

Tri-Cities Seniors Planning Network

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2014
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Eagle Bible Fellowship

In Attendance:

Stacy Ashton
Bruce Bird
Effie Garcia
Parneet Hara
Peggy Hendrickson
Gina Hortelano
Judy Jackson
Alex Kwan
King Lum (chair)
Pat McBlane
Carolyn Sherrell

Regrets:

Aida Alves
Mary Cooper
Marg Gordon
Brenda Hynes
Mike Oakely
Suzanne Tempel
Karen Tyrell
Linda Western

Introductions were made. Welcome Alex Kwan from Fraser Health and Welcome Back Carolyn Sherrell (you've been missed)

Agenda

Additions to agenda:

- Translink cancellation of bus service to Glen Pine (Peggy)

Minutes of Meeting April 15th

- Pat moved to accept the minutes as presented.
- Motion was seconded by Parneet.
- No discussion.
- Carried

Business Arising from Last Meeting

Transportation Forum:

- Stacy provided an update of what has been done and what needs to be done for the Forum
- Forum fees have been determined as:
 - \$60 for Businesses
 - \$30 for Non Profits

- Members can get either reduced or waived fees for their businesses or organizations by participating in the Forum....here's some suggestions in areas we need support:
 - Driving support (estimated up to 30 seniors may need assistance getting to the Forum)
 - Need morning pick-ups, possibly lunch time returns and post event returns
 - SUCCESS will provide translation services in Chinese, Korean & Farsi – 2 people for each language
 - Pre-event:
 - Vendor organization
 - Set up (8:30 a.m.)
 - Post-event:
 - Clean up (after 4 p.m.)
- Advertisement has been sent to Tri-City News
- There will be on-line and phone registrations
- Stacy to send Effie an electronic version of the flyer for translations purposes
- Program:
 - ICBC – Driving examinations
 - Translink – Compass Card, NE Sector Area plan
 - HandiDart/Taxi Savers
 - Planners from each municipality for a panel (waiting for PoMo to confirm)
- Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam Foundations have turned down our requests for funding
- IGA will provide cookies and water
- Thrifty's – waiting for confirmation on providing lunch
- Bruce will Emcee the event; Stacy to talk with Linda about being the panel moderator
- King will not be able to attend the morning of the transportation forum as he will be attending his son's graduation
- Will be able to provide 14 tables for vendors use
- Hoping for attendance of approximately 200
- Sound system at the venue will cost extra and needs to utilize their technician; Mary to discuss options with the administration
- Effie's husband can help with what we need; need a volunteer to run the system
- Stacy to look in to rental of equipment
- Financial projections:
 - \$350 has been donated; expect approximately \$600-700 from Vendors
 - \$400 paid for rental of space
 - Estimate \$80 for A/V rental
 - Some gaming money available for Seniors
- A debriefing meeting will be scheduled some time after the event

Logo

- Pat will be working closely with Natalie to complete the final design
- New logo to be presented at the Forum

New Business

King asked for suggestions from the table for upcoming presentations/speakers at our meetings. Lengthy discussion occurred around services needed, services provided, shortage of funding to run programs properly, housing issues, food security and overall lack of support for seniors, particularly isolated, vulnerable seniors.

Some speakers/topics we will address in the fall include:

- BC Housing re: their plans around seniors housing
- Healthcare model for adult day care support
- Food security
- Elder Abuse

Peggy discussed the cancellation by Translink of the C38 bus route, which accommodates Glen Pine Pavilion. A petition has gathered 380 names, and a letter has been sent to Translink from Glen Pine.

- Peggy to forward original letter from Glen Pine and the numbers confirmed on the petition to Stacy
- Stacy to discuss with the PR/Planner for the area
- Will look at providing a letter of support from the Network

Updates

Bruce Bird:

- CARP is holding a membership meeting on Thursday, 1-3:30 pm at the Poirier Sports Centre
- Topic: "Your Life, Your Legacy"
- 25 free CARP memberships will be given away to the first 25 people

Effie:

- Seniors' Enrichment Program is in its last year
- Next year will probably be the last Multicultural Fair
- Network needs to contact Linda Baker at the City of Coquitlam re: Canada Day participation
- Do we want our own table??

Gina:

- Better at Homes is moving along
- Currently serving approximately 80 seniors
- Provide house cleaning two times per month
- Have approximately 15 committed drivers (mostly seniors driving seniors!)
- Seniors groups need to advocate for more funding; program is very under-funded
- Network will send letter of support. Gina to provide information on who to send the letter to and more details about what kind of support they need
- CVSS/SHARE need to look at CVSS services being coordinated with Better at Home services; may be able to send a letter
- We need to define needs and recognize younger seniors as well

Carolyn:

- Good to be back! (...and we're glad you are)

Pat:

- Attended the Port Moody Seniors for Recreational Services meeting last week

They recognize:

- The need for more collaboration with Tri-Cities resources
- The importance of communication at all levels (internal and external)
- The need to establish a Seniors Activity Centre

Next Meeting will be held on June 17th from 1 to 3 pm at the Port Moody Arts Centre (boardroom)