time going through the Community Grant process. Therefore, the committee will defer reviewing the Community Grant process to the February meeting. All Community Grant applications will be given out at the February meeting.
- The Advisory Body Reorganization initiative has been referred to a Council "shirt sleeve" session to review the proposed changes.
- P. Penner has put in a request through the City's budgeting process on behalf of Lonsdale Creek Daycare Society for funds to repair one of the buildings they occupy on the Lonsdale Creek Annex site at 21st and Mahon. They lease the property and building from the school district but

are responsible for upkeep and maintenance. Council has appropriated \$159,000 in funding to be matched by the society to affect the repairs.

- The child care space at Queen Mary Elementary school has also received preliminary approval for funding to assist in the final fit, finish and equipping of the child care space.. The child care facility will re-open with the rest of the school in the fall of 2013. There has been up to \$200,000 set aside by Council.
- The City has hired a new temporary full time Community Development Worker. Juliana Buitenhuis is with the City on a 1 year term.
- There was a fundraiser held in the Atrium at City Hall for North Shore Neighbourhood House to determine how family-friendly the North Shore is. NSNH has hired a consultant to discuss this issue with people working in the field, and to conduct a parent survey ,which will be forwarded to all SPAC members. All information gathered will go back to a meeting of the North Shore Congress in late February.
- The January 19 CityShaping Growth and Land Use workshop held at City Hall went very well. Included on the agenda were speakers on growth and development, a staff overview of those issues in the City, and a hands-on interactive future mapping exercise. Approximately 120 individuals attended.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Community Grants

- i. Deferred conversation on the review process to the February meeting.
- ii. A tri-municipal meeting to review Community Grant forms will likely be held in May. When this has happened in the past, a few members from each committee would attend rather than the whole committee. SPAC members are encouraged to think about the forms and guidelines from an evaluation standpoint as they go through this year's process.

Another idea is to hold an information meeting for all potential applicants, likely in September, to go over the forms and explain how to fill them out. K. Izatt suggested that this might be a good thing to record and post on the City's YouTube channel.

b. Election of Chair/Vice-Chair

Elections will be held at the beginning of the February meeting. SPAC members were encouraged to consider who they might nominate and/or vote for.

c. Community Award of Merit

SPAC members were asked to think of any potential nominees for this award. Nominations are due at the end of March.

d. Visits from Non-Profit Agencies

SPAC would like to have ~~one~~ more visits from non-profit agencies. P. Penner asked for ideas.

It was decided that a speaker would be arranged for the February meeting. June and September would also be good months to have a speaker come.

SPAC also expressed a desire to have agencies that would potentially be applying for grants come. If they were to present to SPAC on issues such as the needs of the community, gaps in service, current issues they face, etc., it would help the committee to make more informed decisions on grant allocations.

P. Penner will contact Family Services of the North Shore to find out if they can come to our February meeting.

e. **Work Plan**

SPAC's work plan for 2013-2014 will include reviewing the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund grant applications, Community Grant applications and receiving speakers from non-profit agencies that have applied or may apply for these grants.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Volunteer Appreciation Reception – Is scheduled for Thursday, April 25 and will be held in the Atrium at City Hall. Watch for emails with more information.
- b. Harry Jerome Recreation Centre Revitalization – Option B came out as the preferred option for the public in terms of what a rec centre may look like. A report went to Council January 14th, but was largely deferred as not all Council members were present.

6. ADJOURNMENT – 8:20 p.m.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –February 27, 2013


Chair


Date