



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007
Time: 5:55 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Watts
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Steele
Councillor Gill
Councillor Martin
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Bose
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Staff Present:

City Clerk
Acting General Manager, Planning & Development
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR

A. DELEGATIONS

1. **Lesley Tannen, Executive Director** **Whalley Business Improvement Association**

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Lesley Tannen, Executive Director, Whalley Business Improvement Association was in attendance to make a presentation regarding the work and accomplishments of the Whalley BIA in 2006. She introduced Joanne Curry, SFU and W. Stump, Whalley Business Improvement Association (WBIA).

Lesley Tannen provided the following comments:

- The WBIA operates the successful graffiti removal program, which is one of the most comprehensive programs for private properties in Surrey.
- She noted that graffiti is almost overwhelming in other areas of the city.
- She encouraged other organizations to support similar programs.
- The WBIA undertakes banner programs in the Whalley area.
- WBIA is collaborating with Surrey Community Services to do the Clean Sweep program.
- The BIA provides opportunities for people to discuss issues. An Executive Roundtable was held, featuring the Director of the SFU Surrey Program relative to City Centre.
- The WBIA appreciates support from City Council and staff city on the Revitalization Tax program; one-way existing business property owners in the area can renovate the exterior of properties and have protection from increase in taxes for limited period of time.
- They have contributed to a number of community events. They are significant contributors to this festival, the largest of its kind in Surrey.
- They hosted the Plaza Music Series with Coast Capital, which is a 10-week lunchtime series.

- The WBIA special event “Movies under the Stars” screened two movies for families in August; there were no untoward incidents, and people enjoyed themselves.
- The WBIA has security partners and she noted that S/Sgt. Barry Hickman as District commander goes above and beyond the call of duty, as well as the Bicycle Patrol.
- They collaborate with three security companies, who patrols 7 nights a week, 365 days a year. These security personnel attend special events and collaborate on special projects with the RCMP.
- The WBIA works with the Surrey Crime Prevention Society; sponsor and contribute to the Central City Bike Patrol program.
- They hold the First Night event. Last year there were 5,000 people in attendance; this event featured activities for children and their families.
- They undertook an analysis of the event and 1.2 million people responded. Advertising for the event is through the public media, primarily radio and TV.
- The WBIA is involved in community engagement, the Task Force on Homelessness, Surrey Urban Enrichment Program, Transit Village Project, Surrey Crime Reduction Strategy Task Force, Surrey and B.C. Crime Prevention Societies, the STCA, and the Whalley Integrated Services Team.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson