

Surrey – Delta – White Rock Community Council

#2017 – 7495 – 132 Street, Surrey, BC V3W 1J8

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Community Council Minutes Wednesday, April 27, 2016 – 6:35 p.m.

Present: Marie Sabine (Chair), Sherry Adam, Linda Beck, Laila Karim, Alison Scholefield and Vicki Stratton

CLBC staff: Sharon Rose, Community Planning & Development Manager

Recorder: Edwina Jeffrey

Regrets: Cindy Bain and Vernon Hudson

Guests: Jaret St. Andrassy & Terri Destobel, Milieu Family Services

1. **Call to order**

2. **Welcome to All and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Guests and council members introduced themselves.

3. **Community Mapping Project**

Representatives Jaret St. Andrassy and Terri Destobel, from Milieu Family Services, presented on the Asset Mapping of Community Services project. Preface: Milieu applied for a grant to fund resources to map assets within the community that are ideal conditions for community inclusion. The process used a lot of staff time to find out what was welcoming without duplicating services available, such as walks in a neighborhood.

Staff needed to be educated about the 'fluid' movement of this project. A 'meet-up site' was created; for example, looking for hidden gems, perhaps persons playing cards every Saturday.

However, what was realized is that consultation needed to be done on how people felt about this or would use it, as the asset mapping is going to be used by individuals on their own.

Reality is, accessing community is pretty low, so **training staff** on the purpose of this project is a necessity.

"The purpose of community asset mapping is to make authentic connections on behalf of the people we serve (go to prezi.com). "

Start: within; looking at the glass half full; relationship driven.

Activity: Hand, Head & Heart: physical skills; knowledge and passions (self-reflection time)

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How to connect: link our gifts; use current networks and relationships; build a sense of belonging. (Other people seeing you (self-advocate) as the best you can be; reciprocity of self-advocate getting something but these self-advocate can in turn contribute.)

Find out what the individual needs to make a life; e.g., taking the bus, going to the pool, swimming and returning on the bus home. This could be an individual with behavior issues, but once you listen then you can find out what assets are needed.

Staff training should offer more than providing day time fillers (often done because of staff to individual ratios).

Staff tried a giant map with pins all over, or 'choose your own adventure' book. So, they created this handbook for people to use. But because of change all the time, staff and the self-advocate ventured out to find out what felt good or didn't feel good to them, and validated where the advocate wants to be and doesn't want to be.

(ACTION: Terri to email the North Delta personal adventure project handbook to Sharon. Council will review this down the road on the Council's work plan.)

Note: Have made this information accessible via the web.

Inclusion: job coaching helps not only the advocate but the employer because fear of hiring the person or having them come to a public place to enjoy a community service, could be high.

Inclusion depends on being mindful of where a comfortable safe place is for that individual.

Inclusion is an attitude for all individuals.

(ACTION: Community Council to consider how it can engage with the districts within Surrey to build on community inclusion and perhaps add it to the work plan.)

Other suggestion: invite business owners to an asset mapping workshop.

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4. Review and approval of the agenda for the April 27th, 2016 meeting

Add after 6. – 6a) Innovative Labour Solutions Awards

***Motion:** It was moved by Linda that the amended agenda, and seconded by Sherry to approve the April 27th, 2016 agenda.*

Carried Unanimously

Review and approval of the minutes of the March 30, 2016 meeting

Sharon noted that her title in the March minutes should have read: Acting Quality Services Manager.

***Motion:** It was moved by Linda that the amended minutes and seconded by Laila, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 30th, 2016.*

Carried Unanimously

5. Participation in Community Events

Council members approved participation in the Lower Mainland Down Syndrome Society's T21 Walk, and Ladner May Days Parade.

Volunteers for the Walk are: Marie (9-11 am, and Edwina (11-1pm), Alison Goss (Analyst, CLBC). (Note: the Walk takes place on May 14.)

Volunteers for the Ladner May Days Parade are: Alison, Susan Sorensen (Facilitator, CLBC)

Newton Days--June 11, 2016: comments from 2015 - need more self-advocates; having more items of interest.

(ACTION: Council agreed to bypass this event this year.)

6. Housing Forum at Delta Golf Course: Committee Update on Council Members attending

Registrations are 100, with 40 on the waitlist. Registrants were screened for families to attend first. Time: 9:30-12:30 pm. Desk set up at 9:00 a.m. Vicki, Marie and Linda will help with set up. Round table setup so that families can network. CLBC will provide overhead projector with HDMI connector. Mic, etc. is available. Marie went through the program schedule details. A feedback questionnaire about the forum will be provided.

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(ACTION: Marie and Sherry to provide no more than six generic questions and CLBC staff will print out. Sample questions: Possible future forums, i.e., positive behavior support, representation agreements, etc.)

(ACTION: CLBC staff to print off registrant name in alphabetical order, example: two groups A-M; N-Z.)

- 6a) **Inclusive Employer Awards** – (formerly Innovative Labour Solutions Awards)
Linda Beck brought forward a request for Council funds to a maximum of up to \$500 for self-advocates who nominate an employer. The committee is keeping a focus on the intent of the audience that is, to invite more employers.

***Motion:** Vicki moved to subsidize self-advocates up to \$500 or \$20 each; Sherry seconded.* **Carried Unanimously**

7. **Annual Report Review**

Council members discussed changes to Annual Report:

Goal #1 – two council members attended: Vernon and Vicki; Vernon updated the council

Goal #2 – re Housing Forum: add Dan Collins, Executive Director, Langley Association for Community Living

Change first sentence to: The Community Council is hosting a Housing Forum and due to high demand will plan to host another over the next year.

Goal #3: Add a collaborative effort between all partners (write up)

Second Goal #3 – should now be Goal #4; Linda McGowan, Consumer Advocacy Manager responsible for HandyDart presented at a September 2014 council meeting

(ACTION: Edwina to send Speakers list to Marie.)

Highlights: add 3. : Awareness building by taking part in LMDSS Walk, Ladner Mayday parades, and Newton Days.

Add 4: Anticipated Housing Forum with registrants of 100.

8. **June 21st Board tour/open house/meeting with Council**

This date may change.

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(ACTION: Marie will get the information and forward to the Council on when this will take place.)

9. **Workplan Review**

This item will be reviewed at a future meeting.

10. **Adjournment at 8:30 pm**

11. **Reminders:**

LMDSS Walk at Bear Creek Park: May 14

Next Council Meeting: May 25

Ladner May Days Parade: May 29

Meeting with CLBC Board: June 21 (to be confirmed)

