

Present:

Chairperson – J. Villeneuve
K. Ardawa
S. Dooley
D. Chattha
M. Chatwin
L. Coyle
G. Gill
K. Kreis
Dr. Z. Malik

Absent:

Councillor Rasode
L. Alexander
R. Mehta (alternate)

Staff Present:

A. Murphy, Senior Social Planner
Lisa White, Community and Leisure Services
Division
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

Also Present:**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by Z. Malik
Seconded by K. Kreis
That the Social Planning Committee Minutes

of July 22, 2010, be adopted.

Carried

B. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**C. NEW BUSINESS****1. Developing a Committee Work Plan for 2010-2011**
File No.

Facilitator: Stephen Dooley

The focus of this meeting will be to develop some goals and a work plan for the coming year. This includes identifying specific issues that the Committee would like to address in the coming year, and/or actions or activities. We can use this opportunity to determine how we want to work as a team.

The work shop format included exercises that involved everyone in contributing their input and ideas. This information will be put it into a report.

It was

Moved by L. Coyle
Seconded by G. Gill
That all the initiatives presented and
identified in the work plan exercise as future issues and/or actions or activities to
the Social Planning Advisory Committee, be accepted.

Carried - Unanimously.

- Councillor Villeneuve noted that this is all a very good direction for the upcoming year.
- The Chair then thanked Stephen Dooley for leading the Committee through this process of developing a work plan for 2010-2011.
- It was suggested that we check in on a quarterly basis to reflect on and monitor our progress in achieving our work plan.
- Other Issues/Activities -
 - Having a work plan with specific directions and issues to focus on will assist committee members to know which delegations to invite to meetings, as well as respond to delegations that do not fit within the Committee's specific agenda for the year.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Committee member updates -

- Eid was celebrated at the city for city employees.
- Z. Malik noted that the Welcoming and Inclusive Communities advisory committee will have a meeting tomorrow, September 24, 2010 to make decisions about the awarding of small grants. There is a total of \$92,000 in funding available for small projects (\$23,000, for each of four life areas - family economics, education and community). Z. Malik to report back at the next meeting.
- G. Gill noted that the Measuring Up! Committee is meeting the week of September 27th.
- Vibrant Surrey meeting – S. Dooley noted that Vibrant Surrey produced 12 short videos (a powerpoint like presentation) with a narrator who tells the story of people in poverty. <http://www.vibrantsurrey.ca/>
- Councillor Villeneuve noted that the Metro Vancouver Housing Board is advocating to the federal government to introduce tax incentives to encourage the development of new rental housing. The voices of renters are never heard. Metro Vancouver has created a website which invites renters to write in their stories. Website:
<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/housing/Pages/default.aspx>
- Homelessness Action Week is October 10-16, 2010. The Surrey Homelessness and Housing Society will be awarding their annual grants on October 12, 2010 at 11:00 am.
- A public forum on poverty will be held at SFU Surrey on October 12, 2010.
- Connect Day for the homeless will be held at the Legion, on October 13, 2010. Those with skills (dentists, podiatrist, and hairdressers) come out to help and provide services for the homeless.
- Councillor Villeneuve reported that our resolution on the **termination of the Transportation Loan for Government Assisted Refugees was passed at the FCM**. This means that the FCM will start lobbying at the federal level. Councillor Villeneuve met with Nina Grewal in August, 2010. Kevin Diakiw of

the Surrey Leader is preparing a story on the issue. We'll keep up the pressure. 22% of government assisted refugees and refugees in general (from Burma, Somalia, and Afghanistan) settle in Surrey and are living under the poverty line. Very pleased with the FCM push to eliminate the transportation loan.

- UMOJA Society has had some of their funding cut. This group would be a delegation to hear.
- Merlin Chatwin reported that on October 21, 2010 Stephen Lewis will be speaking at the Bell Centre as part of the Community Schools Partnership Conference. Open to the public.
- 2010 Community-Schools Partnership Conference - October 21-22, 2010 at the Bell Centre. On the City's website: www.communityschoolspartnership.surrey.ca
Delegate fees:
 - \$30.00 Thursday , October 21, 2010 ONLY
 - \$100.00 Friday, October 22, 2010 ONLY
 - \$125.00 Full Conference/Thurs day and Friday
 - Please note: The full conference fee of \$125.00 includes BCTF teacher membership for the PAGE PSA.

Committee member comments:

- Steps need to be determined associated with each of the actions in the Work Plan. Will appoint Committee members to each of the initiatives at the next meeting.
- Lisa White was requested to make a presentation to the MAC meeting on November 16, 2010 about the SPAC's proposed Doors Open event.
- We could consider having the Open Doors event in the spring, with two facilities (eg. City Hall and new library). We can discuss the next steps at the next meeting.
- Youth Violence project of Stephen Dooley's (CURA):
 - Steve has done focus groups with youth and service providers, and is now trying to recruit parents to participate in interviews (they get a \$10 Tim Horton card).
 - Will be going into schools to do a survey.
 - The next part of the project will examine "exit strategies" or how do people get out of gangs.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Delegation requests

We have a process in place for reviewing delegation requests. The written request for delegation should contain a brief description of the issue to be discussed. The written request will appear on the agenda for the committee to review. We want to ensure we keep room open for delegation requests. If the delegation does not fit with our priorities, we can ask for information to be brought to the committee to review as opposed to inviting the delegation to present to the Committee.

It was Moved by S. Dooley
Seconded by L. Coyle
That the Social Planning Advisory
Committee invite UMOJA Society to appear as a delegation at a future meeting.
Carried

2. Items for October agenda:

- (a) A request from the Mennonite Central Committee to appear as a delegation will be put on the next agenda. Aileen Murphy will follow-up with them to obtain more information.
- (b) Anna Matheson, Sustainability Manager to provide the Committee with a final look at the **Sustainability Indicators** and targets.
- (c) Aileen Murphy to discuss with the committee a proposed Master Plan for housing the homeless in Surrey. Staff have worked up a Terms of Reference (TOR) for the development of a plan and want to bring the TOR to this committee for feedback.

G. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 28, 2010.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The Social Planning Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor J. Villeneuve
Social Planning Advisory Committee