



City of Surrey

Social Planning Committee

Minutes

Councillors' Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2003
Time: 7:01 p.m.

Present:

Chair - Councillor J. Villeneuve
S. Blown
R. Day
S. DeRapp
J. Grafton
P. Joshi
A. Khanzadeh
S. Moore

Absent:

J. Brown

Staff Present:

B. Beblo, Planning & Development
T. Hoff, Planning & Development
G. Siudut, Planning & Development
L. White, Parks, Recreation & Culture
K. Miller, Administrative Assistant

Also Present:

L. Vincent, Community Liaison
R. Thompson, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Commission

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**1. Social Planning Committee Minutes – December 5, 2002.**

It was Moved by P. Joshi
Seconded by J. Grafton
That the minutes of the Social Planning
Committee meeting held on December 5, 2002, be adopted.
Carried

2. Additional Agenda Items

- a) Shelter Community Advisory Committee - Updates
- b) Attendance at Meetings

It was Moved by J. Grafton
Seconded by R. Day
That Louella Vincent be invited to attend the
Social Planning Committee meetings as an observer.
Carried

B. DELEGATION**1. City of Surrey Website**

The committee viewed a presentation and orientation to the City's website by the Planning and Development Department. Members provided input and suggestions relative to the composition of the website.

There followed a discussion relative to the following:

- Multi-cultural profiles of Surrey should be included;
- The photo displayed should be more congruent with the Mission statement of the City;
- Multi-lingual options;
- Events page should include multi-cultural activities. Staff were requested to contact the RCMP Diversity Advisory Committee with a view to obtaining information on upcoming events. Providing a higher profile for events by creating a separate page called, "Community and Cultural Events";
- J. Grafton volunteered to assist staff in adding information to the website.

The meeting recessed at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

C. DISCUSSION OF DELEGATION

1. City of Surrey Website

Councillor Villeneuve encouraged members to continue to provide input relative to the website.

This item will be forwarded to the July 2003 agenda.

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Social Planning Committee – Year 2002 Summary

The committee reviewed the calendar of events for 2002. Items reviewed included:

- Community forum on impact to provincial restructuring;
- Public art as social development - BC Festival of the Arts;
- Joint meeting with the Community Services Committee (White Rock);
- Servants Anonymous Society and Surrey Youth Initiatives;
- Update on Surrey's Programs for Youth;
- Vibrant Communities Initiative - Surrey Social Futures; and
- Social Planning Awards - 5th Anniversary

Staff will forward this item as an attachment to the Minutes for Council's information.

It was Moved by R. Day
Seconded by P. Joshi
That the Social Planning Committee receive
the Year 2002 Summary.
Carried

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Framework of Activities in Support of the Social Well-Being of the City's Residents - Corporate Report C001.

The committee discussed report, and the adopted policy framework of activities to support the social well being of Surrey's residents. Council also approved specific recommendations regarding the use of the City's resources as they relate to the social well being of City's residents, including expanding the social planning role from part time to full time.

The committee reviewed the report and discussed the following issues:

- The inclusion of a full time Social Planner position in the 2003 budgeting process;
- Accountability to programs for Surrey;
- Responsibilities of the Federal and Provincial levels of government relative to the *Constitution Act* and the *Local Government Act*, respectively;
- Crime prevention/Council initiatives.

2. Home Ownership Assistance Program – Corporate Report C002

The committee discussed the above report. The report included a recommendation that Council extend the affordable homeownership program for a period of three years and further recommended that staff be authorized to negotiate an agreement with the GVHC to continue to administer the program through its three year extension.

The following points of the report were discussed:

- Affordable housing stock;
- Encouraging young families to move to Surrey;
- Financial risks involved in opening up requirements;
- Comparison of phase one and phase two;
- Review criteria for applicants; and
- Inclusion of HOAP on website.

It was Moved by S. Moore
Seconded by R. Day
That the Social Planning Committee recommends to the website committee that information relative to the home ownership assistance program be included on the Living in Surrey page of the website.

Carried

The committee discussed the current criteria for participants in the Program. There was consensus among the members that the criteria for eligibility for the Program should be expanded to enable a greater number of families to purchase a first home in Surrey.

3. Social Planning Committee Work Program for 2003

The committee discussed the upcoming work program for the 2003 calendar year, and agreed on the following projects:

1. Dialogue with MCFD transition teams;
2. Annual report to the three levels of government;
3. Social planning website;
4. Housing and Homelessness Forum (June 2003);
5. Social planning awards (November 2003);
6. Community Social Needs review;
 - Review of community impact document recommendations (next agenda);
7. Joint initiative with the Drug/Crime Task Force (panel discussion and viewing opportunity of "The Fix");
8. Relationship with UBC School of Planning;
 - Possibility of internships for students.
9. Social planning roles in other cities; and
10. Community development presentation from Parks, Recreation and Culture.

The following additional suggestions were made:

- Efforts be made to provide sufficient resources for social planning;
- Research funding possibilities from the provincial and federal governments;
- Prioritizing specific projects;

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

Committee/Commission and Boards - CIC Report to the next agenda.

G. UPDATES**1. Surrey Social Futures**

Members are invited to attend the Homelessness meeting at the Pondsides Café, February 12, 2003, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

2. New Community Care Facilities Act - Bill 73

The senior planner updated the committee on the new *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*, Bill 73, and advised that the supporting regulations for the *Act* are expected to be released later this Spring, to coincide with the phased implementation of the *Act*.

3. Surrey/White Rock: Child, Youth & Family Network

It was Moved by S. Moore
Seconded by S. Blown
That A. Khanzedehe be appointed as the
committee's representative for meetings of the Child, Youth and Family Network.
Carried

4. Joint Family Court Committee

This item will be forwarded to the next agenda.

5. Shelter Community Advisory Committee

L. Vincent provided a report on Highland House, which will open in April 2003. The committee participated in discussions relative to fencing issues on the property.

H. CORRESPONDENCE**I. INFORMATION ITEMS**

It was Moved by S. Moore
Seconded by J. Grafton
That the committee receive the items of
information.
Carried

1. The Ministry of Children and Family Development is undergoing major changes as it moves from a centralized governance structure to regional authorities. The following web pages are provided here for the committee's information, additional information is available at www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/changes,
 - Home Page - Ministry of Children and Family Development
 - MCFD Change – Rationale and enabling legislation for regional governance
 - Fraser Region – Profile
 - Fraser Region – Message from Jim Latham, chair of the Fraser Region Planning Committee
 - Community Living Authority
2. A Brief Summary of the Community Living Transition Steering Committee Report (“A New Vision of Community Living”), November 2002, presented to Minister Gordon Hogg, Minister of Children and Family Development.
3. SPARC News: Community Affairs in British Columbia Fall 2002
4. UPDATE Newsletter, South Surrey/White Rock Women's Place November/December/January 2002/03
5. NETWORK- The Affordable Housing Newsletter Fall 2002
6. 101 Ways to Relieve the Effects of Poverty in Surrey, by the Surrey Community Solutions Committee, Poverty Task Force c/o Surrey Social Futures

Recommendation to School District

The Surrey Social Planning Committee thanks Surrey Social Futures for preparing this worthwhile brochure and encourages Surrey Social Futures to bring the brochure and ideas to the attention of the community.

J. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Full Time Social Planner

The committee congratulated B. Beblo on the above position. The Chair extended appreciation to G. Siudut for his assistance to the committee on behalf of the Planning and Development department.

K. NEXT MEETING

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Social Planning Committee is Thursday, February 27, 2003.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The Social Planning Committee adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Chair