

Mount Pleasant Community Planning Program (MPCCP)
**Social Coordinating Group Meeting #7 - Meeting
September 9, Tuesday, 2008**

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Native Education College
285 East 5th Avenue

Meeting Summary Notes

Attendance:

Marilyn Peters, Frank Frigon, Sharon Urton, Zoe Welch, Janet Berry, Christine O'Fallon, Kirk Jong, Grayson Bain, Zsuzsi Huebsch, Tammy Brander, Sharon McFadyen, Michelle Babiuk, Brain McGivern, Valeria Stampino, Sandra Nikolic, Reila Hammes, Linday hinderson, Cornelia Sussmann, Stephani Agg, Shauna Mokolki, Karen Milde, Abe Milde, Bill Wong, Carola Goetze, and Mike Smith.

City Staff: Carola Groetze and Dana Walker, recorders

1. Opening Remarks:

25 SCG members were welcomed to the meeting.

2. SCG Process to date: What's working and what isn't working well?

Group discussion around what's working well and where improvements can be made. Communication within working groups still needs to be improved, many are not always aware of what's happening. Sharing emails and phone numbers would be one way to improve communication within groups. The websites is another tool. Some groups use blogs for their own communications. Some groups need more members to carry out more activities and share the work load.

3. SCG Committee representation:

In efforts to expand the membership to be more inclusive and representative of Mount Pleasant, Carola volunteered to help address this issue for the next three months. Angela Ko presented some key principle behind meaningful engagement and how to keep people involved in the long run. A handout was passed out to the group. Copies are available upon request.

4. Working group leadership:

To improve communication among working groups four members volunteered to be the lead person for three months:

Kirk: Safety and Security

Christina: Drugs, Alcohol and Sex Trade

Christine: Support for the Vulnerable

Sharon: Homelessness

5. Working Group Updates

The WIKI website was discussed following a short dvd clip, members encouraged to sign up and try it out. A training session is available for SCG members free of charge. Working plans can be uploaded to allow members to see what's happening and to have discussions back and forth. To help out on the website, in terms of writers, editors,

moderators and etc, the following have signed up: Michelle, Lindsay, Kirk, Shauna and Brain.

A community dialogue series will be hosted sometime in Oct or Nov, at a local venue. The dvd will include the John McKnight's "everyone has a gift" will be showcased along with additional discussions.

Proposal to rename the working group Support for the Vulnerable to Neighbours Building Community to make it more positive and inclusive generally. The SCG group was asked to think about this proposal and to decide at the next SCG meeting in October.

Next meeting: Oct 7, at the Lookout Emergency Aid Society.

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

Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

All agenda, notes, working plans and a complete list of actions and projects are listed at www.vancouver.ca/mountpleasant under Social Issues