

Present:

Chairperson – Councillor Villeneuve
S. Dooley
L. Coyle
G. Gill
K. Kreis
Dr. Z. Malik
G. Dean (alternate)
M. Chatwin

Absent:

Councillor Rasode
K. Ardawa
D. Chattha
R. Mehta

Staff Present:

A. Murphy, Senior Social Planner
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services
K. Swanson, Manager, Community Development
Services Section

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by S. Dooley
Seconded by Z. Malik
That the Social Planning Committee Minutes

of January 20, 2011, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. City of Surrey Volunteer Programs

File No. 5080-01

Kelsey Swanson, Manager of Community Development Services provided an overview of the City of Surrey's Volunteer Programs and how important this component is to Surrey's special events.

- Website www.surrey.ca/volunteer – volunteers can sign up for opportunities on line--choose the date, time and shift.
- Monthly volunteer newsletter is sent to 2,200 people.
- Recognition is important for volunteers. April is National Volunteer Month.

Councillor Villeneuve thanked Kelsey for her presentation.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. SPAC 2011 "Fun Schedule"

File No. 5080-01

Items for future SPAC agendas and other activities:

March 24 -

- Metro Vancouver has a new Regional Food System Strategy. We may want to invite Harold Steves, City of Richmond Councillor, to present their highlights, information, or recommendations to us.
- Delegations - Food Action Coalition and Community Schools Partnership

April 28 -

- Steve Dooley, Roger Tweed and Dr. Gira Batt of Kwantlen Polytechnic University will present on the CURA project.
- Geoff Dean of Kwantlen will present on transitions into post-secondary.
- April 16, 2011 is the Welcoming and inclusive Community Forum. Registration required.

May 26 -

- Review Poverty Fact Sheets
- May 7 and 8, 2011 is Richmond Doors Open

June 23 -

- Tentative - Leadership Lunch regarding poverty on June 22, 2011.

September 14 -

- Homeless Count will take place March 16, 2011. Preliminary report for whole region will come out in late April and municipal breakdowns in June or July. (September agenda item).

Merlin Chatwin arrived at 7:45 pm (he had provided a presentation at the School Board meeting).

2. Social Planning Awards

File No. 0350-01

The Social Planning Awards Sub-Committee presented a preliminary plan for social planning awards.

- Meeting held on February 8, 2011 with subcommittee members attending: Linda Coyle, Kuldip Ardawa, and Aileen Murphy.
- Purpose of awards is to recognize individuals and organizations who are contributing to the social sustainability of Surrey.
- Propose 4-5 categories that reflect on issues that the SPAC determine are priorities. Categories could change each year if priorities change. Four categories for 2011 awards: homeless/housing, new immigrant/refugees, poverty, and youth leadership.
- Two awards for each category – one award for an organization (non-profit or business) and one for an individual (who has experienced the issue and is now contributing to the community in some way (doesn't have to be contributing to the specific issue)).
- Criteria – person or organization must live or work in Surrey.
- Process – 4 steps –
 - Call for nominations from community; to be promoted on website, newspaper etc. Nominees not required to approve their nomination.
 - SPAC Awards Subcommittee to review nominations and make recommendations to SPAC on award recipients. Committee members could visit short listed organizations/individuals as part of the review process.
 - SPAC would decide on award recipients.
 - Awards would be presented at a civic awards event.

- Time line –
 - A civic awards program report will go to Council March 14, 2011
 - Spring 2011 – a call for nominations – before mid June.
 - August 31, 2011 – Deadline for nominations
 - September 2011 – Review process
 - October 2011 – Award presentation event
- No cash would be associated with the award; award to be determined. Process should be simple with due diligence being done and interviews of potential recipients. Do not want duplication of any awards already given by the city and/or community.

Councillor Villeneuve thanked the members for their work. She thought 8 awards may be too many; she suggested that the Committee consider the number of awards that may be reasonable as part of a civic awards programs.

The question was raised as to whether the Social Planning's Youth Award should be awarded as part of Recreation's annual Youth Awards, or at the civic awards event.

3. **Doors Open Surrey**

File No. 8000-01

Members of the Doors Open Subcommittee provided an update on their activities.

- The Doors Open Subcommittee met prior to this SPAC meeting.
- City of Richmond staff provided a presentation on the Richmond Open Doors. The Richmond Doors Open delegation provided a package of materials and agreed that Surrey could use these.
- Richmond's Doors Open is in its fourth year.
- The subcommittee advised that Surrey could not be ready to do it this spring and recommended that we plan it for spring 2012.
- "Doors Open" is an initiative of the Heritage Canada Foundation and a heritage component is required and certain criteria met in order to use the name.
- Peter Harris, Exhibit & Program Coordinator for Richmond is a resident of Surrey. It was suggested that we see about getting him involved in the Surrey Doors Open planning committee.
- Richmond Doors Open event is May 7-8, 2011. A delegation from this committee to go and see what the Doors Open Richmond is like.
- Parks staff to do further research and contact the Heritage Canada Foundation and bring back to the next SPAC meeting.

4. **Social Planning Advisory Committee Name Change**

File No. 0540-20(V)

Discussion points:

- The idea of changing the name of the Committee was raised at the SPAC Work Plan workshop last fall.
- Members were requested to consider a possible name for the committee.

- This issue could be discussed at a future meeting, before the next call for new Committee members.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bus Stop Advertising for the promotion of reading

File No. 6140-20

Mayor Watts is being featured on bus stops encouraging people to read.

It was

Moved by G. Dean

Seconded by L. Coyle

That the Social Planning Advisory

Committee thank the City for visibly supporting initiatives to promote literacy within the City of Surrey.

Carried

2. Extreme Weather Shelters

File No. 6140-20

An "Extreme Weather Alert" is called when freezing temperatures or weather conditions put people at risk. During extreme weather alerts, in addition to the permanent shelter beds, mats are provided in community agencies and churches.

- Surrey Urban Mission (Whalley) – 60 beds
- Cloverdale Church (Cloverdale) – 15 beds
- Highland House (Newton) – 15 beds
- First United Church (WR/South Surrey) – 15 beds
- Kla-how-eya – 20 beds
- Nightshift Ministries – 20 beds
- South Fraser - 10

Mat spaces have not been fully occupied during the extreme weather alerts - no one has been turned away. City staff and RCMP are notified of the alert so they can direct people to the extreme weather shelters. There is now much more advanced planning in Surrey than in past.

3. Transportation Loan Program for Government Assisted Refugees

File No. 5080-01

A letter and package of information was sent to members of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration. To date, only one response has been received. It came from Robert Oliphant, MP, Official Opposition Critic of Multiculturalism (copy to be provided on March agenda). Third paragraph:

"Currently the Citizenship and Immigration Committee is completing studies on government legislation and private member's bills which must be carried out within a designated period of time. Upon the completion of these legislative studies the committee has a list of potential topics to address, as well as a previous study which has yet to be completed. I will pass along this information to my colleagues on the committee, Liberal

Citizenship and Immigration Critic Justin Trudeau, and Committee Vice-Chair Borys Wrzesnewskyj, to ensure that this issue is added to our list of possible study topics moving forward."

Councillor Villeneuve and Aileen Murphy will draft a letter of response noting that we are counting on Robert Oliphant to keep this issue on the Committee's agenda.

4. Bill C-304 – National Housing Study
File No. 0220-05

Letter dated January 17, 2011 received from the Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development. Letter to be provided on the next agenda.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Resolution R11-275 – Proposed Adaptable and Accessible Housing Policies for the City of Surrey put before Council February 7, 2011.
2. Notice of Motion regarding A Living Wage issue (Fair Wage Policy – Resolution R11-412).
3. "At-Home" Vancouver Sun Newspaper series - a national research project to find the best way to provide housing and services to people who are living with mental illness and homelessness.
4. "Hidden Homeless BC's Homeless in the Suburbs" article from the *Megaphone*, Vancouver's Street Paper, Issue 70, January 21, 2010.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

I. NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Proposed agenda items:

- **Food Action Coalition** – presentation on activities, including the Harvest Box.
- **Community Schools Partnership** presentation.
- SPAC name change.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee is April 28, 2011.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by S. Dooley
Seconded by L. Coyle
That the Social Planning Advisory

Committee do now adjourn.

The meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor J. Villeneuve
Social Planning Advisory Committee