

CLBC SURREY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 31, 2008

Present: Cheryl-Anne, Connie, Coreen, Jane, Larry, Laurie, Madeleine, Marie, Sandra and Sharon.

Absent: Renee, Kris and Rachhpal.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting.
2. Distribute name tags.
3. Manager's Report/Update:
 - Sharon reported that Josefina Marchetti is trying to set up a meeting with the Chairs/Vice Chairs and Board of Directors for Saturday, May 10 or Monday May 12 (one or the other) 2-3 hours, probably in Vancouver.
 - Council can discuss and come up with questions/concerns we have at our April meeting and decide what we would like to be brought forward at this meeting.
 - Sharon distributed CP&D Manager's Report dated January 31, 2008 to members and proceeded to explain topics of discussion in report.
 - Sandra spoke with regards to College Initiative and Transitioning with concerns that Surrey needs to bring programs to our Community and neighborhoods. At present Douglas College is just too difficult for our individuals to access and we need Kwantlen, VCC and Douglas to be interested in the changes needed and to have systems plugging into other systems.
 - Sharon informed the Council about the development of our new Community Information Online Consortium (CIOC) which is an Information Database that will be up and running live hopefully by the end of March 2008. This will be available to staff as well as the community so that individuals and families can access information on services in the community.

- Upcoming Conference for Service agencies called “ Changing the World One Person at a Time” to be held on March 10-12/08. Also the Surrey Community Living Centre is participating in two upcoming Resource Fairs. The Surrey Child and Youth Committee Resource Fair's date is yet to be determined. The South Surrey/White Rock Child & Youth Committee Resource Fair is February 27/08.

4. Community Council Web Page

- Council would like to meet further to discuss what type of actual information they would like to see on the Web Page. Some members were not comfortable with their names on the page and definitely no personal or e-mail information. Laurie mentioned that she thought it would be nice to perhaps have each member have a write up in the web page with regards to why they took on their council position and their particular interest. More discussion to follow.

5. QS Manager Schedule for Attendance at the Community Council Meeting:

- Council agreed that they would like to see the QS Manager attend council meetings every three months if possible. Council felt it was very informative to have a written report when they had their first meeting with Carla Thiessen.
- If possible, members would like Soheila Ghodsieh, QSO Manager, to attend the meeting on Thursday, February 28/08. Council stated that they would like a summary of the past and now the present budget information so they can hear where things are at and prepare accordingly.

6. Guest Speakers

- All members were in favor of having guest speakers but all agreed that they would have to prioritize in order of what they thought was the most important to the community as well.
- Mandate-wise and as a voice for the community, most agreed that having a speaker come and talk about Residential Options was of the utmost importance.

- Members would like to have Tracy Charlton come to a meeting first and then Sandra can explore other options. If Tracy is available on March 13 to attend a meeting that would be great.
- Sandra suggested having speakers such as a City Planner or Developer come to a meeting and discussion could be around the need for low income housing for people with disabilities and how to ensure they have information that is needed to take back with them to make these needs heard.

7. Strategic Plan:

- Everyone agreed that we have not had enough time to work on the plan. Perhaps we will begin working on this as we find there is not enough time as the evening progresses.
- Sharon brought up one area in question with regards to page 2 where it states:

Objective 2: Hold Doug accountable to meet commitments made at the meeting on November 15, 2007

Sharon had concerns and questioned whether Doug's name should be referred to in this objective? Some council members felt perhaps it should read "CLBC" instead of "Doug". Sandra mentioned and others agreed that really the responsibility is for Community Council to follow-up on issues to make sure the work was completed. This is a positive way to follow-up for completion.

Meeting Time:

Sharon had approached the subject of perhaps changing the Community Council meeting time from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to an earlier time of 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Although some members were in agreement one person in particular stated that this would not work for her but perhaps we could look at the earlier time come June when it may then become an option.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 28, 2008

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: #110 - 7525 King George Hwy, Surrey
City Square Building