



City of Surrey

Social Planning Committee

Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2003
Time: 7:08 p.m.
File No. 0540-20 SPC

Present:

Chairperson - Councillor J. Villeneuve
S. Blown
J. Brown
R. Day
S. DeRapp
J. Grafton
S. Moore

Absent:

P. Joshi
A. Khanzadeh

Also Present

L. Vincent

Staff Present:

B. Beblo, Planning & Development
K. Miller, Administrative Assistant
L. White, Parks, Recreation & Culture
B. Ste. Croix, Parks, Recreation & Culture

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Social Planning Committee Minutes – January 23, 2003.

It was Moved by J. Grafton
Seconded by S. Blown
That the minutes of the Social Planning
Committee meeting held on January 23, 2003, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Bonnie Ste-Croix, Manager, Community Development Services Section, was in attendance to present on community development, and its role in the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department, and an overview of current initiatives from the Community Development Services Section.

The committee reviewed the key areas of responsibility covered by Community Development Services Section. They include:

- Community development, diversity Outreach and Gender Equity leadership;
- Community Art;
- Public Art;
- Volunteer Resources;
- Outreach and Support Services; and
- Emergency Social Services.

The following represent the some of the impacts this Section provides for the community:

- Providing leadership in community development in all represented areas;
- Providing opportunities for community involvement;
- Being a resource by providing access to resources and increasing awareness of services and information; and

- Providing skill-building opportunities - internally and externally.

Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture has created a “Directional Document for Community Development” that guides the Department in understanding; and appropriate use of, a community development approach. This document includes a definition of community development, which reads as follows:

“Community development is a process of meaningful community participation in decision-making and in actively carrying out those decisions. It also provides a process of facilitating community capacity and empowerment in the evolution of the community.”

Public Art and Community Art staff work to coordinate Public Art Master Plan projects and other projects and programs that involve community groups. Staff also works with a variety of arts-based community groups and organizations to support them in their development.

A City-wide staff action team is currently being created to assist in the implementation of special projects and programs, relative to diversity.

There followed a general discussion relative to the following issues:

- Establishing contact with diverse groups in the community;
- Establishing focus groups involving elementary school staff, community service groups and library patrons;
- Art-based community projects include: memory stones at Crescent Beach; Waterwise Garden signage project; greenways art plan; Fleetwood ceramic mural; and Surrey Art Centre grand opening. A brochure of many public art projects is currently underway.

Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture staff are currently going through a process of developing further skills in community development so that they may work to build the capacity of Surrey’s communities.

In 2002 a Gender Equity Policy was passed by Commission and a staff team, Gender Equity Team for Implementation and Training (G.E.T I.T.) has been created for implementation of this policy.

Councillor Villeneuve provided an overview of the City's policy on public art. It was suggested that a half-day tour be provided to the community to view public art.

There followed a discussion relative to the Public Art Master Plan, community partnerships, and projects for 2003.

Volunteer Resources staff work to ensure that volunteer experiences are of mutual benefit, meaningful, safe and high quality. In 2002, a new partnership with Surrey Community Services Society developed the following programs:

- Community leadership program: a community-based approach to leadership and governance training;
- Volunteer management training program: community-based approach to volunteer management training;
- Volunteering for new Canadians: a program to introduce new Canadian to volunteering in Canada as well as how to volunteer in Surrey;
- How to include new Canadian in volunteer programs: a program designed specifically for service workers and staff to assist them in including new Canadians in the volunteer opportunities.

Other new community programs include:

- English conversational groups for women;
- Volunteer management: incorporating diversity;
- Fundraising skills for Boards;
- Community building through collaboration;
- Setting up Shop: a primer for the new not-for-profit Board;
- Strategic planning: one-day seminar;
- Training skills for volunteer managers; and
- Volunteer management 101.

The committee discussed Outreach and Support Services and Emergency Social Services.

C. DISCUSSION OF DELEGATION

1. The committee requested that staff contact the Fire Chief for information regarding the City-wide disaster response plan.

There followed a discussion relative to the following:

- Enhancing resources to facilitate volunteer activity; and
- Building volunteer databases.

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. **Social Planning Committee Work Program for 2003**

The committee reviewed the 10 goals which were developed at the January 23, 2003 meeting, and added the following items:

Early childhood development: The committee discussed the relation between early childhood development and crime prevention, and social well-being. Community mapping projects, which would address the social and intellectual needs of children aged zero to six, and key indicators of learning readiness. ~~The Social Planner was requested to contact Ms. Karen Norman and Mr. Clyde He~~The Social Planner noted that Dr. Clyde Hertzman is presently conducting a

community-mapping project to determine of the level of school readiness of children in Surrey, funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

The lack of school readiness has been identified as a precursor to future criminal behaviour. Fostering school readiness of young children enhances their chance of becoming healthy and competent teens and adults, and less likely to participate in anti-social or criminal behavior. The Social Planner was requested to contact Dr. Clyde Hertzman, and Karen Norman, Surrey Child Care Council, with a view to extending an invitation to attend a future meeting of the SPC. -

Aboriginal/Community Services: The Social Planner was requested to contact Surrey Aboriginal Services Society to extend an invitation to attend a future meeting of the SPC.

In addition the Committee established three new priority areas, each supported by specific work program initiatives, including:

- (a) Crime prevention: viewing "The Fix" and panel discussion with representatives from Vancouver initiative).
- (b) Championing social issues: monitor federal and provincial initiatives and how they affect Surrey; dialogue with Ministry of Children and Family Development, Community Care and Assisted Living Act, federal and provincial affordable Housing and homelessness programs, review current community reports dealing with social issues.
- (c) Reporting and networking with the community: social planning roles in other cities, creating/enhancing social planning website, annual reporting, social planning awards; explore relationships with university and other post-secondary institutions; social/cultural impacts on communities.

The chair indicated that in the interest of time, she would work with the Social Planner to confirm the work program for the committee's review in March, based on the suggestions made over the past two meetings.

2. **Surrey/ White Rock Community Impact Profile 2001 – Revisited**

The committee reviewed the "*Community Impact Profile for Surrey/White Rock towards: Community Solutions for Communities in Change*", compiled and prepared in May 2000 by John Talbot & Associates Inc. The Community Connections Initiatives link on the City website was a direct result of this document.

There followed a general discussion relative to the following:

- Trends related to women and children;
- Leisure activities;
- Homelessness task force;

- Transition facilities for senior women;
- Partnerships with community businesses;
- Barriers and gaps in community services; and
- Health risks for teenage women.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Social Planning Committee - Terms of Reference/ Alternates/Absences

The committee received the memorandum of February 10, 2003 from the Acting City Clerk.

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. UPDATES

1. Surrey Social Futures, Surrey Homelessness Plan, Task Group

The next Homeless Task Force meeting is scheduled March 12, 2003 at OPTIONS in Surrey.

2. Housing and Homelessness Forum

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

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4. Joint Youth/ Family Court Committee

J. Grafton informed the committee that the JFCC budget has been approved, and that restorative justice projects continue to be pursued.

5. Highland House - Shelter Advisory Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2003. The Chair will meet with OPTIONS on February 28, 2003 and will provide a report at the next meeting.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

It was

Moved by L. Vincent
Seconded by S. Moore

the following items of information. That the Social Planning Committee receive

Carried

1. Surrey Delta Immigrant Services Society Cultural Diversity for Business Awards – request for nominations.
2. Letter from Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society to Mayor and Council regarding the Hiring of 40 Police Officers.
3. Federal Budget 2003
 - Federal Budget Highlights – The Globe and Mail, February 19, 2003
4. Provincial Budget 2003
 - Provincial Budget Highlights, Vancouver Sun, February 19, 2003
 - \$100 Million for child care tied to deal with provinces, Vancouver Sun, February 19, 2003
5. Three Ways to Home: Responding to Homelessness in Greater Vancouver

J. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

K. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Social Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2003.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The Social Planning Committee adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Chairperson