



Vancouver Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 13, 2017
3rd floor, 210 West Broadway
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Vicki, Derek, Aileen, Alex, John, Menwoh, Margaret and Sheenal

Regrets: Bruce, Renee, Shannon, Pam and James

Guest: Tim Harrison and Annie Wang

Minute taking: Lyn

Agenda topics

Agenda Item 1:

Welcome & Check-in

The Vancouver community council began the last council meeting for 2017 with the welcome and check in. Council members were busy with work and/or family holiday-related activities. Derek and Sheenal shared with the council their experience at the Transition Fair held at the John Oliver Secondary School. Both agreed that the venue is ideal for the fair, a lot of people attended the event, they met former clients and self-advocates. It was a good networking opportunity and to touch base with colleagues and self-advocates. Council member John shared that he came from a trip to Asia. He added that he is participating in the BC Housing Task Force and inquired if previous guest, Peter Dueck will join the council. He believes Peter would be a valuable addition to the council. He is also thinking of inviting Peter to participate in the BC Housing Task Force. Sheenal said that she will try to convince Peter to join the council. Council Chair Vicki mentioned that she has planned a trip to Taiwan for the holidays, a break from her work and school schedule. Menwoh and Margaret were both busy at work especially at this time of the year. Menwoh works at Lush, while Margaret works at Starbucks. Both Aileen and Alex shared that they were busy with volunteer work/new job.

The council welcomed potential member Annie Wang, who was invited by Chair Vicki. Annie is a new client of CLBC and is working with CLBC facilitator Lisa McKay.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
N/A	N/A	N/A

Agenda Item 2:
Review Minutes

The council reviewed and approved the minutes of the Nov 1st meeting.

Action items: N/A	Person responsible:	Deadline:
	N/A	N/A

Agenda Item 3:
Update mapping workshop and evaluation

Derek showed a Youtube video of Jim Diers discussing the 7 principles ABCD (asset-based community driven development) to the council. The same video was shown at the Dec 3rd community mapping project held at the CLBC office in Vancouver prior to the start of the workshop. In brief, the 7 principles were: 1) have fun (meetings should be fun!), 2) start where people are, 3) but don't leave them there, 4) lead by stepping back, 5) celebrate success and 6) recognize caring neighbors, and 7) share stories. A brief discussion of the principles and how it can help the council followed.

Derek shared that the Dec 3rd community mapping was a success. Around 20+ people attended with Vicki, Margaret, Derek and Tim representing the council/CLBC. They felt that with a big group like the one that Sunday, it is best to break it up in smaller groups. It would help also to have smaller desks/tables for better interaction. The length of the event should not be too long, round 2 hours is ideal. It is good to have a breakout room, for individuals who are feeling anxious/uncomfortable in the setting. All in all, the attendees were able to connect, share, support. The evaluation led to a suggestion to bring the community mapping project outside of CLBC, e.g. community centre in the city. This supports Jim Diers principle of starting where the people are. Derek felt that this should be discussed further in the next meeting with most members present.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Email/get feedback from members about bringing the mapping project on the road	Lyn	Dec.16

Agenda Item 4:

Nomination of a Chair and Vice Chair

Derek said it is time for the council to nominate and vote for a council chairman and vice chair. Vicki has chaired the previous meetings as interim chairman and he felt that it is time for the council to have a regular one. He suggested having the nomination for both positions by January and for the members to think of who they want to nominate.

He asked Lyn to email the members who were not present about the nomination in January.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Email members not present about the nomination	Lyn	Dec.16

Agenda Item 5:

Develop New Council Work Plan

The council discussed the need to come up with a new work plan as the council prepares for the incoming new chairman and co-chair. They need to identify areas or topics to focus on for the next two years. Derek mentioned that during his time as chairman, the council focused on family governance, community mapping, recruitment, updating the website and person centered planning. He said the workplan usually consists of one major project and several smaller projects and it should be workable within 2 years. CLBC's Jessica Humphrey provided assistance in the formulation of the workplan. Suggested workplan areas were aging and housing.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item 6:

Invite Jessica Humphrey in Feb 2018

The council agreed to invite CLBC Self-Advocate advisor Jessica Humphrey to the meeting in February 2018. She has assisted the council several years ago during the creation of a new workplan. She will be of great value as the new council leadership crafts its new focus for the next two years.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Invite Jessica Humphrey in February 2018	Derek and Vicki	

Agenda Item 7:

Recruitment

Derek encouraged the members to invite/recruit potential members to the council. There is a Vancouver council letter of invitation ready to be sent to potential invitees; the document can be sent via email. Sheenal reiterated that she will try to get Peter back in to the council.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Date of Next Meeting: January 24, 2018, Wednesday* Dec. 16
Lyn to email council members not present re
January 24th meeting schedule