



Vancouver Community Council Meeting

Wednesday May 31st 2017
3rd floor, 210 West Broadway
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Derek, Pam, Vicki, Alex, Menwoh, Margaret, Bruce, Renee, and James

Regrets: John and Aileen

Guest: Tim Harrison

Minute taking: Lyn

Agenda topics

Agenda Item 1:

Welcome

Each council member shared updates on their current activities/interests .

Both Derek and Pam said that this period is a busy/crazy time at the VSB; Pam added that she has children graduating from elementary and high school and that makes it extra challenging and a happy time for her as well.

Alex has a lot of stuff going on at the moment; he said he's busy with Kudoz and is following 30+ teams in the NHL.

Menwoh is quite pleased with his employment opportunities, he's busy and is almost working full-time.

Renee, an occupational therapist, said her work always keeps her on her toes.

Council member Vicki is busy juggling several jobs at the same time moving to her new home.

New addition to the council, Bruce, a doctor, has a son who has a developmental disability and is receiving support from CLBC. Being a doctor always keeps him busy in addition to his volunteer work.

New member Margaret said she participated in New Westminster's Hyack festival parade.

CLBC representative James introduced Tim Harrison, a CLBC facilitator, who will be the point person in the new community mapping program to be discussed in more detail later.

He also noted and welcomed the presence of Lyn who will be taking over Lisa's role as she has

moved to a different CLBC position.

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

**Agenda Item 2:
Review Minutes**

The minutes of the March 22, 2017 meeting was approved by the Chair , seconded by new member Bruce. Derek said to delete the word “Coastal” in the minutes header/title, to avoid confusion with the community councils of other cities/areas.

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

**Agenda Item 3:
Confirmation of new
Community Council
members**

The council confirmed the nomination of Bruce Chang and Margaret Peebles. This was approved by Derek and seconded by Vicki. Derek emphasized the importance of recruitment and of having new members in the council. He said some members are nearing the end of their term and should prepare/plan for succession. Having projects and sub-projects help in meeting and recruiting potential members.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item 4:

Community Mapping Project

For the benefit of the new members of the council, CLBC facilitator Tim Harrison presented the objectives of the community mapping project. It is a program that will utilize the My Compass software to help people find resources in the community that would help them meet their goals. It is a planning tool, a platform, which promotes independence, making connections, and getting involved in the community as well as a resource map for events/activities in the community. James added that the software is going to be pilot tested soon among students and volunteers set later this year. In order to be viable, Tim said it has to be user-friendly and accessible.

A copy of the publication “Mapped!”, program similar to what the council is developing, is provided to the council members for information and reference.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item :

Asset Sharing

Each member was asked to present to the council their Asset Sharing assignment.

James identified several community events/clubs to the council that they can participate in. They were Vancouver, Polar Bear Swim Club, Splurge Club, Vancouver Rabbit Agility Club, Hula Hoop Club, and the Vancouver Paranormal Society.

Derek suggested Theater Terrific, a program which began in the mid '80s where people present amateur theater productions.

Pam recommended Master Sorota’s Martial Arts program. She said VSB invited Master Sorota in one of events and it proved quite popular. She also added an event in New Westminster where people play in ball games like bocce.

Bruce shared Dunbar Stars, a program that gathers people together and takes them to various places in city on Friday nights.

As a volunteer (employee?), Vicki shared that she is able to get information on special events at the Vancouver Aquarium and the Science World. Derek suggested if Vicki could share the event schedules with the council. She also mentioned the PNE which has free entrance for families from 11AM-1PM.

Renee mentioned Craft Works, an arts and crafts program where participants make items out of old materials which are sold in craft fairs.

Through Margaret's employment and volunteer network, she is able to get information on activities/events in the city. The council asked if she can get tickets for the members to visit Van Dusen gardens (?).

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Members to share Health-related Assets to next meeting	All members	June 26

Agenda Item :

Dream Tree

Derek brought a tree cut-out which he put on the wall. He said the roots symbolize the values that support the whole project. The trunk is the resource (people/spaces/etc) available and the branches are the services.

He asked each member to write on the leaves what they want to achieve via the community mapping and to pin it on the tree. Below are what the council identified as their goals:

- gain more friends/laugh/connect
- gain independence/develop self-esteem/promote healthy lifestyle
- find employment/work opportunities
- develop new interests/learn new skills
- travel/learn new bus routes
- join inclusive events/places
- be able to share resources with other people

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item :

PAC Update

The Council Chairman read the minutes of the PAC meeting. A copy of the minutes can be provided by the Chair, if requested.

Agenda Item :

Family Governance Update

Pam gave the Family Governance update. She said there are seven families who have signed up and are ready to support the program. They have identified a program coordinator but they need to find out how he/she will be compensated. She also mentioned that the VSB is not yet fully committed to the program and may take a few more convincing to get them on board. She said she will meet with PALS, SIDES and other potential partners for program support.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Date of Next Meeting: Monday, June 26th 2017