

**Community Council Planning Session
Vancouver Community Council
September 22, 2007**

1) Check-In

Richard

- Had a good summer, 2 new jobs, friendship on council, conference in Prince George

Peter

- Out of town most of the summer – council has covered good ground now it's time for action. Would like explanation of all aspects of CLBC – i.e. contracts

Ernie

- Money an issue – help families to understand CLBC how, what, why?

Mara

- Home-share contractors phoning Mara – concern expressed regarding communication with CLBC staff. Had a successful Block party. Appreciate what other members bring to the table.

John

- Meeting lots of parents – concern from parents – where is the money?

Rachelle

- Coordinator of Transition group
2 pronged – identify action to get money and tapping into community resources, need political action, filling in gaps

Natalie

- Get direction on how to implement priorities, draft communication document Community Council and CLBC

Ann

- Balance between Personal issues and council issues – what is our mandate? What is it that we do? How do we take political action, represent all groups. Have our own voice independent of CLBC.

Doug

- Difficult summer, staff changes, implement policies, non-union contracts, back-logged. Recruitment/retention of staff.

Anita

- Developed functional model, many families wondering what council is doing. Develop action – maintain momentum and enthusiasm – start small. Messaging – feedback – family forum.

Tina

- Look forward.

Yaming

- Busy summer – do something more concrete – spreading news is good.

2) Doug Portfors and Budgets

- Doug relayed to Community Council the budget restraints.

3) Values to Action Overview & Values Exercise

- Vancouver CLC Values

For Ourselves:

- 1) Openness
- 2) Mutual respect
- 3) Accountability

For our Community

- 1) Empowerment
- 2) Full Citizenship
- 3) Indecision
- 4) Health & Safety
- 5) Shared & Effective Communication

4) Creating a Vision Statement

Vancouver Community Council Vision will be the same as the Community Living BC Vision Statement

“Good Lives in Welcoming Communities”

5) Creating a Mission Statement

“Vision of Community Council is to empower individuals and families by listening, identifying issues and assisting CLBC and the community to facilitate solutions”

6) A Framework for Goals and Objectives – Revisiting Community Issues identified at orientation.

A “Summary of Information Gathering Orientation and Meetings” was distributed to all members and discussed.

7) Setting Priorities/ Goals & Objectives and Action Planning

Shared Leadership with CLBC

1) Communication

- Management/Staff
- CLBC Board
- Advisory Board

2) Direction

- Input into Budget
- Creative Solutions
- Facilitate/Foster solutions
- Letter of support for additional funding

Service Delivery

- Increase awareness of community services in Vancouver
- Promote/Advocate for improved services in Vancouver

Regional & Provincial

- Develop and maintain communication channels with other councils
- Brainstorm ideas

To be continually well-informed on an ongoing basis, knowledge about CLBC

Objective I

- Regular updates at council meetings
- Action – update provided by Anita. Ensure that that this is a standing agenda item
- Self Study
- Invite guests – to give information on as needed basis – identified basis

Community and Families

- 1) Community Awareness of CLBC
- 2) Opportunities for listening
- 3) Collaboration & Community partners linking/bridging
- 4) Building Community by example

Council Work

- 1) Be knowledgeable about CLBC & community services
- 2) Accountability

Area: Service Delivery

Goal 1 – To increase awareness of community services/in Vancouver programs

Goal 2 – To promote/advocate for improved services in Vancouver

Objective 1: by advocating for increased funding

Action 1: Write letter by mid-October to Provincial Government to support CLBC's request for additional mid-year funding.

Who – Peter and Ernie with signature by Chairs

CLBC Community Council Letterhead?

Submit to Doug Portfors for review before submitting

Action II: Peter/Ernie to write letter, submission to “standing committee on budget”. Letter will identify CLBC as priority for increases in funding 2008. Bring to October 20th meeting for council to review. Ann to put on October meeting agenda

Communities/Families

Goal – To build community by example

Objective 1: Through inclusive community networking/get to know CC members

Action 1: Transition Fair Spring 2008

Identify group

Guest Speaker – DDA

Strike a committee – Rachelle, Mara, John

Draft plan to present @ next meeting

Cards with Community Council logo? Check with other Community Councils

Next meeting October 20, 2007 – 9:30 to 12:30 at 4th floor 210 West Broadway

Please read “Responding to Vulnerability – A Discussion Paper about Safeguards and People with Developmental Disabilities”