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Vancouver Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018
3rd floor, 210 West Broadway
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Vicki, Derek, Aileen, John, Menwoh, Margaret, Bruce, Annie and James

Regrets: Pam, Renee, Shannon and Sheenal

Guest: Tim Harrison and Andrew Lai

Minute taking: Lyn

Agenda topics

Agenda Item 1:

Inspiration & Check-in

Jim Diers' 7 Principles of ABCD (Asset-based Community Driven development) was shown prior to the start of the council meeting. He emphasized that too often people are described or judged by what they lack, rather than the unique gifts each one possess.

Each council member shared how their holidays went and what has been keeping them busy. Most just came from holiday break and has now resumed regular schedules/activities. Derek shared that he is busy with a project named Teamwork Canada, a program in partnership with CBI, Univ of Victoria and CanAssist. John informed the council that he has recently attended the Housing Forum and PAC and that he will update the council later. Tim and practicum student Andrew Lai attended the 2-day CLBC workshop/planning session which will be helpful when the council begins work on its workplan later.

Action items:

N/A

Person responsible:

N/A

Deadline:

N/A

Agenda Item 2: Review Minutes		
The council reviewed and approved the minutes of the Dec. 13 th meeting.		
Action items: N/A	Person responsible:	Deadline:
	N/A	N/A
Agenda Item 3: Nomination of a Chair and Vice Chair		
Council members Vicki Wang and Margaret Peebles were nominated and voted as chairman and vice-chair respectively.		
Action items: N/A	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Agenda Item 4: 3 Mapping workshops for 2018-2019		
The council discussed the possibility of holding 3 community mapping workshops in 2018-2019. Following Jim Diers' principle, the proposal was to hold it in community centres, at Milieu, to name a few. However, prior to organizing the workshops, the council agreed to have a "train the trainers" workshop led by Jessica Humphrey or Catriona Johnson to be held sometime in March. James suggested that if the council will hold several community mapping workshops, the participation of all council members should be encouraged and not have the same members attending/overseeing all 3. Tim added that the CLBC planning session he attended had community mapping as one of the major targets; he hopes the map is up and running soon as this is a valuable resource for both CLBC and community.		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Agenda Item 5: Develop Work Plan in Feb 2018 with Jessica Humphrey		

The council discussed the creation of a new workplan for the next two years. The previous workplan included community mapping, family governance, recruitment, updating the website. Derek mentioned that it usually consists of one major project and several smaller projects workable within 2 years. The council agreed to invite Jessica to the next council meeting to provide assistance in the development of the workplan. Suggested areas/issues for the workplan were aging and housing, among others.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Invite/confirm availability of Jessica in February	Derek/Vicki	

Agenda Item 6:

Housing Forum update

John gave the council an update on the Housing forum he attended the previous week. He noted that it attracted a substantial turnout, around 60-70 people. In attendance were city planners from different cities, developers, service providers, families, finance experts, architects/designers, to name a few. The forum brought up the difference between subsidized housing, social housing and inclusive housing. For the latter, it meant taking into consideration what self-advocates needs and preferences are, and not being segregated. John emphasized that the forum in a way put the spotlight on CLBC and the people it serves. Because of the data that CLBC presented, city planners particularly, emphasized that CLBC needed to push itself towards more visibility province-wide. It has to have a unified voice/message. They agree that there is a huge market in CLBC and its clients and that various industries are interested to collaborate with CLBC. The opportunity to move the dial on residential/housing issue for people with developmental disabilities is here. He suggested that housing should be included in the council's workplan, or at the least invite a city council planner to one of the council meetings.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item 7:

PAC update

John gave an update on the last PAC meeting. Discussed in the PAC meeting was the housing forum, ANSO (Advancing New Support Options), among others. ANSO is a new service being developed by CLBC which will connect individuals with employment and personal development opportunities. He shared that the PAC board would like to meet with the Vancouver community council, and that the council may like to plan what to present to the PAC board.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item 8: Manager's Update

James presented the manager's report for January 2018. CLBC has launched the Employment Foundations training for CLBC staff which provides foundational knowledge about the agency's role in employment. The online training has been developed by CLBC's employment mentors and Organization Development team. James also updated the council on the renaming of the Vancouver Coastal areas. It has been divided into 2 – the Vancouver Coastal West (Vancouver/North Van/Sunshine Coast/Sea to Sky/Powell River) and Vancouver Coastal East (Port Moody/Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam/Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows/Burnaby/Richmond).

James also announced that the Winter edition of Celebrate Diverse ABILITIES, a CLBC publication, is already out. The publication also has an online format to reach as many readers/advocates as possible. He encouraged the council to contribute articles to the publication.

Date of Next Meeting: February 28, 2018, Wednesday