

CLBC Community Council Meeting

April 25, 2016, at 5:30pm
Port Moody, BC

Those in Attendance: Sue Mann (Chairperson), Barb Paciejewski, Laurie Geschke, Deb Appleby, Carol Broomhall, Massi Bakhshian, Vera Anderson, Maxine Wilson, Conrad Tyrkin (self advocate guest)

Regrets: Courtney Dinahan

1. Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda

M/S/C To adopt the Agenda as amended.

3. Adoption of Minutes from February 29, 2016

M/S/C To accept the Minutes as presented.

4. Self Advocates Conference Update – Laurie Geschke

- A lovely Thank You card was given to the Council from the Conference Organizing Committee.
- Presented 9 awards to 9 artists at the Conference.
- A very good event – it was fun being in the receiving line for everyone who won a prize.
- Conference organizers agreed that the art happening in the morning was very helpful – created a nice peaceful atmosphere.
- The art looked great once placed inside the frames.
- Around \$500 was spent on supplies. The receipts have already been submitted to CLBC.
- Left over supplies were donated to AHA.
- Another self advocate conference is being planned for next year.

5. PAC Meeting – Barb Paciejewski

- The last PAC meeting was January 23, which was already reported on.
- The April 9th meeting turned into a conference call, which mainly discussed who could take over as Chair or Acting Chair. Need someone in place before the joint Board meeting in June.
- Question: What is the PAC? It is the Provincial Advisory Council that all 17 councils have representation on.
- Meetings are held every 3 months, but there is one joint meeting with members of the CLBC Board.
- Also discussed potential Agenda items for the June meeting.

6. Housing Sub Committee Update – Vera Anderson
 - For the last 2 months they have had 2 guest speakers come. Have wanted to understand the process better to effect change and to understand social housing.
 - Cathy Van Horton, Social Planner from City of Coquitlam, was terrific at their March meeting.
 - Celina Robinson, MLA for Coquitlam was very informative as well.
 - The City is now asking for proposals to come forward for affordable housing.
 - As a sub-committee, we can't submit a proposal. We need to work with other players.
 - Maxine has good connections with Bosa. They are willing to step up.
 - Andy Hiscox is a consultant who oversaw 2 housing projects.
 - He and the Mayor are in the inner circle of the YMCA development.
 - We're also invited to attend workshops hosted by posAbilities and held at BACI – on May 18.
 - Also invited to participate on the Task Force for Homelessness & Affordable Housing in the Tri Cities.
 - Looks promising that there could be affordable housing in Phase 2 of the Bosa development, in exchange for a density bonus from the City.
 - Bosa wants to meet with Maxine very soon to discuss possibilities.
 - Next action items need to be identified.
 - Suggestion that we could host an affordable housing forum – inviting families, agencies & BOSA.

7. Report from the Chair – Sue Mann
 - Sweetie is the new Manager of the Newport CLBC office.

8. New Business
 - None.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date
 - Next meeting will be Monday, May 30, 2016.

Meeting ended at 7:30 pm.