

Mt. Pleasant Social Coordinating Group
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Location Vancouver Recovery Club
Time 6-8pm

Present

Michelle B, Dana W, Ajax Q, Jan B, Stephanie A, Bill W, Metha B, Julien L, Grayson B, Wendy D, and Kirk J

Regrets

Christina C

Discussion	Action Item
<p>1 Future meeting logistics</p> <p>As the City will soon be no longer supporting the SCG, the committee will need to develop a structure and organize future meetings. A number of responsibilities were identified at the SCG workshop. They include maintaining an email list, chairing meetings, book venues and organizing food.</p>	
<p>1.1 Meeting chair</p> <p>It was agreed that the meeting chair should rotate, but not every month in order to provide some consistency.</p>	<p>➔ Ajax will chair the meetings for the next 3 months.</p>
<p>1.2 Email list, minutes and agendas</p> <p>A new email list will be necessary when the SCG is no longer supported by the City. It was suggested that Dana email the private list of residents and offer them the option of being added to the SCG's mailing list.</p> <p>It was suggested that other communications tools could be explored in addition to an email list.</p>	<p>➔ Dana will email the existing SCG list and ask permission to include residents on the new SCG list.</p> <p>➔ Michelle will be responsible for maintaining the contact list and for setting up a listserve.</p> <p>➔ Michelle will prepare a presentation on possible communications tools.</p> <p>➔ Michelle and the Chair will be responsible for preparing agendas and minutes, with members' input.</p>
<p>1.3 Meeting venues</p>	<p>➔ Jan will ask Sheila at the BYRC about booking for the December meeting.</p>

<p>It is necessary to find free meeting venues for future SCG meetings. While finding a permanent meeting location was suggested, SCG members felt that having rotating locations was valuable for introducing members to service providers. Venues for exploration included the new community centre, the BIA Office, the Broadway Youth Centre, S. Patrick's Church, Glad Tidings Church and Tenth Avenue Church. However, Tenth Avenue Church is unavailable on Tuesday evenings.</p>	
<p>1.4 Food</p> <p>Food was considered desirable, but not essential for meetings. It was suggested that local businesses might donate food. However, as this is not the highest priority, no member was appointed to be responsible for food.</p>	<p>➔ Jan will call Lynn at the BIA and Leyla at Kingsgate Mall regarding food donations.</p>
<p>2 Issues and content</p> <p>Providing updates and education on local issues was considered an important role of the SCG. Instead of appointing someone responsible for content, it was decided that content would be a standing agenda item, whereby members could request presentations on topics and recommend presenters.</p>	
<p>2.1 Social housing at Broadway & Fraser</p> <p>This is an ongoing topic of interest to the SCG. Updates should be requested from the City as the project moves forward.</p>	<p>➔ Dana will inform the group when the City receives a rezoning request for the site.</p>
<p>2.2 Homelessness and mental health</p> <p>These were identified as major topics of interest. Suggested presenters included Coast Mental Health, Mood Disorders Foundation and Nathan Horton.</p>	<p>➔ Grayson will contact Nathan Horton regarding a presentation on bipolar disorder.</p>
<p>2.3 Collingwood Community Policing Centre safety report</p> <p>The Collingwood Community Policing Centre has released a report on neighbourhood safety. SCG members would like to hear a presentation on the findings.</p>	<p>➔ Stephanie will invite the CCPC to present their report to the SCG.</p>

3 Community liaisons	
3.1 Cycle Back Steering Committee The Cycle Back Project has requested that an SCG member sit on their steering committee.	→ Bill and Kirk will represent the SCG on the committee.
3.2 Mt Pleasant Community Center opening It was suggested that the SCG attend the opening, but there was little interest. Instead, it was decided to contact the Community Coordinator, Harvey Ng, at a later date when the SCG has clarified how it could benefit from a relationship with the Community Centre.	
4 Action item completion	
4.1 SCG evaluation Dana is preparing a report on the SCG's outcomes for the City. He handed out forms for SCG members to complete. Feedback on indicators and the report format would also be valuable. This report is important for developing future community action groups.	→ SCG members will complete the evaluation handouts and send feedback on indicators and report format to Dana.
4.2 Thank you party for safety & security brochure Jan invited the group to a celebration at the Mt. Pleasant Neighbourhood House from 6-8pm on October 27 th . All group members are welcome in addition to volunteers who worked on the brochure.	→ Dana will email the invitation to the entire SCG list.
4.3 Future action items The SCG's role in community action was discussed. Some members felt that SCG subcommittees could undertake actions in the community. Others felt that the SCG should only provide an exchange of information about issues in the community. This can be an ongoing topic for discussion at future meetings.	→ Michelle will add a report on previous action items to the next meeting's agenda.

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