

CLBC Community Council Meeting
January 25, 2016, at 5:30pm
Milestones Restaurant – Barnet and Lansdowne
Coquitlam BC

This Meeting was the annual Christmas Meeting of the Council, hence each member was to order from the menu (alcoholic beverages were excluded).

Those in Attendance: Sue Mann (Chairperson), Barb Paciejewski, Courtney Dinahan, Laurie Geschke, Deb Appleby, Linda Wu, Vera Anderson (recorder)

Regrets: Bob Kashyap, Maxine Wilson, Massi Bakhshian, Carol Broomhall

Agenda: This was an informal meeting. Many topics were discussed. Brainstorming and a flow of ideas followed. The following topics were explored:

1. CLBC Manager:
 - This position will be filled by an Interim Manager (Sweetie Sanghera) until the end of March. This person will attend our February Meeting.
 - Also to attend the February Meeting are two Self Advocates – Conrad and Cliff.
 - Not sure when the New Manager will start.

2. Housing SubCommittee – Vera Anderson
 - A report was given as to Coquitlam happenings and the need to get all the stakeholders to sit down together and move forward.
 - Discussed Doug Tennant's presentation from SHS and the need to have an Agency to be the driver for the project.
 - It was noted that SHS had the land to start with, and that the project has taken 13 years to date. It should open late summer this year.
 - Have been given a document by the BC Home Share Providers Association outlining many of the issues in home share.
 - A SubCommittee Meeting has been called for February 22nd to discuss the document and to see if the committee would like to take this on as a housing issue.
 - Present state of home share: 800 clients are still direct contracts with CLBC, and 2000 are with agencies.

3. Self Advocates Conference – Laurie Geschke
 - Laurie attended a meeting on January 15th for the upcoming Conference.
 - They were very pleased with the Poster Contest idea, and expanded it to include an Art Show...with many good ideas.
 - This will be held March 31 at Burnaby Neighbourhood House.

- We had approved in an earlier meeting that \$500.00 be used for this conference from our Community Council Budget. This would help buy supplies, \$5.00 Gift Certificates.
 - From 3-5pm there would be a Juice and Cheese time to view all the art. It would be an all day event.
 - Many at the meeting expressed their desire to attend this event.
4. PAC Meeting – Barb Paciejewski
- Jack Styan spoke at the meeting on Aging Adults and Youth, and the needs of both groups. He also explained that the role of the “Navigator” is to co-ordinate between agencies and to bring all the different partners to the table and then create a path.
 - Housing Initiative – CLBC to put on an Inclusive Housing Forum on March 10th.
 - Barb and Laurie would like to attend. Vera cannot attend as she is in Newfoundland.
 - CLBC would look at the support needs for the individual, not housing.
 - Janet Klees from Ontario has written books on inclusive housing, strategic planning, etc.
5. Housing / RDSP / Asset Ceiling:
- A lively discussion on the financial side of home ownership and asset accumulation, including the idea of inviting BC Housing to attend our meeting.
 - Also discussed the topics of wills and estates and the idea of inviting Laurie to attend our meeting with a presentation on this topic.
 - This expanded to become the Community Council’s idea for October Community Living Month and to invite the parents, etc., to attend.
 - This would be our event.
 - The financial side is extremely important for parents to understand, so that proper planning can occur.
6. Mini Wow Awards:
- Will follow the CLBC outline, but adapt this to our region.
 - It was noted that the Accessibility Awards that were given out in Coquitlam had stopped, leaving a void in that Community.
 - This is another area the Council would like to explore.
7. Format for February Meeting:
- Need Budget info, as fiscal year ends March 31st and we have Self Advocates’ Conference commitment.
 - To better understand our role.
 - From the PAC Meeting there is a paper with guidelines outlining the role of CLBC to support the Community Council.
 - Council would like to see and understand the paper.

- Interim Manager and Self Advocates to attend the meeting.
- Future Community Council Meeting formats were discussed, and will be reviewed.

8. Next Meeting and Adjournment:

- Our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 29, 2016, at 5:30pm at the CLBC office in Port Moody.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.