

**Present:**

Chair, Councillor Villeneuve  
L. Coyle  
S. Dooley  
L. Rhead  
J. Calbick  
M. Shaw  
D. Toor  
K. Thiara

**Absent:**

D. Chattha  
D. Lawrance

**Staff Present:**

A. Murphy, Senior Social Planner  
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services  
M. McCargar, Planning Technician

Councillor Villeneuve welcomed the Social Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC) members and round introductions were made.

**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Minutes of December 4, 2012, be approved.

Moved by L. Coyle  
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve  
That the Social Planning Advisory Committee

Carried

**B. DELEGATION REQUEST**

1. Anita Huberman, CEO Surrey Board of Trade, has been invited to the February meeting to provide a presentation on the Board of Trade's response to poverty in Surrey.

It was

Moved by S. Dooley  
Seconded by D. Toor  
That the Social Planning Advisory Committee  
receive Anita Huberman, CEO Surrey Board of Trade at a future meeting to provide a  
presentation on the Board of Trade's policy paper on poverty issues in Surrey.

Carried

**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

**D. NEW BUSINESS****1. 2013 Social Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule to be approved.**

Discussion was held regarding the meeting dates for 2013. Meetings to be held the first Wednesday of each month (except February 20, 2013); preferred start time at 4:45 pm.

It was Moved by D. Toor  
Seconded by L. Coyle  
That the 2013 Social Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule be approved.

Carried

**2. SPAC Committee – Overview of past accomplishments and focus areas.**

An overview of past SPAC accomplishments and areas of focus was provided (synopsis provided on table):

- Poverty Reduction Plan implementation coordinating group includes Stephen Dooley and Devinder Chattha.
- Civic Awards 2011 – SPAC was very involved in determining the categories, names, nominations and selection of winners for the Heart in the City awards, and organizing the event held at the new library. Next awards will be held in 2014.
- Refugee Advocacy – Government Assisted Refugees (GARs) are required to repay government transportation loans—a significant burden to low-income refugee families. A Resolution was put forward to UBCM, FCM and a letter sent to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada to eliminate this requirement for refugees to repay the costs associated with coming to Canada.
- Standards of Maintenance Bylaw – Surrey Rental Premises Standards of Maintenance By-law was passed and received final adoption June 2012. Doors Open Surrey 2012 – thirty venues opened their doors to the public showcasing cultural and historical places in Whalley and Newton. SPAC was involved in planning this one-day event. SPAC members Michelle Shaw and Karanvir Thiara volunteered to work on the Planning Committee for the Doors Open Surrey 2013 event to be held in June.
- Examples of Delegations in 2011-2012 were provided.
- Examples of SPAC Representation on Community Committees were provided.

**3. 2013 SPAC Work Plan****(a) Proposed Projects/Activities for 2013:**

- i. SPAC Branding/Marketing** – Debbie Lawrance, Chair of the subcommittee is not present.  
DEFER to February meeting.
- ii. Doors Open** – Corporate Report R203, Outcomes of 2012 Doors Open Event included in agenda package.

iii. **Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan – "this" is How We End Poverty in Surrey, July 2012**

Staff provided an overview of the project. SPAC identified poverty reduction as an issue they would like to continue to focus on.

The development of the Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan was a collaborative community project. The process began with a research project, compiling Census and other existing data sources. The outcome of the research project was a series of fact sheets, which focused on populations most affected by poverty and key policy areas. The fact sheets were presented at a community forum in March 2012. The forum participants were asked to suggest actions that could be taken by governments and the community to address the issues identified in the fact sheets. These suggestions were compiled into a set of recommendations that made up the Poverty Reduction Plan. The Plan was released and adopted by Council in July 2012.

The next Poverty Forum, to be held in the spring 2013, will engage the community and stakeholders to look at the Plan and identify what type of projects they can do as a community.

(b) **Discussion on delegations, activities and projects for 2013:**

Stephen Dooley facilitated a discussion on the passions and interests of the Committee members.

Key social issues of interest to members that emerged from the discussion included:

- Child/youth poverty and vulnerability
- Food security/hunger
- Homelessness and housing
- Neighbourhood belonging and cohesion
- Seniors issues of poverty and isolation

*Stephen Dooley departed at 6:30 pm.*

(c) **Welcoming Communities Program (WCP)** – Welcome BC has allocated \$667,000 for Surrey to establish a Community Partnership Committee and by means of the Committee to develop and implement a Welcoming Communities Action Plan. The City of Surrey is the sponsoring organization for the WCP in Surrey. The funding from the WCP is to be used between January 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014.

The Plan for Social Well Being (Corporate Report Coo4, February 2006) is available on the Surrey website:

<http://www.surrey.ca/bylawsandcouncilibrary/Coo4-7685.pdf>

- (d) A "**Fun Schedule**" will be provided at the next meeting. It will be useful in the planning of delegations and in helping to set two to three concrete goals for the SPAC. Discussion and questions are encouraged.

**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1. **Corporate Report R252 – Application for a Grant under the UBCM Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Program.**

**H. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1. **2013 Committee Orientation Package**

New members were requested to read the orientation package, sign pages 22 and 23 of orientation package and return those signed pages to the Admin Assistant.

**I. NEXT MEETING**

The next Social Planning Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 20, 2012 at 4:45 pm.**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

It was  
meeting do now adjourn.

Moved by L. Coyle  
Seconded by D. Toor  
That the Social Planning Advisory Committee

Carried

The Social Planning Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:50 pm

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Chairperson, Councillor J. Villeneuve  
Social Planning Advisory Committee