

Vancouver Community Council Meeting Saturday, June 9, 2007

Present: Sue Salter, Peter Swayne, John Tsang, Richard McDonald, Anne Dumas, Mara St.Onge-Dueck, Rita Leedholm, Anita Lee, Tina Stagnitta

Regrets: Rachelle Czerwinski, Jan Wood, Ernie Baatz, Yaming Chen, Ken Wakeman, Natalie Marach

1) Welcome and Introductions

- **“What is the Buzz?”**

What’s going on out there?

- Article in Province regarding the compensation that past residents of Woodlands are receiving.
- Riverview Article – “Riverview Key to Homeless Problem: Mayor:”
- Opening of Riverview Gardens – Richard will be speaking at this opening.
- June 1st – Sue mentioned an event that she went to at the Heritage Hall on Main Street. A musical event featuring Michael Witman. Suggestion was made that a proposal be written to have a coffee shop/Drop-In at Heritage Hall for similar events to continue in the future.
- Frances Kelly article- courts challenging the requirement of 70 I.Q. to receive Adult Services. This may impact CLBC services.
- Anne went to a Fundraising event and met John Weston (conservative party candidate). Interested in the gaps in services for the disabled.
- BCACL Right Stuff Lottery
- Overcoming Hurdles to Employment on June 11, 2007 – Peter will be attending and Community Council budget will cover cost.
- BCACL meeting on June 20th – discussion on the Autism Model School.
- Supported Child Care – Cap on expenditures. This will mean long waiting list for Pre-school and will also affect After-school care.
- Parent Groups are getting together for Potluck on July 8th at DDA – 3455 Kaslo Street.
- What should be our Public Message? It was agreed that we need to research and ensure that we have all the information before we attempt a Public Message.

2. Meeting Guests

- **Norah from Provincial Advisory Committee** would like to attend our meeting in the fall.
- **Jule Hopkins** – wants to meet with council members to discuss “A Discussion Paper about Safeguards and People with Developmental Disabilities”

3. Anita

- Anita mentioned that Functional Model has been working well in Vancouver area.

4. Goal Setting and Strategic Planning

- Strategic Planning session with Jane will be held in September.

5. Information and Communication

- **Group Work – Development of Resource List (see list on following page)**
- **Community Council message to the public**
 - it was agreed that we need to do more research and understand what we are doing before we can attempt give message to the public
- **Target Organizations**
 - We agreed to look at 3 types of organizations that we would approach to explore community resources.
 - Neighbourhood Houses, Community Centres and Park Board are the 3 areas that we will be exploring.
 - We will explore what resources are currently available and also explore possibilities for future community development.
 - Discussed having a script ready before we contact these resources.
 - Decided that before we meet with these resources we should have the Strategic Planning session.

Action:

- Subcommittee members (Peter, Sue, Anne, Anita, Mara) will meet in the summer to prepare a script that we can bring when meeting with resources.

LIST OF RESOURCES:
Neighbourhood House*
Community Centres*
Parks Board*
Vancouver Foundation
Aqua Ventures – Swim Program
Arts Umbrella
Theatre Terrific
Vancouver Special Olympics
Autism Society
Science World
D.D.A.
Family Network
Parent Support Services
G.V. Family Services
CNIB

Meeting Dates:

September 22, 2007 – Strategic Planning session – Jane Ritchie

October 20, 2007

November 17, 2007

We will decide in November when we will be meeting in the New Year. We are looking at 3rd Saturday of every month.