

Mt. Pleasant Social Coordinating Group
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 10, 2009
6 to 8 PM, 2009
Broadway Youth Resource Centre

Present

Christina C	resident
Christine O	resident
Kirk J	resident
Judi P	resident
Robert S	resident
Sheila P	Broadway Youth Resource Centre
Yosef	Broadway Youth Resource Centre
Shauna M	Mt Pleasant Neighbourhood House
Stephanie A	resident
Michelle B	resident
Julien L	UBC
Ajax Q	resident
Dana W	City of Vancouver
Peter B	City of Vancouver
Bill W	Recovery Club
Mona	Salvation Army
Beverly C	City of Vancouver
Angela K	City of Vancouver
Zoe W	resident
Bill	resident

Regrets

Jan B	resident
Pastor Roy	pastor
Zsuzsi	resident
Lyn (BIA)	buisness

Item	Action
1 Introduction	
Welcome and introductions	
Review of October minutes Minutes were unanimously approved.	
Presentation on Broadway Youth Resource Centre services Sheila, a BYRC staff member and Yosef, a member of the BYRC's Youth Advisory Committee informed the SCG about the Centre. The BYRC helps youth, aged 13 – 24 to meet all their needs, including housing and	

<p>medical care. Youth from the BYRC contribute 4,000 annual volunteer hours to the community.</p>	
<p>Liaison reports</p>	
<p>Cycle Back Steering Committee Greyson, Kirk and Bill attended the Steering Committee meeting. Three students have almost completed the six week program at Mighty Riders. Cycle Back is looking for grants and wants to create a certification program. The program has one volunteer mentor and needs more. It is also having problems getting parts and is going to ask suppliers. There are plans to expand into winter sport repair. Repaired bikes will be donated in the neighbourhood, but there will be few available as few bikes are required for training. The Neighbourhood House has a grant for an art project. The art will have a theme that connects with the Cycle Back project.</p>	<p>→ Michelle will give Kirk contact information for TransLink's Cycling Program (re partnering with employers through the Regional Cycling Strategy).</p>
<p>Community Policing The results of the Mt Pleasant perceptions of crime are now available. The perception of crime depends on a number of factors, such as demographics. The Mt Pleasant survey found that residents are tolerant of passive panhandling and run-down buildings, but are intolerant of drugs, prostitution and litter. The study will help police allocate their resources in response to community concerns.</p>	<p>→ Dana will email full report to the SCG.</p>
<p>Action item reports</p>	
<p>Safety and security brochure (and party) Postponed until next meeting.</p>	<p>→ Michelle will add to December agenda.</p>
<p>Homelessness brochure Information for the homelessness brochure will be coordinated with the City's Social Planning Department. The Recovery Club could help vet and suggest services.</p>	<p>→ Christina and Michelle will contact Bill re involving the Recovery Club.</p>
<p>Intercultural Leaders The Intercultural Leaders group is made up of diverse Mt Pleasant residents and community leaders. It is currently organizing a one-time event for single fathers, modeled on the single-mothers clothing swap. It needs space and volunteers for the day of the event. The group also wants to make an immigrant-oriented brochure, modeled on the SCG's</p>	<p>→ Angela will email summary to Dana for distribution.</p>

<p>homelessness brochure. In addition, the group is interested in helping the SCG with translations. Available languages include Tagalog, Chinese, Vietnamese and Spanish.</p>	
<p>Single Mothers The <i>Salvation Army?</i> is running a one year program for single mothers, beginning in September. It includes workshops on topics such as budgeting and parenting. It requires 30 mentors for 10 single mothers. Ten mentors are still needed. English-speaking mentors are ok. Mentoring requires a commitment of one in-person meeting and few phone calls per month. The next session will start in April. Young mothers are welcome.</p> <p>There will also be a workshop on December 4th through the Vancouver School Board and SUCCESS. Funding requirements require 50% of participants to be immigrants/refuges, so it is open to the public. It will be open only to women, because of some participants' experiences of abuse.</p>	<p>→ Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact Nadine.</p>
<p>Issues & content</p>	
<p>Mental health Postponed - Nathan will be in touch later.</p>	<p>→ Michelle will add to the December agenda (suggestions for other speakers).</p>
<p>Future presentation suggestions Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community policing officer (Stephanie) • Thor and youth group (Neighbourhood House) • Other SCG-like groups (Julien) • Membership retention • Mt Pleasant BIA (or go to BIA meeting) • Farmers market/laneway revitalization 	<p>→ Michelle will keep a running list of presentation topics.</p> <p>→ Shauna will invite Thor to present at the January meeting</p>
<p>SCG Logistics</p>	
<p>SCG evaluation An evaluation can be completed either individually or as a group. Dana will email individuals, but may call a meeting is response is slow.</p>	<p>→ Dana will email survey to SCG members.</p>
<p>SCG process/organization development Julien will present options at the next meeting.</p>	<p>→ Julien will present options at the next meeting.</p>
<p>Meeting venues The Neighbourhood House is not available in</p>	<p>→ Ajax will investigate the Community Baptist Church as a meeting venue.</p>

<p>December. The synagogue at 10th and Fraser is welcoming to community groups.</p>	<p>➔ Michelle will begin a list of possible meeting venues.</p>
<p>Food Several ideas for food were suggested (ex. Potluck, pay for food at venue). SCG will revisit later.</p>	<p>➔ Michelle will add to December agenda.</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	
<p>Meeting evaluation It was agreed that the default time for action items on the agenda will be 5 min.</p>	<p>➔ Ajax and Michelle will ask for feedback again at next meeting. Members may also email feedback to Ajax or to Dana, if they wish to remain anonymous. ➔ Members should contact Michelle if their action item will take longer than 5 min to report.</p>
<p>December agenda</p>	<p>➔ Ajax and Michelle will prepare December agenda.</p>