



SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, 2015 September 30

An 'Open' meeting of the Social Planning Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Wednesday, 2015 September 30 at 6:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor N. Volkow, Chair
Councillor A. Kang, Vice Chair
Councillor J. Wang, Member
Trustee B. Narang, School Trustee
Mr. F. Huang, Citizen Representative
Ms. S. Nathwani, Citizen Representative
Ms. P. Woodruff, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Ms. N. Boudreau, Citizen Representative
Ms. L. de los Reyes, Citizen Representative
Mr. R. Erwin, Citizen Representative
Ms. M. Santiago, Citizen Representative
Mr. W. Tsai, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Ms. M. Manifold, Senior Social Planner
Ms. R. Mahaffey, Social Planner
Mr. C. Collis, Assistant Director - Recreation
Ms. L. Axford, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. MINUTES

A) Minutes of the Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2015 June 03

MOVED BY SCHOOL TRUSTEE MS. NARANG
SECONDED BY MR. NATHWANI

THAT the minutes of the 'Open' meeting of the Social Planning Committee held on 2015 June 03 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATION**

A) Ms. Manifold, Senior Social Planner
Re: Social Sustainability Strategy - Phase 1 Progress
Report on Actions
Speaker: Margaret Manifold

Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner provided an overview on the Social Sustainability Strategy – Phase 1 progress and the strategy, developed by a twenty-five member Steering Committee and approved by Council in 2011.

The speaker outlined the seven strategic priorities which included:

1. Meeting Basic Needs
The main elements of this priority are economic security, affordable and suitable housing, and support for healthy living.
2. Celebrating Diversity and Culture
This priority recognizes the role that diversity and culture play in supporting a cohesive, creative and engages community. Elements include cultural and religious harmony; a discrimination and barrier-free community; and arts, culture and entertainment.
3. Getting Involved
This priority is about nurturing an involved community where individuals, groups and organizations actively participate in, contribute to, and help shape community life.
4. Learning for Life
This priority is focused on the continuous building of skills and knowledge through people's lives from birth to late adulthood – supports personal fulfillment, human resource development and global citizenship.
5. Enhancing Neighbourhoods
This strategic priority recognizes both the importance people place on vibrant neighbourhoods that offer a range of services and opportunities for neighbours to interact, and the many opportunities to foster social sustainability that may arise at the neighbourhood level.
6. Getting Around
This priority envisions a future in which transportation services, infrastructure and information combine to ensure that travel is not a barrier to participation in society.

Ms. Woodruff raised concerns regarding the lack of street lighting along Edmonds and noted upgrades have only been completed near new commercial development and the Edmonds Community Centre.

Arising from discussion, the Chair advised he would contact the Director Planning and Building to have him contact Ms. Woodruff to discuss this matter further.

7. Protecting Our Community

A social sustainable community is one in which all people can live their lives without fear, and with confidence in their ability to respond to a crisis. By fostering an atmosphere of security, all people are better able to participate in community life.

Councillor Kang raised concern regarding the lack of outdoor covered spaces in well densified locations. In addition, the Councillor noted these shelters could be strategically placed where people gather and suggested that consideration be given to temporary shelters.

Staff undertook to investigate.

In closing, the speaker noted the City and its partners are working to define, identify and focus on a healthier and more socially sustainable Burnaby. Over the next two years, as implementation of Phase 1 draws to completion, the City will engage its community partners to assess progress and refresh the strategy to reflect new learning, experience and developments.

The Committee congratulated staff on the excellent report and thanked everyone involved for coming together to build a strategy including action items for a sustainable society.

4. **REPORT**

MOVED BY SCHOOL TRUSTEE MS. NARANG
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A) Report from Director Planning and Building
Re: Social Sustainability Strategy - Phase 1 Progress Report
on Actions

A report was received from the Director Planning and Building regarding the Social Sustainability Strategy Steering Committee report.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. **THAT** this report be received for information purposes.
2. **THAT** copies of the Burnaby Social Sustainability Strategic Progress Report on Actions be forwarded to:
 - the Public Safety Committee;
 - the Traffic Safety Committee;
 - the Transportation Committee;
 - the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission;
 - the Public Library Board;
 - the Simon Fraser Liaison Committee;
 - the Burnaby Board of Education;
 - the Burnaby Board of Trade;
 - the Fraser Health Authority;
 - Burnaby Members of Parliament;
 - Burnaby Members of the Legislative Assembly; and
 - the Urban Development Institute

MOVED BY MS. WOODRUFF
SECONDED BY MR. HUANG

THAT the recommendations of the Director Planning and Building be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Woodruff

Ms. Woodruff announced that BASES Family Thrift Store <http://basesburnaby.ca/> has moved to their new location at 7825 Edmonds Street, and is now open for business.

School Trustee Narang

School Trustee Narang advised the Committee that she was wearing her orange T-shirt in support of the 3rd Annual Orange T-shirt Day, Wednesday, September 30. Orange Shirt Day commemorates Residential School survivors who were taken from their homes and put into the residential school system.

6. **INQUIRIES**

There were no inquiries brought before the Committee at this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MS. WOODRUFF
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG

THAT the Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Lynne Axford
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Nick Volkow
CHAIR