

TRI-CITIES SENIORS PLANNING NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Location: Wilson Centre, Port Coquitlam

Attendees:

Aida Alves
Bruce Bird
Marg Gordon
Parneet Hara
Peggy Hendrickson
Gina Hortelano
Brenda Hynes
Judy Jackson
Roger Loubert
King Lum (chair)
Pat McBlane
John Schofield
Gerry Steckler
Suzanne Tempel
Michi Tsurumi
Linda Western

Regrets:

Stacy Ashton
Mike Oakley
Robyn Newton
Carolyn Sherrell

Agenda accepted with a couple of additions:

- Changes in United Way funding
- Riverview Land

Minutes from February 18th accepted with the following changes:

- Hydrecs should be 'Tri-Cities Power Pioneers'
- All motions should be who made the motion, who seconded and whether or not it was 'carried'
- Moved by Bruce Bird to accept minutes as amended; seconded by Pat McBlane. Carried.

Transportation Forum Survey

- Deadline for surveys is March 29th
- One organization has asked for a week or two extension
- Stacy has generated a Survey Monkey report with results to date

- We have received 62 on-line responses and 83 hard copies
- Linda reviewed the report with the stats to date
- Collecting some very good information which will make planning the Forum much more focused on what people want to hear
- Stacy needs volunteers for data entry; Suzanne indicated they may be able to find some people (work needs to be done at CVC office)
- Surveys are still coming in; will have a final report for next meeting
- Hoping to hold the forum in the last week of June
- Linda has been in contact with Douglas College; still in discussion
- Need to get the Forum dates scheduled as soon as possible so that Committee members can block off their calendars
- Volunteers will be needed to help 'plan' the Forum
- Linda thanked everyone for the great support that we have received from every organization. It has been a tremendous success in working together to get surveys widely distributed.

SUCCESS Multicultural Fair

- We had four to five volunteers for the day
- Obtained about a dozen survey that day
- There were language issues and unfortunately we only had English surveys on site
- Lots of people stopped to talk about what we are doing
- A lot of different groups and supports were available for people
- Congratulations to SUCCESS, to Effie and her great team, for a great day. Great success, very well done!

Update on Grants

- Linda and King attended the Port Moody consultation around community planning
- Port Moody needs official seniors plan
- Port Moody has no designated 'seniors' gathering place
- Kyle Centre was a seniors centre, now a general rec centre
- Recognized there needed to be an advocacy group in Port Moody as nothing exists

- Now have a representative from the Port Moody Community Care Committee (welcome, Michi Tsurumi!)

Logo Presentation

- A former student of Pat McBlane's offered to create a logo for the Network
- The logo can be used on Brochures, Rack Cards and Business Cards
- Pat presented three designs for discussion, as a first round
- **Puzzle Logo**
 - Illumination
 - Think tank
 - Awareness
 - Perspiration, sweat
 - Inspiration
 - Celebration
 - Sense of community

Puzzle pieces have been adopted by Autism groups
 Stacy was concerned about the colour orange
 Overdone

Modern Design

- Doesn't tell anything
- Eye catching
- Intriguing (what's the meaning in the rectangle)
- Modern is positive
- Aesthetics are good
- Linking community together
- Try with thicker centre line
- Add a swirl on one end

Key Design

- Tradition
- Key - opening doors, opportunities
- Recognizable

Group concurred that we should drop the puzzle design.

Possibly adjust the key to be a full key, see thru bottom to allow printing to stay the same, add three people to the key,

linked together.

Maybe try combining key idea with modern design.

Colour:

Orange is not a senior colour

Made some people think of NDP

Suggested we eliminate any 'political' colors

Suggestions:

Brighter orange, pumpkin, purple w/white, magenta, mulberry

Tri-Cities should always be hyphenated

Transition Planning

- This is Linda's last meeting as facilitator
- The grant we were supposed to receive from United Way for an additional six months has fallen through
- The position will not be filled at this time; Judy will continue to provide administrative support
- King will carry some of the load, but cannot do it alone
- United Way is reviewing ALL Lower Mainland planning tables - IF they decide to fund, we would be included
- We had agreed that we would change the chair every two to three meetings
- King found it was a huge learning curve and didn't think constant change of the chair was a good idea
- He agreed to continue as chair but requested a vice chair
- Pat McBlane was nominated by Judy; seconded by Karen
 - Pat suggested having co-vice chairs as she wouldn't always be available
 - Roger Loubert volunteered for other co-chair position
- With no other nominations or volunteers, the 'Executive' committee will be: King Lum, Chair and Pat McBlane and Roger Loubert as Co-Vice Chairs
- Stacy will always be involved as CVC is the host organization

Changes in United Way Funding

- Karen received information (through Dogwood) that the Tri-Cities Senior Caregiver Program will end this June; contract was supposed to be until end of June 2015

- United Way is cutting all funding for seniors outreach
- As a senior planning table, we should be concerned
- Planning table to write to United Way AND the Board (in progress - Stacy/Linda)
- Good to leverage other planning tables, individual agencies, and individuals - encourage others to write and to send the messages as widely as possible
- Only four or five agencies will receive funding i.e. 411 Seniors Centre, Second Mile Society. All others will be cut
- Stacy and Linda will continue working on a letter to United Way and the Board
- CVSS is doing a lot to fight this - its time to join forces with others
- Linda presented the issues to MLA's; received a very positive response from all
- Linda Reimer was very much on side

Riverview Lands

- Riverview grounds have established a working group (through Arts Connect)
- Roger is involved in a sub-committee
- City of Coquitlam is currently reviewing all planning documents
- Historically, Riverview had a seniors program, veterans program - it was not just for the mentally ill
- At its height, Riverview had over 4,000 residents; 2,000 workers on site
- Legacy is now being driven toward development options
- There will be another series of open houses - Roger encouraged all to attend when possible
- Sub-committee works with the Regional Steering Committee - biggest concern being affordable housing

Legal Issues discussion postponed to April meeting.

Updates

Linda:

- June is Elder Abuse month
- Next CRN meeting will be April 8th; Pat McBlane to attend

- Christine Spinder is the coordinator; Jennifer Gooding presenting
- Looking at various issues

Aida:

- Received some good nominations for volunteer awards
- Presentation will be the first week of April

Gina: (Better at Home)

- Trying to reach more isolated seniors
- Providing housekeeping, transportation and grocery shopping assistance
- Still recruiting volunteers

Karen:

- Presentation by Fraser Health Authority re: respite and home care on April 3rd, Pinetree Library from 10 to 11 a.m.

Parneet:

- Healthy Living Program Coordinator
- Working on getting the topic on the city agendas
- Cities are starting to understand the concept of working together

Gerry:

- Shared the Seniors Resource Guide for Maple Ridge

Pat:

- Will be picking up surveys from the Food Bank tomorrow

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 15th, 1 to 3 p.m.
- location to be determined**