City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee Minutes

Present:

Councillor Eddington - Chairperson
Mayor McCallum
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Tymoschuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Bose
Councillor Watts
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Staff Present:

City Manager
Acting City Clerk
General Manager, Parks, Recreation &Culture
Acting General Manager, Engineering (P. Ham)
General Manager, Planning & Development
K. Swaele, Administrative Assistant

A.   CORPORATE REPORTS

B.   ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C.   DELEGATIONS

1.   **Mariana Fiddler, Executive Director**
       British Columbia Liquor Licensee & Retailers Association
       File: 0065-012; 2150-001

       Ms. Brenda Locke on behalf of Mariana Fiddler, Executive Director**,** British
       Columbia Liquor Licensee & Retailers Association was in attendance to discuss
       recent Liquor and Licensing changes that require endorsement from the City of
       Surrey.

       Brenda Locke, outgoing President of the Neighbourhood Pub Owners Association
       (now called the Liquor Licensee & Retailers Association) stated that they are
       asking Council to consider the new seating application process, which results
       from a Liquor Policy review. The new application process recommends an
       increase in seating capacity allowed for neighbourhood pubs, which is well within
       the Fire Code and Health regulations.

       Brenda Locke advised that under the new regulations most pubs are over capacity
       on a Thursday or Friday night. New regulations provide that a Licensee is
       permitted to apply to increase seating capacity to half of the difference between
       that allowed under the old regulations and that allowed under the Building Code.
       Brenda Locke continued that if pubs are not given additional seating they will be
       overcrowded, and that the new regulations have zero tolerance for overcrowding,
       resulting in fines levied against pub owners.

Brenda Locke concluded by asking that the City support their bulk application for increased seating capacity for neighbourhood pubs.

2.   **V. (Wally) Sandvoss, President**
        Port Kells Community Association
        File: 0065-012; 2350-012

V. (Wally) Sandvoss, President**,** Port Kells Community Association was in attendance to discuss the Association's initiated Port Kells and Anniedale NCP in preparation for the year 2002.

Wally Sandvoss of the Port Kells Community Association, identified the members of the Port Kells and Anniedale Neighbourhood Concept Plan Committee, and introduced those members who were in attendance. Wally Sandvoss advised that the Committee has developed strategies for implementation of the NCP, and in order to successfully implement the NCP the Committee will need the assistance of City Departments.

Wally Sandvoss stated that they do not wish to burden departments, but many of their questions will need the assistance of a professional; and asked that Council ensure departments are authorized to give assistance to the Port Kells and Anniedale NCP Committee.

3.   **Grant Hein**
        The Q-Palace Internet Café/Billiards
        File: 0065-012; 2125-0203

Grant Hein**,** The Q-Palace Internet Café/Billiards was in attendance regarding the premises at 17674 - 58 Avenue.

Grant Hein stated that he was speaking on behalf of the Q-Palace Internet Café/Billiards, and advised that he is trying to put a youth centre together. Grant Hein stated that the facility will be an indoor recreational centre with a floor area covered 50% by pool tables, and the other 50% by a lounge area, internet computers, and drug and alcohol counselors. Grant Hein noted that they are trying to work with UBC to obtain counseling from practicum students. Mr. Hein concluded his presentation by pointing out that the City requires 24 parking stalls, that they are only able to provide 9. Mr. Hein asked Council to consider the facility as a recreation centre, advising that they cannot afford the fees to obtain a parking variance to relax the parking requirements.

In response to questions Mr. Hein stated:

- That they are not registered as a non-profit society.
- That they have been liaising with the RCMP concerning security.
- That they have not held a neighbourhood meeting.

- That they are asking that the facility be classed as indoor recreation, rather than a pool hall.
- That they do not wish to incur further expenses and asked that Council consider waiving the variance application fee.

4. **Salim Lakhani**
    File: 0065-012; 8020-001

Salim Lakhani was in attendance regarding Rave parties in the City of Surrey.

Salim Lakhani, 34 E. 45th in Vancouver, stated that he works with Swing Kids Entertainment which handles Rave Party consulting. Mr. Lakhani felt that the City of Surrey should reconsider the decision to ban Rave parties, and that consideration be given to put regulations in place to control them. Salim Lakhani suggested that his firm be allowed to hold one controlled Rave party prior to banning them.

In response to questions, Salim Lakhani stated

- That any Rave event should have a community involvement – such as helping the Food Bank.
- That Vancouver and Richmond have a permit process, which requires the promoter to pay policing costs.
- That regulations will help make the parties safe.
- That a bonded security firm is hired for security, and police are notified well in advance of the event.
- That depending on the size of the event they will have between two and six first aid attendants.
- That there is no age limit, but age 16 and over is recommended.
- That his firm has a zero tolerance for alcohol.
- That there is drug use at Raves, but security is trained to look for drugs.
- That there are a limited number of tickets produced for each event.
- That they do have insurance in place.
- That they do not turn off water in order to sell bottled water.

D.   DELEGATION REQUESTS

E.   COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F.   OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G.   ADJOURNMENT

It was   Moved by Councillor Higginbotham
                                            Seconded by Councillor Steele
                                            That the Council-in-Committee meeting do
now adjourn.

                                            <u>Carried</u>

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:13 p.m..

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                                            Chairperson