

Mount Pleasant Community Planning Program (MPCCP)
Social Coordinating Group Meeting #1
March 4, Tuesday, 2008
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Native Education College
285 East 5th Avenue

Meeting Summary Notes

Attendance:

Dave Forrest, Christina Chociolko, Denise Wrathall, Frank Frigon, Robert W?, Robert Sutherland, Zsuzsi Heubsch, Tammy Brander, Meredith Starkey, Carol van Camp, Kim Yong-Woon, Sharla Stolhandske, Janet Berry, Mamaerta Olit, Larry Tapia, Kala Harris, Margaret Campbell, Bill Briscall, Eric Kirkpatrick, Carola Goetze, Kirk Jong, Cam Owens, David Mahjour, Kevin, Ed Flores, and Margery Duda.

City Staff:

Angela Ko, Peter Burch, Dana Walker, Mario Lee, and Doug Durand

Introductions:

SCG Meet and Greet Round Table:

Each SCG member gave a round table introduction of themselves: "Who they are, who they represent and what they felt they could contribute on the SCG".

Overview of the CAA: The Community Action Agenda report was approved by Council on Feb 14, 2008. It addresses four key social issues and is now ready for the SCG to begin implementation. A Technical Advisory Team made up of city staff has been created to assist as advisors to the SCG. It is important to build trust and respect for each other as the CAA is implemented.

Q and A:

Q: Can we add to the actions and projects?

Yes, so long as they are in keeping with the four top issues.

Q: What about long term projects?

Only short term actions will be looked in the early stages; longer term actions require partnerships with other governments and take longer to deal with. Long term advocacy actions and projects will be tracked and reviewed during the Community-Wide workshops on broader issues in 2009.

Q: What vision is there for the community?

No vision has been identified at this point. The community's actions would appear to make the community safer and more liveable for all members, including the most vulnerable.

Your role as the SCG: the Terms of Reference were reviewed. Special note was made on the engagement requirements that the SCG will oversee. Oversee working groups as

well. Important to work together and trust one another as the SCG begins to form up and carry out projects.

Community engagement: Diversity, demographics and meaningful connections were some key point around engagement discussed. Esl and new immigrants face barriers to engagement, urban aboriginal have other challenges, seniors and homeless people and so forth; they all have different engagement issues that need to be all addressed if we are truly going to connect with them. Mount Pleasant is unique this way it is an inner city neighbourhood in transition.

Next Steps:

The SCG discussed having a workshop to explore the list of community actions already identified and to start setting some priorities; and to plan out a committee structure for future decision making processes. As well as looking at starting up working groups.

March 18 (6 to 9 PM) was chosen for the next workshop. It will be a 2 to 3 hours long workshop with a light meal. Updates on meeting times will now be posted on the MP website.

Not all members will be able to attend every function. Members are encouraged to work with staff and/or check out the website for current information, agenda and notes.

March 11, Homeless Count:

Opportunity to be trained to conduct a homeless survey with metro Vancouver on March 11. The SCG has 4 spots available. At the meeting one member announced that she was already going to participate.

Closing Remarks:

Next Meeting: March 18, 6 pm to 9 pm, workshop format.