

Mount Pleasant Community Planning Program (MPCCP)
Social Coordinating Group Meeting #8 - Meeting
October 7, Tuesday, 2008
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Lookout Emergency Aid Society
2088 Yukon Street

Meeting Summary Notes

Attendance:

Frank Frigon, Janet Berry, Kirk Jong, Zsuzsi Huebsch, Colin Brander, Michelle Babiuk, Brain McGivern, Valeria Stampino, Cornelia Sussmann, Stephani Agg, Shauna Mokolki, Bill Wong, Juliet Li, Sheila Phipps, Cas Thompson, Carol Dickson, Karen Young, Norman Sippert, Chasity B., Chistine Seaver, Rachel Harrison, Devorah Kahn, Robert McDougall and Chistina Chociolko,

City Staff: Dana Walker, recorder

1. Opening Remarks:

17 SCG members were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Mount Pleasant ICURS Survey:

Survey forms are now available for the interviews, starting this Saturday at Kingsgate Mall from 1 to 5 Pm. Members invited to drop by and to sign up as volunteers, especially if you have a second language. Some SCG members have already had training. Process last 6 weeks, 800 interviews. Surveys also occurring in Collingwood Joyce area.

3. Mount Pleasant Community updates:

Rachel announced several updates for the community planning programme: next shopping area workshop (III) coming up shortly this fall season, next CLG meeting is October 16 at 7 pm at the Native Education College, and that Residential Workshops will also be starting up in the fall/winter season.

4. Working group updates and actions:

Homeless pamphlet now in process. Local Network created back in August. Draft presented for approval and for input. The pamphlet is meant to help homeless people link in with services and good sooner than later, and to help them connect in with service providers that can help them get off the streets. The pamphlet will be emailed out to all SCG members for on-going input. Later on members can help distribute the brochure out into the community.

Safety and Security pamphlet was presented in draft form. Language can be made more simple which will help in the translations. Members were asked to help out if they have other languages or know of others that can help out as volunteers. The working group will be hosting a meeting with the BIA to start the process. Funding of \$140 runs out Oct 31.

Mount Pleasant CARES clean up on Sept 28 had 5 participants, 5 bags of garbage were gathered up.

Carolina Group is launching a neighbourhood based clean up program with Engineering to address neighbourhood garbage, and in particular large items. Volunteers from the youth organizations may wish to help the group to distribute flyers to owners and renters in south Mt Pleasant announcing the clean up pilot program later this fall.

WIKI website. New members are encouraged to sign up. Another website with Christina will also be looked at before the Nov 18 meeting. Some groups still have their own blogs that are working well. An email list of SCG members to further help out was circulated.

Community dialogue series - postponed until Nov 18

Rename the working group from Support for the Vulnerable to Neighbours Building Community. During the discussion it was noted that maybe the SCG could be renamed as such, or that a new name could be developed. Members were asked to think about a new name for the SCG and for any of its 4 working groups by Nov 18. New criteria could be developed to help us decide on the most appropriate name.

Community kitchens and food security was discussed. More information contact Devorah in Social Planning. More info to be emailed out to SCG members shortly.

Yukon Shelter updated the group on the new building at 1st and Main St. Low entry barriers to focus on Mount Pleasant homeless as well as DTES. Also that the shelter is developing more programs out in the community to enable its residents to build self-esteem and regular work schedules back into their lives.

Working group sessions - postponed until Nov 18

SCG promotions needed to build up volunteer base, let people know what we are doing and to build support and awareness.

5. Next SCG meetings

- Next meeting: November 18, at the Great Northern Way Campus
- December 9, Native Education College
- January 13, Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House
- February 10, Community of Hope - tentative

6. Closing Remarks: Members were thanked for their participation at the meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.