

SURREY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Cheryl –Anne Hendy Marie Sabine
Coreen Windbiel Sandra Cottingham
Edwina Jeffrey Shirley Tan
Karen Virtue Valerie Newton
Maddie Addison Wendy Mackintosh

CLBC Staff: Sharon Rose, CLBC Surrey/Delta CPD Manager
Josefina Marchetti, Recorder

Guests: Angela Clancey, from the Family Support Institute

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and welcomed Council members and guest.

Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

Resignations

Foundations – School District Program article on The Now

Approval of the Minutes of September 23, 2010

Motion:

It was moved by Coreen Windbiel, seconded by Wendi Mackintosh, to approve the minutes of September 23, 2010, as circulated. *Carried Unanimously*

Resignations

The Chair informed Council she received two resignation letters, from Sheila Palmer and from Connie Hulley. Both resignations were due to personal reasons.

Guest Presentation

During one of its working sessions, Council identified the need for awareness among parents and family members. In order to create awareness and promote community inclusion, planning, etc. the Surrey/Delta Community Council decided to partner with the Family Support Institute to create training for parents.

Wendi Mackintosh introduced Angela Clancey, director of the Family Support Institute (FSI). The Family Support Institute is a province-wide organization whose purpose is to strengthen and support families faced with the extraordinary circumstances that come with having a family member who has a disability. Their premise is that families are the best resource available to support one another. Directed by families, the Family Support Institute provides information, training and province-wide networking to assist families and their communities to build upon and share their strengths.

Next steps:

- The target date for the parent workshop/training is March 2011.
- The work group will meet November 10th and will ask the two CLBC facilitators, Tariq Mehboob and Sue Bailey, to participate in the development of this workshop/training for parents.
- The Surrey/Delta Community Council will like to do this piece of work in partnership with FSI.
- The work group will find the appropriate venue for this workshop/training.
- Wendi Mackintosh suggested the new Semiahmoo House Society office, located in Surrey; Council agreed this venue would be in a central location and easy to access.
- The development of this workshop/training will also contribute in the formation of a group of parents that face similar challenges and will bring them together socially, etc.
- Some organizations might be interested in being part of this project; not only FSI but also Semiahmoo House Society, Surrey Association for Community Living and others.
- Invitations would be distributed through agencies, schools, etc.
- It was suggested to start with a small number of parents and then let it grow.
- The work group will report to Council on the next meeting to take place on November 25, 2010.

Distribution of Ageing Parents Brochure in Surrey & Delta

The Ageing Parents brochure is complete and soon it will be printed and distributed.

The Surrey/Delta Community Council has set March 2011 for the launching of the brochure. Council members will contact organizations and community services to present the brochure. These organizations include police, fire halls, BC ambulance service, doctors' offices, seniors homes, etc.

Next steps:

- Sandra will include ideas generated at our October council meeting and draft a cover letter for the brochure distribution.
- At the November 25th council meeting:
 - a. Council members will review and if necessary revise the cover letter;
 - b. Council members will decide the organization/agency/profession they wish to contact;
 - c. Council members will float the 'presentation speech' they have drafted, and get feedback from council members. The speech would be tailored to the organization they are presenting to;
- Though not discussed at last week's council meeting, Sandra has agreed to draft an example presentation speech so council members have a prototype to work with to develop their own speech; and
- At the December or January Council meeting, Council members will have the opportunity to do a 'dry run' with the presentation speech.

CLBC's Strategic Direction on Ageing

The CLBC 2010-2011 Operational Plan identifies the need for a strategic direction to address the issue of support needs of individuals who are ageing and their ageing caregivers/parents.

CLBC wants to work in partnership with the Advisory Committee and Community Councils to assist with identifying those needs, interests and areas of concern regarding ageing.

Through community meetings, CLBC will start an information gathering process. Community Councils have been asked to assist with the organization and invitations to these community meetings.

The meetings will take place between October 2010 and March 2011.

The Surrey/Delta Council welcomed the idea and will work with Jule Hopkins in the organization of the local meeting.

Community Council Strategic Planning Session

The Surrey/Delta Community Council will meet January 26, 2011 at 6:00 pm. and will work on the new Council's Strategic Plan. The session will be facilitated by Sandra Cottingham, Coreen Windbiel and Valerie Newton.

Foundations – School District Program article on The Now

Sandra Cottingham informed that The Now, Surrey local news paper, published an article on the success story of one of the students in the Foundations program. Foundations is a School District #36 program that was created to help at-risk youth with developmental disabilities.

Next Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will be held on November 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.