

TRI-CITIES SENIORS PLANNING NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2015 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Poirier Library, Boardroom
575 Poirier Street, Coquitlam

Attendees:

Regrets:

Stacy Ashton	Masumeh Bakhshian
Harvey Grigg	Bruce Bird
Peggy Hendrickson	Ryan Drew
Gina Hortelano	Marg Gordon
Brenda Hynes	Pat McBlane
Judy Jackson	Mike Oakley
King Lum, Chair	Mary Ong
Suzanne Tempel	
Irene Turnbull	
Karen Tyrell	

Introductions

Agenda:

- Accepted with one addition under 'New Business':
 - Dementia Friends

Minutes of Last Meeting (June 16 2015):

- Motion to accept, Brenda
- Seconded by Karen
- Carried – no discussion

Business Arising from Previous Meetings:

Communications with Local Papers:

- Brenda suggested that we take a look at the Senior Engagement Toolkit on the SPAN website
 - The toolkit provides information on what to include in this type of letter/editorial, how to write grants, events, etc.
- Letter to be finalized and ready to send for September

Presentation to Councils:

- Have been unable to access the original presentation made to the Fraser Health group;

- Terms of Reference for the Port Moody Committee would be helpful (Ruth will keep us informed when established and available) (Judy to follow up)
- Will also gather information on Vancouver's Senior Advisory Council
- We need to create a model to present to council
- Need to pull together more information for discussion in September
- We need to review our own Terms of Reference to ensure we are still on track
- Research other committees, identify gaps and show the importance of a Seniors Advisory Council to the City table
- Stacy will post a job description on GO volunteer and Charity Village for a researcher to help pull all of the above information together and help us analyze

Survey Questions re: Housing Forum:

- Stacy has made some revision/additions to the questions
- Brenda would like to add a question about co-ownership or living with relatives
- Seniors' Support Services in New Westminster have an excellent housing program
 - Have they held a housing forum?
 - Do they provide in-home support?
- CARP meeting on September 29th, Seniors' Advocate attending to discuss housing
- It was decided that we would hold the Forum the week of April 18th
- CARP has a meeting on April 21st, perhaps we could combine the Forum with CARP partnership
 - Other Partnerships could include:
 - Retired Teachers' Association (Ken Kuhn)
 - COSCO
 - Seniors' Advocate (Harvey Grigg)
 - Homeless Task Force
 - Other Seniors' committees
- Survey distribution will begin prior to the end of July and remain open through January 16th
- Begin discussions (to be ongoing) with potential partners, sponsors, etc.
- Research venues
- February-March
 - Start booking speakers
 - Possible venue partnerships: (to research)
 - Hard Rock Casino Theatre (500+)
 - Eagle Ridge Bible Fellowship (250)
 - Winslow Centre (?)
 - Perhaps we could arrange partnerships with care homes who have shuttles to help with transportation
 - Parkwood Manor
 - Amica
 - Hawthorne
 - Belvedere
 - Astoria
- Possible Partners and/or Speakers

- o Developers (Foyer Maillardville)
- o Rental developers
- o VanCity
- o Social housing developers (contractors through BC Housing)

Federal Election

- CARP and BC Retired Teachers' Assn. are planning something
- Perhaps coordinate all candidates meeting with them
- We will do something similar to what we did for municipal elections: email questions to candidates re: seniors platform and post answers

New Business Speaker for September

- It was decided that we will have a full agenda in September to address pre-election planning
- Judy will ask someone from Seniors' Services Society in New West to speak in October or November

Website

- Judy asked if TCSPN could be more prominent on CVC website
- Stacy will have a direct link button added to the homepage for the Seniors Network

Dementia Friends

- Stacy introduced everyone to <http://www.dementiafriends.ca> – *Please visit the website and 'sign up'!*
- There are currently 4,200 'friends' across Canada
- The movement is backed by the Alzheimer's Society of Canada
- Purpose is for awareness and education

Updates

Bruce Bird (on behalf of)

- International Federation on Ageing hosting another webinar discussing AFCC (age-friendly cities & communities)
- Webinar to take place on July 31st 11:00 a.m. edt
- Visit www.ifa-fiv.org for more info

Mary Ong (on behalf of)

- Grant from Investors Group was approved for \$450
- This money to be set aside for the Forum

Peggy Hendrickson

- Multi-Cultural Fair on July 28th from 11am to 3 pm at Glen Pine
- 35 more parking spaces is currently being negotiated near Glen Pine (for three years usage)

Suzanne Tempel

- Suzanne shared with us the very sad news that after 18 years, CVSS will be closing its doors on August 31st
- SHARE will be taking over some of the services, trying to minimize changes in services to seniors

Note: Special thank you to Suzanne Tempel and Marg Gordon for all of the contributions they have made to our TCSPN, and most especially, to the seniors in the Tri-Cities. Your presence in the community will be missed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Location to be determined.