

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 26, 2011 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Vice-Chair
Vivien Christison
Kenneth Izatt
Lili Motaghedi
Alison Watt

ABSENT

Ann Roberts
Alison Caldwell Johnson
Michelle Robindell
Will Hartman
Councillor Keating

STAFF:

Cheryl Kathler, Community Planner
Lillian Gorrie, 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 November 24, 2010 were adopted as circulated with the correction to the date in the 1st paragraph “2997” should be “1997”.

3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

- a) OCP 2021 & Beyond Discussion Paper: Social & Cultural Trends – This report is part of a series of discussion papers staff are putting forward and being referred to the public and City Advisory Bodies. The Vision, Values, Goals, Objectives, and Actions of the City’s Social Plan will be looked at as it relates to the OCP, with the intent of weaving it throughout the new OCP. The methodology is still to be decided.

Topics in this report cover:

- The Age Shift
- Childcare and the Complete Community
- Youth – (16% of population is between 10-24 years).
- Age-Friendly Communities – (13% of residents are 65 or over)
- Cultural Diversity
- Housing Affordability
- Small Families in Small Residential Units
- Lower Income Residents
- The Evolving Non-Profit Sector Arts.

The report proposed the following questions for discussion:

- What partnerships can the City pursue that will best serve the needs of the cultural sector and the greater community?
 - What investments should be made in funding, policy and infrastructure that will provide the highest and best use of limited resources, and provide the community with activities and experiences that are unique to North Vancouver?
 - How does the City plan for the unforeseen opportunities?
- b) OCP 2021 & Beyond Workplan & Revised Budget – This report submits a revised budget for the 2021 OCP declining the FCM grant for this project and proceeding with appropriated City funds. The City’s model does not fit the FCM grant guidelines very well and the restriction to a signed-off detailed work program does not permit the flexibility to add other information such as climate action change research.
- Staff advised that the City had to reject a grant from the FCM due to its lack of flexibility to meet the needs of our process. The budget is now \$250,000 and work is being done in-house. The City is looking to have more community engagement and want to imbed topics like sustainability, modelling, ghg emissions, and dealing with climate change and adaptation. There will be one additional temporary staff person.
 - SPAC noted a statement on Social Sustainability in the report that would be provincial responsibilities. Staff stated that the City is working to ensure that all City residents have access to health care.
 - Staff informed SPAC that the City will be hiring a consultant to build a framework as to how to engage the public in discussions, with a focus on sustainability and what it means to them.

4. UPDATES

a) **COUNCILLOR’S UPDATE** – N/A

b) **STAFF UPDATE** –

- (i) Anavets Project Redevelopment – has been approved by Council.
- (ii) Capital Funding for HYAD – the Province has not come forward with any funding for this project, and HYAD members are seeking at other options.
- (iii) Rental Housing Inventory & Analysis – Metro Vancouver – The Regional Growth Strategy has an Affordable Housing Strategy which supports the retention and enhancement of rental housing. The consultant-led study will provide the City with a detailed inventory of its purpose built rental housing, an analysis of its risk for redevelopment, within a broader overview of rental housing across the region, . The consultants will also be making recommendations regarding policies to support and retain rental housing.
- (iv) Senior’s Planning Table – a survey of seniors and an assessment of their issues is being planned. **Staff will email SPAC members a copy of “What Is An Age Friendly Community”.**

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Staff Review How to Assess Community Grants – Budget is \$100,000. Grant Deadline is Monday, January 31st at 4:30pm. Staff will group members in pairs for reviewing the grant applications. Staff outlined the following Community Grant process with SPAC
 - Eligibility
 - Grant Application Review Forms – (complete as you go through the application, and note the 10 points listed under the Criteria when assessing grants.)
 - Eligible Expenses
 - Evaluation Criteria (see summary as A, B or C)

- b) SPAC Members Report Out on Attendance at the Following Meetings
 - Translink NS Area Transit Plan – This meeting involved small group engagement – reviewing a 30-40 year plan for Translink on the North Shore. Translink spoke about being constrained by their budget and basically ruled out rapid transit on North Shore for 40 years. About 30 people attended.
 - Waterfront – Foot of Lonsdale – Washington Marine Group & Waterfront Planning options – discussed connection of the Quay to the Shipyards space and proposed activities i.e., open air theatre and animated events.
 - VCH Table Matters – No one was able to attend.
 - Port Vancouver Low Level Road Public Meeting – in February.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee members wished to record a note of thanks and appreciation to outgoing Chair Ann Roberts for her 6 years of service on SPAC, her commitment to finding affordable housing options, and her life experience and insight.

7. INFORMATION REPORTS

- (a) Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund – 2010 Round Two Recommendations

8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:30am

9. DATE OF EXT MEETING – February 23, 2011

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Chair

Date