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Mount Pleasant Community Planning Program (MPCCP)  
**Social Coordinating Group (SCG) Meeting #10**  
**January 13, Tuesday, 2009**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House  
800 East Broadway

## Meeting Summary Notes

### Attendance:

Frank F, Michelle B, Christine O, Judi P, Margaret D, Shauna M, Thor L, Tim R, Zoe W, Heather R, Ajax Q, Jamie C, Sukhraj, Colin B, Christine S, Robert M, and Laurie H

**City Staff:** Dana W and Laurie H, recorders

### 1. Opening Remarks:

22 SCG members and friends were welcomed to the meeting. Dana invited additions to the agenda and ideas for speakers for the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### 2. Mount Pleasant Community Plan Update

- Light Industrial Area Workshop #1 (Main from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>) Jan. 25, 2009. Brochures were handed out

### 3. Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House Update

Shauna explained the overall mission and mandate of the house, bringing together families, businesses, health and social agencies and community resources to offer a wide range of supports and opportunities to children, youth, adults, seniors and families within Mount Pleasant. Board and staff continue a longstanding commitment to community development.

Thor and four youths gave a presentation on the shopping area media display work that they have been doing since last fall as part of the Mount Pleasant Community Planning program. This entailed taking lots of pictures, asking lots of questions, and participating in lengthy conversations to document the Mount Pleasant they experienced and to help create the ideal community by adding a youth perspective into the community plan. The youth highlighted commercial areas and times that they like, dislike, and things that could be changed to make the shopping areas more youth friendly and attractive. The display can be viewed at:

[http://www.vancouver youth.ca/content/media/mount\\_pleasant\\_photo\\_survey.pdf](http://www.vancouver youth.ca/content/media/mount_pleasant_photo_survey.pdf)

The youth shared this experience led them to develop visioning statements that embraced fairness and equality and to conclude that we build community by building individuals. They hope to continue their work through a film project.

SCG members expressed appreciation for the excellent work and offered suggestions for connecting the youth and this project to other individuals and initiatives, including the BIAs.

#### 4. SCG and Working Group\* updates and actions

- **General SCG members and friends update** - round table

Each member gave a quick update on their work and social concerns:

**Mount Pleasant CARES** is wanting to do a major clean up at the end of January. Please contact Dana if you are interested in helping out. Also there will be a movie night at the Community of Hope sometime in February, more details to be presented at the Feb 10 meeting.

The focus of the Evergreen public engagement project is gardening. New plots will be available at the Quebec and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue site. Meetings are scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Volunteers needed at the **First United Church Shelter**, at 320 E. Hastings, please call Marion at 604-681-8365, ext 120.

Jan B and the **Safety and Security Working Group** are working on finishing the 911 brochure. La Boussole may be adding French.

- **SCG notes and website practices** - following a rash of media related calls to various members, whose names were gathered from previous SCG Notes, it was agreed that only the first name and the initial of the last name will be recorded. If members want their full names recorded differently please let Dana know. The City doesn't permit personal numbers, emails and other contact information to be released publicly.

- **Working Group Leader report out - 3 month**

Homelessness - Sharon M

Safety and Security - Kirk

Support for the Vulnerable - Christine O

Drugs, Alcohol and Sex Trade - Christina C

Group leaders have had varying degrees of success. All four groups have either finished some projects or have at least identified some to start with. Updates on the status of the different projects are now online.

- **Diversity Committee report out - and new 3 month term**

Judi P. agreed to work with the committee to continue to explore ways to increase the SCG's community representation on the committee. Thanks to Carola for her help in starting up this position.

- **Select new working group leaders**

Homelessness - Vacant

Safety and Security - Vacant

Support for the Vulnerable - Christine O

Drugs, Alcohol and Sex Trade - Christina C

The group thanked the out going leaders for their help and support and feedback over the last three months.

- **New approaches to move actions and projects forward - group discussion**

Topic not covered

- **Fusion Canada - Information**

Heather and Tim gave an overview of the program, what it involves and how others can get involved. It is an international program implemented at the local level with people who care about community and who have a desire to build a better society for youth. They recently hosted an event in Burnaby. These events are low cost or free and offer a huge range of attractions and activities to meet a diverse population. They will work with the SCG and City to begin to set up an event for Mount Pleasant this spring 2009

- **Under One Umbrella - January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Dana suggested this TLC event for homeless people is an example of how another community-based group deals with local social issues. The event seeks more volunteers and the SCG might find it useful to drop in and participate at. The Grandview Woodlands Coalition meets every second Wednesday of the month, and either the SCG or the Coalition should meet up at of the others meeting to share knowledge and expertise.

- **Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Reserve Fund - information**

Dana reported that the program offers \$150,000 to Mount Pleasant. We will need to review all of our social actions and Community Planning program needs to see what project or series of projects we could develop for an application this spring. The group talked briefly about a possible bike repair and training shop for homeless people and those moving through the supportive housing centres, like Yukon place. Dana will update the group again in Feb. Please contact Dana with any suggestion as the project is time sensitive. Council report link: <http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20081014/documents/a10.pdf>

- **Lookout Emergency Aid Society “Yukon Shelter” update**

Robert gave an update and an overview of some of the actions and projects that he has been working on: Kingsgate mall recycling; business area garbage clean up, needle pick up, pressure washing, gardening at Evergreen at the new Great Northern Way Campus. If you are interested in working with him please contact Robert directly. These projects help homeless people to regain their independence.

- **Recap Feedback forms from December 9, 2008**

Not covered

- **Rename the SCG committee: Criteria and Selection Process**

This item was not dealt with and so will be forwarded to the next meeting. The group is looking to develop criteria for creating a name and for selecting one. There was lively discussion of the role of this committee. It was suggested that a more strategic approach be considered. For example, act as a resource group connecting to people and initiatives within Mount Pleasant and within the city. Please forward your thoughts to Dana.

**5. Next SCG meeting:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Community of Hope at 535 East Broadway, 6 PM start time

Mar 10<sup>th</sup>: Lookout Emergency Aid Society, 2088 Yukon Street

April 21<sup>st</sup>: venue needed

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

Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

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