

TRI-CITIES SENIORS PLANNING NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2014 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Location: Community Volunteer Connections

Attendees:

Stacy Ashton
Bruce Bird
Carmeliza Florido
Marg Gordon
Brenda Hynes
Judy Jackson
King Lum (Chair)
Suzanne Tempel
Karen Tyrell
Ria Zapf

Regrets:

Effie Garcia
Parneet Hara
Peggy Hendrickson
Gina Hortelano
Pat McBlane
~~Mary Ong~~ ~~Grace Michi~~
~~John Schofield~~ ~~Mary Ong~~
~~Michi Tsurumi~~ ~~John Schofield~~
Linda Western

Introductions were made; King Lum chaired the meeting.

Agenda was accepted with the following additions:

- Under Business Arising:
 - add Canada Day
- Under New Business add:
 - Seniors Housing closures
 - Banner

Minutes from Last Meeting

- Accepted as submitted
- Stacy moved to accept; Brenda Hynes seconded
- Carried

Business Arising from Previous Meetings

Transportation Forum Debriefing (Stacy):

- We had 97 people registered for the event
- 12 people registered at the door
- Stacy counted 85 people in the seats, plus vendors, plus guests and presenters
- Event broke even:
 - Eagleridge Bible Fellowship: \$400
 - A/V: \$ 88
 - Thrifty's: \$205 (they donated five trays, we purchased three additional)

- Revenue:
 - Vendor revenue: \$360**
 - Donation: \$350
 - Profit: \$ 17

**Eventbrite worked great for registration, easy to use. Gross was \$388.53 from event. \$28.53 was a nominal fee to use Eventbrite.

- In kind gifts included:
 - Thrifty's
 - IGA (water and cookies)
 - Starbucks (coffee)
 - Tri-City News ads
 - Drivers

\$3,000 in kind
- Comments/suggestions regarding the event included:
 - Start advertising much earlier
 - Have a shorter day
 - Have individual printed agendas for participants
 - Issues for individuals who were hard of hearing
 - City presentations (city planners) didn't have much 'meat'
 - Looking at having the questions prepared in advance to guide the presentation; would be easier to control the panel as well.
 - Elected officials should be allotted speaking times
 - Prep presenters, ask for their presentations in advance for timing/editing
 - Have post event package to send out - possibly add to website to disseminate
 - Translators didn't work out - tried to explain things during breaks
 - Eagleridge Bible Fellowship staff managed to make our stage wheelchair accessible overnight! (Thank you!)
 - Thanks to Effie's husband for setting up and managing the a/v
- Send out post event press release
- Received back 65 responses from the 'where do you want to go' surveys
- Top 5 have been entered in to the database, want to map out the 65 responses; where they live, where they want to go and inform appropriate parties of the final product, possibly combined with initial survey results
- Issues coming out of Forum:
 - Rumour that Translink will be cutting back 30,000 hours of bus time - as early as September
 - Change in service to Glen Pine C38 route changed. Report as an issue; advocacy needed
 - Still many issues about the Compass Card
 - When Handidart not available, then a taxi is called and the client pays the same cost of a Handidart; however taxi drivers don't give attention to their clients using this service. If the taxi is a substitute for Handidart

- service, taxi drivers should be trained and provide the same level of care/service that the Handidart driver would be provide.
- using Taxi Savers at same cost (note: Taxis Savers are purchased at 50% off)

Overall - job well done - Congratulations to everyone and special thank you to all of the volunteers.

September Meeting

- **Topic:** Elder Abuse
- King will contact Lin Chen to discuss abbreviated presentation
- Focus: What can a network in the Tri-Cities do to get involved in prevention and awareness?
- Judy will confirm details once King has made initial contact
- Will try to book Poirier Library. **(note: Library not available. Next meeting will be at SUCCESS office at Henderson Place)**
- Karen Tyrell has been trained in elder abuse for front line staff, volunteers and providers; she is willing to train others in a four hour workshop

Coquitlam Canada Day

- King had one person visit in the four hours he was there
- Very hot, very few seniors at the event
- Castle Park had more seniors at their evening event
- Recommended that we not do this event again unless we are in an area which would have more seniors

New Business

Banner

- Stacy to look at having a banner made
- Will contact Natasha to help with a vertical design of the logo
- May look at a sponsorship option

Seniors Housing (Bruce Bird)

- According to the government, they are closing Burquitlam Lions facility
- Beds are being transferred to a new facility in PoCo in 2016
- Foyer Maillardville has closed; apparently will be rebuilding
- Great shortage of housing space in the Tri-Cities
- May require a lot more advocacy work from all

Updates

Marg Gordon:

- They now have five city councils on board
- Need to recruit board members - anyone who is interested, please contact Marg

- Stacy advised that she has had success recruiting with Go Volunteer; she will share info with Marg
- New branding will reflect the entire area
- Will have completely separate board; breaking away from Wilson Centre

Bruce Bird:

- Attended 'Idea City' in Toronto~~?????~~; three days; a lot of international speakers
- Good event; some great presentations

Karen Tyrell:

- Caregiver Program is good until next June
- Met with UWay and other caregivers
- Marg has organized a group of agencies losing funding, will connect with Karen
- They are trying to create a new umbrella group that will continue to ensure there are essential services for seniors available

Peggy (via Judy)

- Discussed Summer Multicultural Fair being held on July 29th
- Shuttle bus services between Glen Pine and Dogwood
- JJ forwarded Peggy's e-mail with bus schedule to others interested

Next meeting: September 16, 2014, 1 to 3 pm, SUCCESS Offices at Henderson Place